



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER

**SAT/SAT II:** Dates for the tests and registration deadlines are posted in the guidance office and on our webpage. There are practice tests/tips provided on the SAT website. I highly encourage you to use this tool! Also, fee waivers are available on the site as well. Please let Mrs. Farmer know if you qualify for free and reduced lunch as a fee waiver can be provided to you for test registration. SAT will charge an additional \$28 if you have to reschedule a testing date so please be mindful of that when you are registering to take a test. ACT will charge \$25 to reschedule. **Please note: if you use a fee waiver, you MUST test on the date that you registered. No future fee waivers can be given if you do not show up for the test!**

The website for SAT is [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org) and the fee is \$45 w/o writing;

\$57 with writing (opt)

The website for the ACT is [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and the fee is \$42.50 w/o writing

\$56.50 with writing (opt)

**STUDENTS MUST UPLOAD A PHOTO FOR BOTH THE SAT AND ACT AND MUST BRING TEST TICKET, A PHOTO ID, AND CALCULATOR TO THE TESTING CENTER.**

Register and get free practice at [www.sat.org/practice](http://www.sat.org/practice) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

## **SAT Testing Dates and Registration Deadlines:**

**October 1, 2016** – registration deadline is September 1

**November 5, 2016** – registration deadline is October 7

**December 3, 2016** – registration deadline is November 3

**January 21, 2017** – registration deadline is December 21

**March 2, 2017** – registration deadline is February 10

**May 6, 2017** – registration deadline is April 7

**June 3, 2017** – registration deadline is May 9

## **ACT Testing Dates and Registration Deadlines:**

**September 10, 2016** – registration deadline is August 7

**October 22, 2016** – registration deadline is September 16

**December 10, 2016** – registration deadline is November 4

**February 11, 2017** – registration deadline is January 13

**April 8, 2017** – registration deadline is March 3

**June 10, 2017** – registration deadline is May 5

**GET AN EARLY START!!** Early action and early decision deadlines are fast approaching! Many schools have early admissions deadlines as early as October. Begin developing a list of colleges you are interested in and then go to the college's website and learn about their admissions deadlines and requirements. When you complete an application online, please be sure to tell Mrs. Farmer so she can send your transcript and letter of recommendation.

**CHECK OUT...**SendEdu and the Common Application at [www.Sendedu](http://www.Sendedu). or [www.Commonapp.org](http://www.Commonapp.org) as you start applying for colleges. Both of these sites will enable you to fill out one application but gives you the option of sending to many different schools. It saves you lots of time and keeps you from having to re-enter information over and over.

**WRITE A GOOD PERSONAL STATEMENT** about why you want to go to college, how you feel college will help you, what you feel you will bring to a college community, and any other information you want college admissions counselors to know about you. You will use this personal statement over and over this year. Write one good statement, save it, and then tweak it as needed throughout the year for college and scholarships applications.

**\*\*COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP** will be held at PH on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the PH library. Rachel Fogg, Admission Counselor at Emory and Henry will be conducting this workshop for our students. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to learn how to write a good college essay for applications and scholarships. There is no cost for this workshop and a light snack will be provided. Anyone can attend the workshop. This does not obligate you to attend Emory and Henry as Rachel is doing this as a service to PH students.

**COLLEGE NIGHT** will be held at the **Higher Education Center on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity for students and parents to talk to college representatives and learn about programs/degrees that colleges offer as well as learning about their financial aid opportunities. There will be approximately 70 colleges and technical schools present.

**NCAA and NAIA CLEARINGHOUSE:** [www.PlayNAIA.org](http://www.PlayNAIA.org) and [www.elegibilitycenter.org](http://www.elegibilitycenter.org) are the two sites to go to if interested in playing college sports. NCAA is for division I or II athletics and NAIA is for all others. Athletes **MUST** be cleared through the clearinghouse before they can be recruited. Please go to your college's websites to see which, if any, clearinghouse clearance they require.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Even if you are not currently a Washington County Community Scholar, please look for community service opportunities. This is a really big quality schools are looking for. It also might help you receive scholarship money at your college of choice. Some schools offer Bonner Scholarships which will pay for much of your college expenses and is directly tied to community service involvement.

## SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES:

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) is a wonderful website to help locate scholarships! It is free and easy to use.

[www.DiscoverColleges.com](http://www.DiscoverColleges.com) is a new website to me. This site gives you information about private colleges and they have a drawing for scholarships to private colleges.

