

Cary High School Class of 2020

Dates At-A-Glance

- 9/12 Balfour will distribute information to seniors regarding **graduation announcements, caps, and gowns** in the auditorium at 10:00am. The actual orders will be taken on 9/16 and 9/17. The representative will also take orders on the first Thursday of each month in the Career Center. See Ms. Wood in the Main Office for more information.
- 9/12 **Senior Parent Information Night**, Auditorium, 6pm.
- 9/15 **Wake County College Fair**, 2:00-4:30 p.m., NCSU McKimmon Center. Over 100 colleges will be represented.
- 9/16 **Senior conferences** with counselors begin. Students may sign up at caryhighcounselors.weebly.com to meet with their counselor for post-secondary planning.
- Week of 9/16 **College Admissions Boot Camp** – “Starting Your College Application.” Counselors will offer application help daily during lunch in the Career Center. Laptops will be provided.
- Mid-Sept. The **CHS Financial Aid Advisor**, Ms. Waters, will be available at CHS once a week through April 2020. Appointments can be made by contacting Ms. Abad in Student Services.
- 9/25 **College Admissions Boot Camp** – “Writing Your College Essay” with Mrs. Young, CHS English teacher, Room 1015, 2:30 -3:15pm. This is an informational session, **NOT A WORK SESSION**.
- Late Sept. **Official class rank and GPA** are calculated for all graduating seniors. Once class rank and GPA calculation are done, students may begin requesting official transcripts. An announcement will be made when transcripts are ready.

HOW TO REQUEST AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

FOR ALL NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:

- Go to www.cfnc.org
 - a. Click “Apply” → “Apply to College” → “Application Hub” → “Request a Transcript”
 - b. If you do not know/remember your CFNC account information, see your counselor. If you request to send your transcript and you receive an error message, make sure your profile includes Cary High School AND your student ID number.
 - c. To ensure that final transcripts are sent, ALL students applying to NC colleges and universities should request a transcript via CFNC, even when applying through the Common App, Coalition Application, etc.
- FREE!!!

FOR ALL OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

- Go to www.wcpss.net/transcripts
 1. Click “Request transcripts and student records online” → “WCPSS CURRENT student NOT using CFNC.org”
- First three requests are free. All subsequent requests have a \$5 fee.

***NOTE: Per WCPSS policy, transcripts (official or unofficial) cannot be sent through email. It is your responsibility to request an official transcript for each college/university to which you apply.

October	NC Countdown to College: During this month seniors are encouraged to complete their FAFSA, NC residency application, and college applications. Resources can be found at www.nccountdowntocollege.org .
10/1	Deadline to notify Student Services if you plan to graduate in January 2019
10/1	First day you can submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2020-20221 college year at www.fafsa.ed.gov . This application determines eligibility for most federally-funded grants, scholarships, and student (Stafford) or parent (PLUS) loans. Submit the completed FAFSA form ASAP in order to improve your chances of receiving financial aid. Be sure to include the college codes for all colleges to which you plan to apply.
10/21	Makeup senior portraits will be taken at CHS. You should receive a postcard in the mail with your specific appointment time. Contact Ms. Love, Yearbook Advisor, with any questions.
10/21-25	CFNC College Application Week. Counselors will be available during Smart Lunch this week to assist you with your college applications. Several NC colleges waive application fees during this week. https://nccountdowntocollege.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/nc_college_application_fees_for_c2c_2019.pdf
10/22	ASVAB Test offered at CHS. Registration information will be announced soon.
10/26	FAFSA Day , 9am-noon at various locations. Free assistance with the FAFSA. Go to www.cfnc.org/fafsaday for a list of sites.
11/7	Financial Aid Information Night , Auditorium, 6pm.
Early Nov.	Mid-Year Graduates —Deadline to submit college course schedule. This schedule is required for students needing to take exams before the regular exam period (in order to begin college classes in January 2020).
12/6	Senior Class Breakfast , Gymnasium
1/30	Winter Commencement for Mid-Year Graduates , Auditorium, 5pm
TBA	CHS Career Fair
2/1/18	Target date for submitting the completed FAFSA form. Be sure to include the college codes for all colleges to which you have applied so that the Financial Aid Office at each college will have your FAFSA information (in case they offer you a financial aid package).
4/18	CHS Prom
5/6 & 5/7	Cap and Gown Delivery <u>after</u> school. 5/6 is for last names A-M. 5/7 is for last names N-Z.
TBD	Senior Class Meeting with Mr. Bryant , Auditorium
5/4 to 5/15	AP Exams
5/20	Senior Awards Night , Gymnasium
5/22	Senior Picnic , Cooper Field
Early June	Exams. Dates TBD.
6/4	Graduation Practice , 1-3pm, Raleigh Convention Center
6/10	Graduation , 8pm, Raleigh Convention Center

College Admissions Testing Information

Fee waivers for the SAT and ACT are available to students who meet certain financial criteria (e.g. free/reduced price lunch). Contact Student Services for more information. Seniors who use an SAT fee waiver can receive four college application fee waivers.

