

GWHS SENIOR NEWSLETTER

September 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER 14 - COLLEGE FAIR
field trip TO WMC

SEPTEMBER 28 – NHS
INDUCTION at GWHS

OCTOBER 11 - VDOT CAREER
FAIR field trip to SWVHEC

OCTOBER 18 at 6pm – FINANCIAL
AID PRESENTATION GWHS

OCTOBER 12-END 1ST 9 WEEKS

OCTOBER 19 - PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

“DO I NEED TO TAKE THE SAT/ACT?”

If you are considering going to a 4-year college or university directly after high school, you most likely need to take either the SAT or ACT. If you plan on completing a transfer program at community college, these tests are not required as long as you satisfy the requirements of the transfer agreement. Most universities will accept scores from either test as part of your application for admissions. Check the “Freshman Admissions” guidelines of your favorite colleges for detailed information.

Upcoming SAT test dates are: November 4 and December 2, 2017. Registration typically closes one month before the test date. For further information, refer to www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org, or stop by the Guidance Office.

TRANSCRIPTS

When applying to colleges and for scholarships, you will notice that they usually require a high school transcript as part of a completed application. To request a transcript be sent to a college or scholarship organization, please sign up on the clipboard in Guidance. Pay attention to deadlines and put in your request as early as possible.

COMPLETE A SENIOR ACTIVITY SHEET

Blank forms to list your activities and accomplishments are available in the Guidance Office. When you complete the form and hand it in to Guidance, we will keep it for the rest of the year. Whenever you need to apply for a job, a scholarship, to a college, or need a letter of recommendation, we will give you a copy of this document to make that process easier.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Most college and scholarship applications will ask for one or more letters of recommendation. Ask the teacher/administrator that you feel knows you the best. Have a resume or a Senior Activity Sheet ready to give the recommender so that they can write the strongest letter possible.



PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE

To accept an athletic scholarship to a Division I or II school, you must be determined eligible by the NCAA. Register with the NCAA here: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3> and request a transcript be sent to them by Guidance. Your counselors can help you with this process.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

at **6:00 pm Wednesday October 18 in the George Wythe HS library**. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend with their seniors.

Go online right now and get a **FSA ID**. This is a “federal student aid ID” which is used to confirm your identity and to sign your documents when applying for financial aid for college. Go to this website <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> , or Google “FSA ID”

Beginning October 1, complete and submit your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). www.fafsa.gov

DO NOT DELAY. You want to be first in line when schools start handing out money. Your application must be complete for you to be eligible.

BE CAREFUL TO AVOID SCAMS – The federal student aid office has valuable information on how to stay safe: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/scams#free-info-sources>

SCHOLARSHIPS

TRUSTWORTHY SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES:

studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships hosted by the US Department of Education

www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx hosted by the US Department of Labor

www.fastweb.com a trustworthy clearinghouse where you will be matched with scholarships fitting your profile

MOST LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE ADVERTISED AFTER JANUARY 1

SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE ADVERTISED THROUGH THIS NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SPECIFIC COLLEGES:

Davidson College Bryan Scholars

Due Date: September 13

Student-athletes planning on applying to Davidson College who have outstanding academic records and are strong leaders may be awarded this scholarship. The scholarship is valued at \$30,000 annually. GWHS may nominate one male and one female student. See Dr. Stephenson if you are interested.

UVA - Jefferson Scholars

Due Date: October 18

The Jefferson Scholarship provides full tuition, fees, and a living stipend for four years of undergraduate study at UVA, plus a number of enrichment benefits including a study abroad. GWHS may nominate one Senior for this scholarship. If you are planning to apply to UVA please see Dr. Stephenson by October 1.

Wythe-Bland Foundation Scholarship Program

Spring 2018

...will provide full tuition and fees (after all financial aid and other scholarship funds are applied) for qualified Wythe and Bland County high school graduates to attend Wytheville Community College. Learn about this excellent resource at: www.wbfoundation.com/scholarships