[www.Dosomething.org](http://www.Dosomething.org) offers dozens of scholarships for all kinds of reasons.

[www.MyMajor.com](http://www.MyMajor.com) is a website that will help you explore possible college majors that might be of interest to you if you are not sure which career path you might like to pursue.

**\*\*Please remember that I am ALWAYS available to you to discuss career/college issues, questions and concerns. Never assume that I am too busy to talk with you at any time. My first priority is your future happiness and success and I love opportunities to talk with you. My door is always open!**

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Washington County Community Scholars: This scholarship qualifies a senior for 2 years of free tuition at Virginia Highlands Community College upon graduation from high school. To qualify for this scholarship, seniors must have had 3 or 4 years of documented community service that has been turned into Mrs. Farmer each school year. One of these years has to be during the senior year. **Community service hours for the senior year are due to Mrs. Farmer by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

This is a reminder regarding the Washington County Community Scholars (AIMS) Scholarship. **The WCCS scholarship is a tag grant.** This means that a student will receive this scholarship **ONLY** if the student does not receive other scholarships that are better, such as the VA Tobacco and the Pell Grant. If a student qualifies for either of these grants/scholarships, the AIMS scholarship will NOT be granted. The reason is due to the fact that the tobacco scholarship and the Pell grant covers more than just the tuition whereas the WCCS only covers tuition. Should you have more questions about this, please contact Mrs. Farmer or Mrs. Karen Cheers at VHCC.

ETSU Roan Scholars Leadership Program: Recipients receive full fees, room, meal plan and a textbook allowance. PHHS will nominate one student. The nominee should be highly respected by faculty and peers and must show evidence of character, leadership, intellectual curiosity and physical activity, but do not have to currently play an organized sport. All forms for this scholarship are in the guidance office. ***Please see Mrs. Farmer if interested in this scholarship ASAP!! In the case of more than one person interested in applying for this scholarship, the students will complete the application and the PHHS scholarship committee will choose the winning applicant.*** Applicants should have a strong GPA and have taken the SAT/ACT. **Deadline for getting the completed application to Mrs. Farmer is October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship: Anyone in the senior class of 2016 who have at least a "B" average and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport can apply online in just a few easy steps at [www.wendyhighschoolheisman.com](http://www.wendyhighschoolheisman.com). This year, Wendy's is giving away 100 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. **Deadline to apply is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

AES Engineering Scholarship: This scholarship is intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post-secondary educational facility. You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. Students must submit an essay of between 500 and 1000 words in answer to the following question: *When you look back on your life in 30 years, what would it take for you to consider your life successful? What relationships or accomplishments will be important on this journey?* The amount of the award is \$500 and you must submit the essay at: [scholarships@aesengineers.com](mailto:scholarships@aesengineers.com). There is no application for this scholarship and it is requested that no resumes be sent at the time of the essay submission. Applicants must be sure to include their full name as well as the name of our high school and your plans for next year. **Essay submission deadline is October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Coca-Cola Scholarship: Each year the Foundation awards 250 achievement-based scholarships. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools, and communities. CCSF awards funding through three scholarship programs each year:

- 1) Coca-Cola Scholars Scholarship – High school seniors with a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA may apply. 150 Coca-Cola Scholars are selected each year to receive this \$20,000 scholarship.
- 2) Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team – 50 Gold \$1,500 50 Silver \$1,250 and 50 Bronze \$1,000 scholarships. Current students at two-year community colleges may apply.
- 3) Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise – 180 scholarships of \$1,000. This is for students at two-year community colleges.

To apply, go to [www/coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/](http://www/coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/). **Deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>.**

2016 United States Senate Youth Program: The Virginia Department of Education will select two student delegates to represent Virginia in the US Senate youth Program sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Each delegate will be given an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the week of March 4-11, 2017. Students must show demonstrated leadership through public service in elected or appointed positions in organizations that relate to government, public affairs history and/or community service. They must be actively serving in qualified leadership positions for the entire 2016-17 school year. Leadership positions include: Student Body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer; Class president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer; Student Council representative; Student representative elected or appointed to a local, district regional or state-level civic, service and/or educational organization approved by the state selection administrator. Please go to [www.ussenateyouth.org](http://www.ussenateyouth.org) for more information. **Deadline is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.** (I have not received the application yet)