Testing accommodations can be requested for students with an IEP or 504 plan. See your case manager.

SAT: Register at www.collegeboard.org. Cost is \$64.50 (\$49.50 for SAT without essay). Score reports are sent for four colleges for free if you list them when you register for the test. If you choose to send score reports later, the fee is \$12 per school.

SAT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee required)
10/5/2019	9/6/2019	9/24/2019
11/2/2019	10/3/2019	10/22/2019
12/7/2019	11/8/2019	11/26/2019
3/14/2020	2/14/2020	3/3/2020
5/2/2020	4/3/2020	4/21/2020
6/6/2020	5/8/2020	5/27/2020

ACT: Register at www.actstudent.org. Cost is \$68 (\$52 for ACT without writing). Score reports are sent to four colleges for free if you list them when you register for the test. If you choose to send score reports later, the fee is \$13 per school.

ACT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee required)
10/26/2019	9/20/2019	10/4/2019
12/14/2019	11/8/2019	11/22/2019
2/8/2020	1/10/2020	1/17/2020
4/4/2020	2/28/2020	3/13/2020
6/13/2020	5/8/2020	5/22/2020
7/18/2020	6/19/2020	6/26/2020

ACCUPLACER: Placement test for some NC community colleges. Information and practice materials are available at <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>. In many cases you must take the test before you can meet with an advisor and register for classes (unless your GPA allows you to be waived from taking the test).

Career Development Information

Mr. John Evans is the CHS Career Development Coordinator. He can provide information on various career exploration programs including internships, job shadowing, and career fairs. His email address is jevans3@wcpss.net, and his office is located in Room 2330.

Career Options in the US Military

- Students interested in joining any branches of the US Military should plan to take the ASVAB Test at CHS on October 22. Information regarding test registration will be announced soon.
- Recruiters from all branches of the US Military visit CHS throughout the year; contact Student Services for a schedule of visits.

Cary High School Student Services **Useful Links for Seniors and Parents**

General Information

- **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** (www.asvabprogram.com): Provides info about ASVAB test and career planning tools
- **Big Future** (bigfuture.collegeboard.org): Explore colleges and universities based on student interests and priorities
- **Cary High School Website** (caryhs.wcpss.net): Provides updated announcements
- **CHS Career Development** (<https://sites.google.com/wcpss.net/caryhs-cdc>): Information regarding internships, job shadowing, ASVAB, etc. You can also email CHS Career Development Coordinator (Mr. Evans) at jevans3@wcpss.net.
- **CHS Student Services** (caryhighcounselors.weebly.com): Provides information regarding academics, college planning, etc.
- **College Board** (www.collegeboard.org): Provides information on the SAT, AP courses/exams, and colleges nationwide
- **College Foundation of NC** (www.cfnc.org): Provides information on all NC colleges and other post-secondary institutions. Through CFNC students can apply online to some NC colleges, research careers, prepare for college admissions tests, and explore scholarship opportunities. Students must send their transcript to NC colleges using this website.
- **Wake Technical Community College** (www.waketech.edu): Official school website where students can apply for admission and find information on certificate programs as well as transfer programs with various four-year colleges.

Application Process

- **NC Residency Determination Service** (www.ncresidency.org): For students applying to NC colleges (2 and 4-year). The application on this website must be completed and approved in order to receive NC residency rates for tuition.
- **The Common Application** (www.commonapp.org): Online application service for many colleges/universities.
- **College Foundation of NC** (www.cfnc.org): Through CFNC students can apply online to some NC colleges. Students must send their transcript to all NC colleges using this website.

College Admissions Test Information

- **ACT** (www.actstudent.org): Allows students to register for the ACT, a nationally accepted college admissions test. Test preparation material is also available here.
- **SAT** (sat.collegeboard.org/home): Allows students to register for the SAT, a nationally accepted college admissions test. Test preparation material is also available here.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **FAFSA/Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (www.fafsa.ed.gov): For college financial aid
- **Scholarship Plus** (www.scholarshipplus.com/wake): Official scholarship listings for WCPSS
- **CHS Student Services** (www.caryhighcounselors.weebly.com): Scholarship opportunities are listed here, as well as on the scholarship bulletin board in the office.

