

# Cuthbertson High School Senior Connection Meeting

August 30, 2016

6:30 pm



# WELCOME

Dr. Schroeder



# Senior Events – Class of 2017

- Deadline for ordering Senior Spirit packets: Friday, Sept 2
  - **Blue** Level: \$50 (T-shirt, yard sign, PTSO family membership)
  - **Gold** Level: \$90 (Blue Level PLUS senior hoodie, car magnet, lanyard)
- All Seniors welcome to 1st event - Ice Cream Social this Friday, Sept 2 on senior patio during all lunches.
- T-Shirt required for remaining activities through school year including:
  - Monthly Senior Breakfasts
  - Senior Spring Luncheon
  - Holiday Treats
- Senior parents – sign up to volunteer a few hours of time or provide supplies as needed for this year's events/activities.



# Graduation Information

- Commencement: June 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm
- Location: Winthrop University  
(Rock Hill, SC)



# Graduation Requirements

- Maximum Potential equals the total number of credits for which a student could register. A student can take eight (8) credits per year equal to 32 credits in four years.
- Graduation Requirement is calculated by subtracting four from the maximum potential for a student.
- $32 \text{ credits} - 4 = 28$  courses to fulfill the graduation requirement.

# Future-Ready Core Courses

- 4 English (English I, English II, English III, and English IV)
- 4 Math (Math I, Math II, Math III, and one additional math course)
- 3 Science (Earth/Environmental Science, Biology, and physical science course – Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics)

# Future-Ready Core Courses

- 4 Social Studies (World History, Civics and Economics, American History I and II)
- World Languages: Not required for graduation but 2 credits in the same language are required to meet minimum application requirements for UNC system.

# Future-Ready Core Courses

- 1 Health/PE Credit
- 6 Elective Credits
  - CTE
  - Arts
  - World Languages
  - Other Academic Areas



# Guidance Counselors

<b>Alphabet</b>	<b>Counselor</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>
<b>A – G</b>	<b>Mrs. Roth</b>	<b>Cindi.Roth@ucps.k12.nc.us</b>
<b>H – O</b>	<b>Mrs. Hawkins</b>	<b>Hillary.Hawkins@ucps.k12.nc.us</b>
<b>P – Z</b>	<b>Mrs. Brown</b>	<b>Tonya.Brown@ucps.k12.nc.us</b>
<b>Support Services Counselor</b>	<b>Mrs. Whitecar</b>	<b>Kym.Whitecar@ucps.k12.nc.us</b>

# College Application Process

Mrs. Hawkins



# Save the Date!

## Upcoming Senior Connections:

- September 13<sup>th</sup>: **College 101**: General College Application Tips: Essays; Recommendations; Early/Regular Decision, Early Action; Admissions Tactics
- October 25<sup>th</sup>: Financial Aid
- November TBA: Public/Private/Out of State



# Organization

## Create a system of checks and balances

- ✓ Coordinate and maintain one folder for each school
- ✓ List all the requirements, due dates, login and password information, and date when completed
- ✓ Make copies of all materials sent and store in folder

## ➤ Prospective colleges

- ✓ 1 “competitive” school
- ✓ 2-3 “50/50” schools
- ✓ 1-2 “safety” schools

## ➤ - How do I know where my student fits?

- ✓ [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (Big Future)
- ✓ [collegedata.com](http://collegedata.com)

# How to apply?

There are several methods of applying to college:

- College Website (portal)
- Common Application
- CFNC

Check the school website to see if the university has a preferred application method.

# Senior Recommendation Packet

Mrs. Roth



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All seniors who are asking counselors to complete a recommendation must complete the Counselor Recommendation Packet online.

## **Senior Packet Includes:**

- Student Resume
- Student Short Answer Questions
- Parent Questionnaire
- Recommendation Request Form

# CHS Counselor Recommendation Request Form

- Please complete a CHS Counselor Recommendation Request Form to indicate which colleges for which you need a counselor recommendation.
  - Name of College
  - College/ University Deadline
  - Specific Form or Online Recommendation Form?
  - Stamped, addressed envelopes for each school requiring a non-electronic copy

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15ArwJVPubUna8Nxr9BqDAUTALL1YmVJgys1ibSiizQ>



# Link to Senior Recommendation Packet

<https://goo.gl/forms/krUzxH7F6MIECbzw1>

**The Senior Recommendation Packet information must be submitted 20 business days prior to your first application deadline.**

**\*All students H-O, regardless of application deadline, need to submit their recommendation packet by 9/15/16**



# Teacher Recommendation Overview

- The Counselor Recommendation packet is for a recommendation from your COUNSELOR. You will need to arrange teacher recommendation requests on your own.
- Carefully select 2-3 individuals who you have established a great relationship with and will vouch for your character and work ethic.
- Please provide sufficient time to complete.
  - ✓ Two weeks is always a manageable window.
- Give the person your resume and an stamped, addressed envelope for each school
  - ✓ THIS IS DONE FOR EACH SCHOOL (if needed)
  - ✓ A resume will allow the writer to provide more in depth material
  - ✓ Ask the recommender to save the letter on file in case you add a school or scholarship to your list
  - ✓ Send a thank-you note as a courtesy
- Follow up with recommender a couple days before the deadline.

# College Visits

Mrs. Brown



# CHS College Visits

- CHS Guidance Dept. will be inviting many college admissions counselors to come to our school and talk to students in a small group setting.
  - Admission criteria
  - Majors / Minors
  - College-Specific Scholarships
  - Special Programs (ex. Honors programs)
  - Campus life
  - Study abroad
  - Clubs and Organizations

# Signing up for College Visits

- Sign up through Google Form on CHS School Counseling Website
- Forms will be available soon, please listen for announcements
- Teachers reserve the right to keep you in class for various reasons.
- College Visits are a privilege, not a right, and you must have a pass to attend.

# College Visits!

## Scheduled College Visits:

**9/13- University of Pittsburgh; 1:30 pm**

**9/14- College of Charleston; 8:30 am**

**9/28- Queens University; 8:30 am**

**10/13- Appalachian State University; 1:30 pm**

**10/14- Clemson University; 8:30 am**

**10/19 – High Point University; 8:00 am**

**Sign up for these on the [School Counseling Website](#) beginning 9/5/16**

# Visiting College Campuses

- Visiting the campus is the best way to know if it is a good fit.
- Absences and Proof of Visit
  - For College Visits, students must provide an official note from the college saying that he/she was there. Most colleges/universities have a form letter that they use for these visits. They write in the student's name and the date. Emails, schedules, brochures, etc. will not be accepted. Juniors/Seniors may have 3 college days excused per school year.

# CFNC and Transcripts

Mrs. Whitecar





# CFNC

- Send in-state transcripts
  - [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
  - You can pick up directions on how to send transcripts on the School Counseling Dept. website or visit <http://chs.ucps.k12.nc.us/documents/SendingYourTranscriptthroughCFNC.pdf> for directions
- Apply to North Carolina public and private colleges
- More scholarship opportunities
- Explore careers

# Out of State Transcripts

- You will complete a Transcript Request Form (available in the Counseling Department) for all out of state transcript requests.
- There is a \$3.00 fee for each paper transcript requested.
- You must pick up the prepared official transcripts from the Counseling Department 5 days after you submit the form.
- You are responsible for mailing your transcript.

# Complete Application

- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all components of the application have been submitted and received by the school.
- Please allow up to 4 weeks for colleges/universities to post receipt in your application portal.
- NEXT TIME: College 101.... More info about all of these application components!

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