# Senior Parent Night Fall 2015

# **Student Services Staff**

- \* Betty Floyd Counselor for Last Names A-G
- \* Brooke Ward Counselor for Last Names H-P
- \* Randy Keeter Counselor for Last Names Q-Z
- \* Lisa McRorie Secretary
- \* Sherry Shuford Social worker

# **Student Responsibilities**

- \* Requesting Transcripts
- \* Starting College Applications
- \* Ask Questions
- \* Keep up with important dates

## Professionalism

- \* If you do not already have one, create an appropriate professional e-mail address such as BWard15@gmail.com
- \* Once you are accepted to college it is not time to slack off. The universities will still care that you keep your grades up.
- \* YOU MUST notify any school that you have applied to if you change your schedule. This can effect your admission status to major universities.

# **Exploring Options**

- \* 2 Year College
- \* 4 Year college/ University
- \* Military
- \* Career

Colleges/Military Recruiters are on campus occasionally. A calendar is in Student Services that lists the dates that they have signed up for. Most visits are during lunch.

# **College Applications**

- Most college applications are now online few still accept paper copies
  - \* CFNC
  - \* Common App
  - \* University Websites
- \* How many colleges should I apply to?
  - \* Usually, a minimum of 3, at least one being a "dream school" and one that you think you will definitely get in to.
- Application Fees
  - \* Each college you apply to will have an application fee (except in the case of College Application Week) They can range in amount but it is important to consider the financial cost to apply to different schools before you click submit.

# College Application Week

- \* College Application Week –November 2<sup>nd</sup>-6th
  - \* A great number of <u>private</u> colleges will offer a waived application fee this week You MUST apply through CFNC for the fee to be waived.

#### Recommendations/ Activity Sheets

- \* If you need a letter of recommendation:
  - \* 1. Ask EARLY do not wait until the day before it is due!
  - 2. Fill out a brag sheet They are on pink paper in Student Services – This is so we have a lot of information to pull from in order to write a unique letter about you.
  - \* 3. If there is something that you want us to know to include TELL US!
  - \* \*\*\*This goes for all teachers you ask, not just counselors!\*\*\*

# SAT/ACT

- \* Flyers to register for the SAT and ACT can be found in Student Services.

  ACT Test Dates
- \* Collegeboard.org
- \* ACT.org
- \* For a fee waiver see your counselor

<b>ACT Test Dates</b>	
Test Date	Register Deadline
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016
SAT Test Dates	
Test Date	Register Deadline
October 3, 2015	September 2, 2015
November 7, 2015	October 1, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 6, 2015
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January 23, 2016	December 25, 2015
January 23, 2016 March 5, 2016 *	
	December 25, 2015

	SAT	ACT
Length	3 hours, 45 minutes	3 hours, 25 minutes (includes optional 30-minute Writing Test)
Sections	10 Sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing (including Essay), 1 Experimental (not scored)	4 Sections (plus optional Writing Test): English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing
Subjects	Critical Reading Math Writing	English Math Reading Science
Reading	Reading passages with questions pertaining to comprehension and sentence completion	Writing (optional) 4 passages, 10 questions per passage
Science	N/A	Science (analysis, knowledge, problem solving)
Math	Arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and algebra II	Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry
Essay	Required	Optional (final section)
Score Composition	1/ <sub>3</sub> Math 1/ <sub>3</sub> Reading 1/ <sub>3</sub> Writing	½ English ¼ Math ¼ Reading ¼ Science
Scoring	Aggregate score 600 - 2400 based on total of 3 scores 200- 800 (Reading, Math, Writing)	Composite score 1-36 based on average of 4 sections (English Math, Reading Science)
Penalties	Score of 0-12 for Essay	Score 0-12 for Optional Essay.
Penalties	Penalties (typically ¼ point deducted) for wrong answers	No penalties for incorrect answers
Sending Scores to Colleges	Currently entire score history is sent. Starting with the March 2009 test date, students can select ("optin feature") which will allow them to choose specific test date(s) – 3/09 and forward - and all scores from the selected test date(s) will be sent.	Student decides which scores are sent

# College Day

- \* You have one college day to use this year. Use it wisely!!
- \* You MUST come to Student Services to fill out a form BEFORE you go on your college day. This requires signatures from all teachers as well as your counselor. Bring it to your counselor to turn in for administration approval.
- \* When you take your college day be sure to bring back a note on official letterhead from the college stating that you were there that day.

## **Requesting Transcripts**

- \* Many schools use SendEdu or Common App for counselors to send your transcripts. Chances are if you are asked for your counselor's e-mail address, then a request is sent to them to upload your transcript.
- \* For schools that do not have this there is a clipboard in front of Ms. McRorie's desk. Come in to Student Services and fill out the transcripts that you need be sure to write your name as the one requesting it!

#### Scholarships

- \* Now is the time to start paying attention to scholarships! The scholarships that we have access to will be posted in many ways.
  - \* Twitter @FTFHSCounselors
  - \* Facebook Like us at Fred T. Foard High School Student Services
  - \* List on top of Filing cabinet in student services (where you will also find the paper copies of applications when available)
- \* There are also scholarships that we are not aware of the links for you to search for those are on our website as well.
  - \* College -> Important Links
- \* Most local scholarships are announced in the Spring

## Scholarships Ctd.

- \* When you receive a scholarship letter bring it to Mrs. Ward!!! We will make a copy of it in order to add it to your Senior Class total.
- Please bring us the letter for the scholarship EVEN if you do not plan on attending the school that gave it to you.
   (For example if you are offered a scholarship to LR but do not plan to attend still bring it to Mrs. Ward!)
- \* Last year seniors accumulated over 5.3 MILLION dollars in scholarships!!!

#### **FASFA**

- \* FASFA can not be completed until Taxes are filed in 2016. Application is available in January.
- \* Steps to do now:
  - \* Get your pin number (<a href="http://www.fasfa.gov">http://www.fasfa.gov</a>) Keep this in a safe place you will use this every year
  - \* Collect information for your taxes now in a folder so when you get your W2's you are good to go
- \* Many scholarships from colleges/universities want you to have completed the FASFA before awarding scholarships.
- \* Tip File Early! Money is given out until it runs out!
- \* FASFA Night November 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 in Media Center

# NCAA Eligibility Center

- \* If you are planning on playing a sport in college next year you need to have already been on the clearinghouse website and registered. If you have not, come by to see Mrs. Ward.
- \* If you registered by the end of school last year, your transcript has already been sent.

#### **AP Exams**

\* If you are taking an AP Class, you are required to take the AP Exam. If you do not, you will take a teacher made test that will count 20% of your final grade.

Week 2	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.	Afternoon 2 p.m.	Week 1	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 p.m.
Monday, May 9	Biology Physics C: Pr Music Theory Mechanics Ei	Physics C:	Physics C: Electricity and	Monday, May 2	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
			Tuesday, May 3	Computer Science A Spanish Language and Culture	Art History Physics 1: Algebra-Based	
Tuesday, May 10	United States Government and	French Language and Culture		Name and the second	10 00 00 01 10	
may 10	Politics	Spanish Literature and Culture		Wednesday, May 4	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture Physics 2: Algebra-Based
Wednesday, May 11	English Language and Composition	Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics		Thursday, May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture Seminar
Thursday, May 12 Comparative Government and Politics World History	Statistics	Friday, May 6	German Language and Culture United States History	European History		
				Studio Art — last day for Coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly.		
Friday, May 13	Human Geography Microeconomics	Latin			Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to Coordinators before this date.	

#### Save The Dates!

- \* September 24<sup>th</sup> 6-8 P.M College Night- CVCC In the Tarlton Complex (Where graduation is)
- October 9<sup>th</sup> Homeroom Josten's rep will be here to pass out information about ordering Cap and Gowns
- \* October 14<sup>th</sup> Lunch Josten's rep will be here to take up orders You will also have the option to order online.