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College Application Tips

1. Before completing applications for NC colleges (2 and 4-year), complete the NC residency application at www.ncresidency.org. After you complete the application, you will be issued a Residency ID Number. You will need to enter this number on many NC college applications before you can submit them.
2. Determine whether or not you need a teacher and/or counselor recommendation for your college applications. Many colleges do not require these recommendations. If your colleges of interest do not require one, please do not ask for one.
3. Request recommendations as far in advance as possible (a minimum of ten business days).
4. Research college application deadlines. Be aware of Early Decision (binding) versus Early Admission (non-binding) deadlines.
5. Research Honors College and college-based scholarship opportunities and deadlines. Some colleges may require you to apply by a specific date (usually in the fall) to be considered for special programs and scholarships. Also, be aware that some financial aid deadlines are earlier than college deadlines.
6. Determine the minimum course requirements for admission for each college of interest. Some colleges, especially out-of-state ones, may require courses such as a Level III world language or a fine arts class. Some of these colleges are willing to waive the requirement if you ask them. If they do require the course, make sure that you are signed up for the course this year if needed.
7. Make sure that your ENTIRE YEAR course schedule is finalized before you submit your college application. Most colleges include course rigor in their admissions criteria. If you change your schedule after you submit your application, you will have to contact the colleges directly to inform them of the change...and in some cases, the college may tell you that changing your schedule may hurt your chances of admission!
8. If you are taking the SAT or ACT this year, make sure that the college(s) will accept your scores. Colleges may not accept your scores if you submit your application first and then take the test after the application deadline.
9. When you register for the SAT or ACT, be sure to list the colleges that you wish to receive your scores. The first four colleges are free if you request them during the test registration process. After that time, the fee is at least \$12 per school.
10. FOR ALL NC COLLEGES, once you submit your application you need to send them your transcript online via www.cfnc.org. Even if you are applying to NC colleges via the Common App, SendEDU, or Coalition Application, you still need to send them your transcript via CFNC! You will have to create a CFNC account to send a transcript.
11. Be sure to have several people edit your applications and college essays.
12. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your applications online. Many colleges' websites crash just before the deadline due to increased traffic!

NEED ANSWERS ABOUT THE FAFSA or FINANCIAL AID?

How it works:

- ❖ Once we receive your information, you'll be connected to a financial aid administrator in your area.
- ❖ No obligation or cost
- ❖ You do not have to be attending that campus to get assistance

Click the link below and complete the VERY short form to get the answers you need.

<http://tinyurl.com/y4npcf9d>

Not sure you are going to college (two-year or four-year) after graduation?

- ❖ Complete the FAFSA anyway to see how much financial assistance you qualify for.
- ❖ No obligations!

Wake County College Fair

Sunday, September 15, 2019

2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
NC State University-McKimmon Center

Over 100 major in-state and out-of-state universities/colleges from both the public and private sector will attend to discuss college admissions with local high school juniors and seniors

"Information Sessions" are also included:

Financial Aid Sessions

Times: 2:45
3:45

Preparing for College Sessions

Times: 2:30
3:30

(All sessions are approximately 25 minutes each)

Admission and Parking are Free

College Bags are not provided this year. Students should bring their own bag to carry their acquired college brochures and material in.

Jointly Sponsored by: The Carolinas Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO.org) and The Wake County Public School System

Carry High School

Financial Aid Information Night

November 7, 2019 at 6pm

PHS Auditorium

STUDENT NAME:

Student ID #:

**Future-Ready Core Course and Credit Requirements Checklist
(entering high school 2012-13 and later)**

ENGLISH 4 credits	English I <input type="checkbox"/>	English II <input type="checkbox"/>	English III <input type="checkbox"/>	English IV <input type="checkbox"/>
MATHEMATICS 4 credits	Common Core Math I OR Algebra I <input type="checkbox"/>	Common Core Math II OR Geometry <input type="checkbox"/>	Common Core Math III OR Algebra II <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Math Course <input type="checkbox"/>
SCIENCE 3 credits	Earth/Environmental <input type="checkbox"/>	Biology <input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Science OR Chemistry OR Physics <input type="checkbox"/>	
SOCIAL STUDIES 4 credits	World History <input type="checkbox"/>	American History I <input type="checkbox"/>	American History II <input type="checkbox"/>	Civics and Economics <input type="checkbox"/>
HEALTH/PE 1 credit	Healthful Living <input type="checkbox"/>	JROTC/HL I <input type="checkbox"/>	JROTC/HL II <input type="checkbox"/>	OR AND
ELECTIVES 6 credits	2 Elective credits <u>required</u> of <u>any</u> combination of the following: - CTE - Arts Education - *World Language (2 credits required for 4-year college/university admissions, but <i>not required for HS graduation</i>)*		4 Elective credits (concentration) <u>strongly recommended</u> (but <u>not required</u>) from one of the following: - CTE - Arts Education - English/Math/Science/SS	
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TOTAL	26 CREDITS			

NOTES: