

# UNCSA

## High School Notes

*The Newsletter of the High School Academic Program*

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SCHOOL of the ARTS

Dear High School Students and Parents,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year. We've begun the year well with 275 enthusiastic students and 22 even more enthusiastic teachers! We welcomed a new Dean of Students, Ward Caldwell, in July, in addition to several new Residence Life Staff members. We are also welcoming a new part-time academic faculty member, Pat Spainhour, who is teaching A.P. Art History. Parents, by now you should have received a welcome email from each of your student's teachers. Our next formal communication will be midterm progress reports on October 5. I would remind you to please talk with your student and then contact faculty directly if you have questions regarding your student's progress. All faculty contact information may be found online at <http://www.uncsa.edu/directory/>

One of the most significant changes for us this year is our transition to a semester calendar. Please note that students have Fall Break Saturday, October 8 through Tuesday, October 11, Academic classes will meet on Wednesday, October 12. Thanksgiving Break is Wednesday, November 23 through Sunday, November 25. Students will begin fall semester exams immediately after Thanksgiving; the Intensive Arts period will begin on December 5. The change to semesters has generated two changes in grading policy. Course grading and credit is now done on a semester basis, meaning that students will earn 0.5 unit of credit per academic course for fall semester and 0.5 unit of credit for spring semester. Students must pass both semesters in order to earn a full unit of credit. Semester grades will appear on your transcript; they are not averaged for a final grade. In addition, the maximum quality point award will now be 4.0 (A).

We will be giving both the SAT and the PSAT in October. Students may sign up for the PSAT beginning September 19th; registration is online for the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The response to our SAT prep courses was overwhelming, so we have added additional sections (meeting on the same dates) for those two courses. There are still a few slots left in the new sections, so please email Mr. Hoover at [hoovert@uncsa.edu](mailto:hoovert@uncsa.edu) if your student is interested in signing up. We will also offer SAT prep courses in January. If you have questions about the SAT, PSAT, or the prep course, please contact our guidance counselor, Mr. Snyder at [snyberb@uncsa.edu](mailto:snyberb@uncsa.edu).

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**Math Assistance  
Available at :**

**The Math Lab  
Room 321 Gray**

**Fall Term Hours  
Wednesdays 12- 2**

**Writing Assistance  
Available at:**

**The Writing Center in  
the Academic  
Services House  
1915 Sunnyside Ave.**

**Drop In Hours for  
September 6th-9th:  
10AM- 2PM**

**Regular Hours begin  
September 12th.**

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We are celebrating our second full year of having an active parent organization. The UNCSEA High School Parent Support Organization (PSO) is dedicated to helping connect families and to supporting the UNCSEA High School Academic Program. As many of you are aware, we experienced significant budget cuts this year. The support of the PSO fundraising efforts are invaluable in enabling us to continue to provide an excellent experience for your student. In previous years, the PSO has helped us with renovating classroom space, purchasing laptop computers for classroom use, and installing security cameras on third floor Gray. None of these projects would have been possible without the support of the PSO. You may support the PSO through joining, making a donation to a specific project, or volunteering. There is more information online at <http://www.uncsa.edu/hspso>. Many thanks to those of you who've already joined or volunteered!

I would also encourage you to support the academic program by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card, Food Lion VIP card, or Target charge card to UNCSEA. Last year, funds from these programs were used to assist needy students with college application fees, to provide a gift to students winning the High School Academic Program Senior Award, and to purchase supplemental English texts.

Finally, I would like to remind you of some campus resources. We give you lots of information in a very short time during orientation; I'm hopeful that this "cheat sheet" will be helpful to you and your son or daughter.

To arrange class absences: Mr. Todd Hoover /[hoovert@uncsa.edu](mailto:hoovert@uncsa.edu)/336-770-3245

For time management or study skills assistance: Mr. Doug Bohannon/[bohannond@uncsa.edu](mailto:bohannond@uncsa.edu)/ 336-770-1453

For learning and psychological assessment: Dr. Tom Murray/ [murrayt@uncsa.edu](mailto:murrayt@uncsa.edu) /336-770-3277

For SAT/ PSAT, college planning: Mr. Brock Snyder/ [snyderb@uncsa.edu](mailto:snyderb@uncsa.edu)/ 336-770-1320

All the best to you and your family as we begin this year,

Jill Lane

Dean of High School Academic Program

**Registering for the SAT and/or ACT? You will need these numbers.**

**UNCSEA's High School Code for SAT and ACT Registration is: 344438**

**UNCSEA's SAT Testing Center Code is: 34858**

**SAT Registration at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)**

**ACT Registration at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**

## SAT Preparation Courses

SAT preparation courses in Math and Critical Reading will be offered leading up to the October 1st SAT administration. Students may register for either the Critical Reading and/or the Math course. Each course will offer four and a half hours of instruction in each subject area over three Sundays. *Recommended for Juniors and Seniors taking the SAT this year.*

SAT Prep Dates & Times: September 11th, September 18th, September 25th.

