Welcome to Fike Junior Parent Night!!
The countdown to college has begun!
OVERVIEW.....

- TESTING
- TRANSCRIPTS
- COLLEGE SEARCH
- COURSE REGISTRATION FOR SENIOR YEAR!
- THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS
YOUR COUNSELORS...

MRS. LEE (A-CL)
MRS. LYNDON (CO-I)
MS. WOODARD (J-Q)
MRS. COX-SMITH (R-Z)

MS. JONES - COLLEGE ADVISER
MRS. HALL – CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
WHY IS JUNIOR YEAR SO IMPORTANT?

✓ Transcripts/GPA sent with applications go through end of junior year. Senior year course selections will be included.

✓ This is THE time to schedule testing and be proactive in getting ready for fall applications!
You don’t have to register. It is FREE!! Saves you $52 plus the cost of sending scores!

- Bring your own calculator
- Be on time and eat breakfast
- List colleges to receive scores or send through ACT later
- Military, Community Colleges and 4 year colleges use these scores!

Similar to the Pre-ACT taken 10th grade.

- Math – 60 minutes
- English – 45 minutes
- Reading – 35 minutes
- Science – 35 minutes
- Writing - 40 minutes (1 essay)
THE ACT

- February 25th (FREE)
- Juniors will be taking the ACT at Fike, during the school day.
- Fee waivers are available for eligible students for Saturday testing dates.

**Other ACT Dates**

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SAT & COLLEGE BOARD

✓ Take the SAT at least once your Junior year! This way you will be able to see where you stand before your senior year.

✓ When you register, you can list up to 4 colleges to receive scores at no cost.

✓ Fee waivers available to qualifying students.

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WHY TAKE BOTH TESTS?

✓ Some students do markedly better on one test than the other

✓ Students usually improve scores from the first to the second time they take the test. Repeat the stronger test. Don’t forget you can SUPERSCORE!

✓ The SAT/ACT comparison chart helps you understand which score is stronger. (The comparison chart is in your packet.)
DOES TEST PREP REALLY MATTER? YES!

Based on 250,000 students from the Class of 2017.
SAT & ACT PREPARATION RESOURCES

- College Board/SAT and Khan Academy (use PSAT results)
- ACT website
- CFNC website
TRANSCRIPTS

[Image of a transcript page with courses and grades]
WHAT’S ON YOUR TRANSCRIPT?

✓ List of ALL your final grades and credits earned in high school
✓ Courses you are registered to take senior year
✓ Class Rank
✓ Grade Point Average - GPA does not typically improve dramatically in senior year.
NOW IS THE TIME TO IDENTIFY YOUR COLLEGES OF INTEREST!

- IDENTIFY YOUR BASIC CRITERIA
  - size
  - location
  - public/private

- UNDERSTAND ADMITTED STUDENT PROFILES
  - How closely does your profile match their admitted student profile?

- DO THEY OFFER THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS THAT INTEREST YOU?

- VISIT CAMPUS

- UNDERSTAND THEIR ADMISSION PROCESS, PORTAL, SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND DEADLINES

- BEGIN TO FORMULATE YOUR FALL COLLEGE APPLICATION GAME PLAN
CONSIDER ALL THE OPTIONS!

4 YEAR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE

2 YEAR COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

2 YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM OR CERTIFICATION

MILITARY
HELPFUL WEBSITES

✓ College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC)
  o Create an account NOW
  o Free SAT/ACT prep
  o Explore NC Colleges/Universities

✓ College Board Big Future
  o See admitted student profiles
  o Research academic/athletic and other programs
COURSE REGISTRATION
Choose wisely!

Colleges care about senior year course selections.

✓ Master schedule is request driven, so schedule changes are the exception, not the norm.

✓ Don’t slack off. Choose senior year courses that highlight your college readiness! (AP, IB, WCC-CCP)

✓ Consider internships and creative options.
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INTERNSHIPS

- Teaching
- For Credit

Career Development Google Classroom (for students):
Class of 2021 – klj3btw
* Offered during 4th block
* Non-teaching internships are 115 hours/semester
* Must fit into student’s schedule
* Subject to availability
* Shows on transcript
* Interview required
* Journal entries, timesheets, and essay required
* Teacher recommendations
Teaching Internship

✓ For credit only
✓ Seniors only with an interest in pursuing K-12 education
✓ Minimum 2.0 GPA
✓ Offered during 4th block
✓ Must fit into student’s schedule
✓ Subject to availability
✓ Student must have own transportation
✓ Shows on transcript
✓ Interview required
✓ Journal entries and timesheets required
✓ Teacher recommendations
COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

Vanderbilt Checklist

APPLICATION
- Common Application
- Writing Supplement
- Official Transcript
- HS Counselor Recommendation
- Teacher Recommendations (2)

SAT or ACT score - with essay

FINANCIAL AID
- FAFSA
- CSS Profile
- Merit Scholarship Apps

Note to Self: Check the Vanderbilt Admissions Blog for more updates.

Set up CoRePS interview
Additional Recommendation
Resume

Optional
- Language testing
- AP English

OPTICAL
- Set up CoRePS interview
- Additional Recommendation
- Resume

AP English
WHAT HAPPENS DURING SENIOR YEAR?!

**Early Fall Semester:**
- ✓ Residency Determination (RDS)
- ✓ Retest if needed
- ✓ Submit early deadline applications and transcripts/test scores

**Mid Fall Semester:**
- ✓ Final testing opportunities
- ✓ Submit applications and transcripts/test scores
- ✓ Submit honors college/special program applications
- ✓ FAFSA opens, submit as early as possible

**Early Spring Semester:**
- ✓ Submit final deadline applications and transcript/test scores
- ✓ Submit mid-year report if requested
- ✓ Submit scholarship applications
- ✓ Make final campus visits if undecided

**Mid to Late Spring Semester:**
- ✓ Submit scholarship applications
- ✓ Submit enrollment/housing deposit by May 1
- ✓ Send final WCC transcript
- ✓ Inform Counseling Office so that final Fike transcript can be sent
From now forward....

Avoid disciplinary or criminal infractions that must be reported with applications!
**WHY RDS? (RESIDENCY DETERMINATION)**

- **YOU WON’T GET STATE FINANCIAL AID WITHOUT IT**
- **YOU WON’T BE CONSIDERED AS IN-STATE APPLICANT WITHOUT IT**
- **COMPLETE RDS BEFORE SUBMITTING APPS SO YOU CAN INCLUDE YOUR RCN NUMBER WITH YOUR APPLICATION IF REQUIRED.**
APPLICATION PORTALS:

✓ The Common Application

- Used by UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State, ECU, UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Asheville, APP State, NC A&T and many, many others!
- One basic application works for all member schools and each school has a supplement
- Essay prompts are released in late spring/early summer. You can work on your college app essays all summer if you want!

✓ CFNC

✓ College Specific Admission Websites
BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON THE WEB AND ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA SITES!

• https://www.facebook.com/goldendemonpride/
• https://twitter.com/HighFike

• Class of 2021 Guidance Google Classroom for important announcements during junior and senior year (for students)