

# **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

## **CLASS OF 2012    Happy New Year!!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS/Important Information:**

#### **DIPLOMA LIST: READ THIS CAREFULLY:**

The diploma list will be posted in guidance within the next week. **CHECK YOUR NAME** and if there is **ANY** problem with the spelling of your complete name you must see Mrs. Clapp by 1/27/12. If we have to reorder a diploma because it is misspelled, it will cost you \$20.

**ATTENDANCE APPEALS: SENIORS**, pay attention to your attendance. Notes are due within three days of your absence. All seniors with six or more absences should file an appeal. Forms are available in guidance and in the main office. There will be **NO** makeup time offered this year.

**FAFSA DAY:** FAFSA day is Feb. 18, 2012. Students and parents can go to local sites to complete their FAFSA. Go to [www.cfnc.org/fafsaday](http://www.cfnc.org/fafsaday) for details. Most locations are open 9-noon.

Students and parents who were unable to attend Financial Aid night on 1/3/12 can go to the OHS website and look under the guidance section for Financial Aid tips. **The NC priority deadline for completing your FAFSA is March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**MID YEAR GRADE REPORTS:** Note, cfnc will not send a midyear grade report. You **MUST** submit the form to the counselor and pay \$3 for the transcript.

**HERFF JONES:** Any student who has not ordered their cap and gown needs to do so **ASAP** by calling 877-714-4723.

**BRAG BOARD:** If you have been accepted into college, enlisted with the military, or accepted a job, please let Mrs. Ward know so she can take your picture for the Senior Brag Board.

#### **IMPORTANT TEST DATES:**

Deadline to sign up for Feb. 11 ACT: January 13.

Deadline to sign up March 10 SAT: Feb. 10

#### **COLLEGE VISITS:**

**Meredith College:** Senior visitation days: January 23.

**EXPLORE UNC Charlotte Open House** dates follow:

March 24, April 21 9:00-2:00 p.m. [admissions.uncc.edu](http://admissions.uncc.edu)

**Lees McRae:** February 9<sup>th</sup>; 9:00 a.m.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Federal Aid Help:** Seniors, if you want to get federal aid documents in PDF form go to [www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs). Also, you can get single copies of federal aid forms at [www.edpubs.gov](http://www.edpubs.gov).

**Florence Kidder scholarship:** character, need, scholastic record, essay. 2/8 deadline.

**Charles Edward Cathey Masonic scholarship:** 3.0 GPA, academic excellence, community service. 3/9 deadline.

**Big Sun Scholarship:** Big Sun scholarship is available for young athletes. Go to [www.bigsunathletics.com](http://www.bigsunathletics.com) to learn more.

**The Gates Millennium Scholars Program** is available for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander or Hispanic students who have an unweighted GPA of 3.3 and have demonstrated extensive leadership. Financial need is a criterion as well. 1/11 deadline.

**Torchbearers Scholarship Eta Phi Zeta: Selection criteria:** 3.0 unweighted GPA, extra-curricular involvement, character, leadership. Essay required. Due in Chapel Hill March 26.

**Ronald McDonald scholarship:** students with extensive community service can apply by 1/27/12. [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org)

**Delta Kappa Gamma:** students planning to attend college to become a teacher, counselor or administrator. 2.7 GPA required. Essay required. March 1<sup>st</sup> to Mrs. Ward.

**Aubrey Lee Brooks** any senior planning to attend UNCG, UNC Chapel Hill, or NC State can apply to this scholarship. Criteria include: strong academics, financial need, character and leadership experience. CSS Profile and application due BY Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.cfnc.org/brooks](http://www.cfnc.org/brooks)

**The Carolina Farm Credit** scholarship is available for students planning to major in agriculture, business, economics, or any ag related field. 3.0 GPA required. 2/16 to Ward.

**NC Extension and Community Assn** scholarship students planning to study family and consumer science. 2/1 deadline.

**Best Buy** scholarship: Students with extensive community service and excellent academic records can apply by 2/15. [www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com](http://www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com).

**Colonel and Mrs. William H. Breeze agricultural scholarship:** for students planning to attend NC State and study agriculture. [cals.ncsu.edu/scholarships](http://cals.ncsu.edu/scholarships). May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**The People Helping People, State Employees Credit Union Scholarship** is available. Selection criteria include: community service, grades, essay, and priority will be given to students whose parents are state employees. Students must be attending one of the 16 public schools in the NC college system.

**Delta Sigma Theta sorority scholarship:** 2/17 deadline. African America students with a 2.75 GPA with extensive service to the community.

**SEANC: The State Employees Association of NC scholarship:** Students must have parents who are members of SEANC. [www.seanc.org](http://www.seanc.org) by 4/15/12.