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Christian Academy

September 2026 Junior Newsletter

College Planning Night for Juniors
Please mark your calendar for The College Planning Night for Juniors at **6:30 pm on Thursday, October 22 in the auditorium**. Mrs. Ledbetter and Mrs. Tenbrink will lead you through key aspects of the college search and application process. This meeting is **required** for all juniors and at least one parent. We hope to have a panel of admission representatives to answer your questions that night.

PSAT
The PSAT is scheduled for all juniors, sophomores, and freshmen for October 8. It will be administered digitally this year so look for information from Mrs. Compton. You will register for this test at school. If you've been at WCA for several years, you've taken the PSAT before, and know that your results are one factor considered when placing students in honors and AP classes. Additionally, and important to note, your PSAT results from the Junior year will be used to determine eligibility for the National Merit Program. With this said, it is extremely important that you attend to take this test. However, we don't want you to stress about the PSAT, but we do encourage you to take it seriously.

The PSAT is a required assessment for students in grades 9–11 who participate in the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship Program. Because this testing is required, **attendance on PSAT testing day is mandatory for all students in grades 9–11.**

Admission Representatives Visiting WCA

Take advantage of the opportunity to meet with college and university admission representatives when they visit WCA! Below is a partial list of upcoming visits. This list will be updated regularly and posted on the guidance bulletin board.

Christian College Fair	Sept. 22	5:30pm - 7:30pm
High Point University	Sept. 3	12:50pm - 1:30pm
Hampden-Sydney College	Sept. 8	12:50pm - 1:30pm

Upcoming Off-Campus Events

Liberty University for a Weekend is being held on four different dates: September 17-19, November 5-7, February 18-20, and April 1-3. Tour the campus, sit in classes, meet professors and students, attend a concert, and enjoy campus activities. Please visit this website to register
https://www.liberty.edu/residential/cfaw/

SAT and ACT

In the past, we recommended students take both the SAT and ACT at least once, and then choose which one they will want to repeat to get a superscore (best math and reading from multiple tests). Many colleges have opted to proceed as test optional again this year. We do not know what they will do next year so proceed with the above recommendation. WCA's College Board (CEEB) code, which is the same for both the SAT and ACT, is 342018.
Junior year is a good time to take the SAT to get a baseline score.

SAT and ACT Test Dates

SAT Exam Date	ACT Exam Date
September 12	September 19
October 3	October 17
November 7	December 12
December 5	

AP Classes

Students who are taking an AP class this year, will be charged for the exam(s) in **November** on their account. Students have already registered (or are in the process) for the exam in their classes.

Extended Time Testing

Students with documented learning disabilities who have been approved by the College Board or ACT may register to take the SAT and/or ACT with extended time. Please see Mrs. Murray (jmurray@wcatrojans.org) or Mrs. Davis ndavis@wcatrojans.org) for registration details.

NC State University is hosting an open house on October 24 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Students will attend the first-year information session and take a tour of campus. Check out this link if you are interested: https://openhouse.ncsu.edu/

Guilford College will be conducting an Open House on September 6 at 2:30 pm. While on campus students will take a tour of campus and learn more about academics and team advising. They'll also have the opportunity to get to know their Admission Counselor and **will receive free admission to the Guilford College Football game at 7:00 p.m.! Students will also be offered on site admission. Register here:** https://apply.guilford.edu/register/?id=8b260060-d61b-48bb-b1a5-69c5e991dba6

College For North Carolina (CFNC.org) can have some valuable webinars from college fairs to paying for college. Check them out.

Western Carolina University is hosting two open house events on Saturday, October 31, Saturday, November 14, Saturday, March 6, and Saturday, April 3. If you are interested in Western check out this link.

AI and Innovation Capstone with Stanford Researchers
Inspirit AI is a 25-hour enrichment program taught by Stanford and MIT graduate students that introduces students to foundational artificial intelligence concepts by building impactful projects in sustainability, healthcare, and civic engagement. Fall applications are due by September 15th.

SCAM Alert

The National Society of High School Scholars is NOT National Honor Society where we honor students who have achieved a specific GPA in high school. Please be aware that if you choose to subscribe to this it does not make you eligible or a member of the NHS at our WCA.

Athletic Eligibility

Students who plan to play a sport in college need to become familiar with eligibility requirements. Those who intend to participate at the NCAA Division I or II levels must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, which can be done online at https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/ . Similarly, students who wish to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NAIA institution should register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playnaia.org. Likewise, you must also request to have a transcript sent to NCAA.

The Governor's School of North Carolina is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students in the nation. The program is administered by the State Board of Education and North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) through the Office of Advanced Learning & Gifted Education. Each summer, selected students are invited to Governor's School to help build a learning community during a four-week residential session. Students go through a local and state nomination process. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact Mrs. Ledbetter for more information or go to this

Scholarship Opportunities

Many scholarship/award programs are targeted towards high school seniors; however, there are a few that are also open to students in grades 9-11 that we will list in the newsletters:

Don't Text and Drive Scholarship is sponsored by the Digital Responsibility campaign and offers a scholarship award of $1,000. The application deadline is September 30, 2026. To apply, fill out the application on http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/dont-text-and-drive-scholarship

The **Voice of Democracy** scholarship program, which is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, is an audio-essay contest for students in grades 9-12. See last month's newsletter.

Here is a link to the Scholarships.com page for September:
https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/deadline/deadline-in-september

Featured College of the Month

Bluefield College offers a challenging academic and co-curricular experience within a climate of diverse Christian tradition. In covenant with the Baptist General Association of Virginia, the college is committed to developing students' potential through academic excellence and the integration of faith, the liberal arts, career-oriented programs, and service to God and the global community.
Located in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains in southwestern Virginia and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Bluefield College boasts 40+ academic offerings, including business,

forensic science, graphic communication, criminal justice, teacher education and Christian studies. Bluefield College is touted for its classroom technology, affordability, personalized instruction, and learning settings on the mission field and in countries abroad. At Bluefield College, your experience is not just about college. It's about destiny or a calling. It's about exploring and finding your passion at place where you can *know and be known*. Whether you have identified your passion or are looking for a place to discover it, Bluefield College is a place that is dedicated to your pursuit of passion. For more information, visit here http://www.bluefield.edu/

**See below for a list of colleges attending the annual Christian College Fair **

National Christian College Fair Participants
Tuesday, September 22, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm

Anderson University (SC)
Montreat College (NC)
Asbury University (KY)
North Greenville University (SC)
Bluefield University (VA)
Olivet Nazarene University (IL)
Bob Jones University (SC)
Palm Beach Atlantic University (FL)
Cedarville University (OH)
Regent University (VA)
Charleston Southern University (SC)
Southeastern University (FL)
Colorado Christian University (CO)
Southern Wesleyan University (SC)
Covenant College (GA)
Toccoa Falls College (GA)
Gardner-Webb University (NC)
Trevecca Nazarene University (TN)
Geneva College (PA)
Waynesburg University (PA)
Grove City College (PA)
Johnson University (TN)
Lee University (TN)
LeTourneau University (TX)
Liberty University (VA)
Calvin University (MI)
Lipscomb University (TN)
Mid-Atlantic Christian University (NC)
Columbia International University (SC)
Gordon College (MA)
Judson College (AL)

Please look for an updated list as this may change in the next few weeks with additional schools!