Critical Reading	1 PM– 2:30 PM Each Date
Math	3 PM– 4:30 PM Each Date

Cost: \$125 per course

Payment Deadline September 9th. Make checks out to UNCSA and mail to:

UNCSA High School Academic Program  
Attn. Mr. Todd Hoover  
1533 South Main Street  
Winston-Salem, NC 27127

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## PSAT & SAT at UNCSA

**UNCSA is a PSAT & SAT testing site open only to our high school students.**

**SAT      October 1st Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) by 9/9**

**PSAT    October 15th Register in 304 Gray beginning 9/19.**

**SAT      January 28th Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) by 12/30**

## Senior Notes

Hello Class of 2012, I hope all of you are settling into your senior year. Many of you have already made appointments to discuss senior year and college admissions plans. This past week I visited senior English classes to present information on the college admissions process. Some important points to keep in mind:

Application Deadlines *Many are as early as November.*

Official Transcripts *Requests should be made with Mr. Hoover or Mr. Snyder.*

School Reports/ Counselor Statements *Give these to Mr. Snyder when requesting transcripts.*

SAT & ACT Scores *Request test scores be sent to schools.*

Please remember I am available to work with you one on one and serve as a resource for you during the college admissions process.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Snyder

### College Admissions Representatives Campus Visits

**University of Southern California** September 16 1:00—2:30  
*Gray 3rd Floor*

**Catawba College** October 6th 12:30– 1:30  
*Pickle Jar*

**College of Charleston** October 19th 11:45– 1:00  
*Pickle Jar*

### Senior Picture Day

*Required if you want your senior picture in the Yearbook.*

**Saturday, September 17th, 10AM– 2PM**  
**Eisenberg Hall**

**Wednesday, September 21st, 10AM– 2PM**  
**RJR Screening Room**

## Scholarship Opportunities

### **Washington Univ. in St Louis Scholarships for the Arts**

For information and application materials visit [www.wustl.edu](http://www.wustl.edu) . Follow links to admissions. Deadlines begin in January.

**UNCG Merit Awards Program** A variety of merit scholarships ranging from \$2,500.00 to full tuition. Information and applications at [www.uncg.edu/fia/merit/](http://www.uncg.edu/fia/merit/)

**Elon University Endowed Scholarships** Six scholarship offerings based on student financial need and academic merit. Application available at [www.elon.edu/web/admissions/financialaid](http://www.elon.edu/web/admissions/financialaid),

**Park Scholarships at North Carolina State University** UNCSA High School can endorse two candidates. Endorsement due October 1st. Please see Mr. Snyder if interested.

**The Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill** One student from UNCSA may be nominated for this scholarship. Deadline for application materials is October 3rd. Please see Mr. Snyder for information

**The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship at UNC Chapel Hill Open to young writers attending UNC.** Applications available at <http://english.unc.edu/creative/tws> . Deadline is November 1st.

**Coca-Cola Scholarship Program** Open to students from across the country with awards of up to \$20,000.  
Go to [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org)

**Presidential Scholarship for Distinguished Achievement at Wake Forest University** Scholarship awarded to academically and artistically talented students. Applications due by December 1st. Go to [www.wfu.edu/finaid](http://www.wfu.edu/finaid) for information and application.

**Young Arts Scholarship Program** Awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to young artists from across the country. Apply at [www.youngarts.org](http://www.youngarts.org) Application deadline is October 14th.

**Parents and students please go the school websites for which you are interested to view the scholarship and financial aid resources available to students.**

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# SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day No Classes	6	7	8	9 Registration Deadline for 10/1 SAT	10
11 SAT Prep	12	13	14	15	16	17 Picture Day for Seniors
18 SAT Prep	19 PSAT Registration 11th grade	20	21 Picture Day for Seniors	22	23	24 Family Weekend
25 SAT Prep	26	27	28	29	30	

# OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

						1 SAT @ UNCSA
2	3 PSAT Registration for 10th graders	4	5	6	7 End PSAT Registration	8 Fall Break
9 Fall Break	10 Fall Break	11 Fall Break	12 Classes Resume	13	14	15 PSAT @ UNCSA
16	17	18	19 Picture Make Up Day	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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