



## SEPTEMBER SENIOR NEWSLETTER

*Wow! Is it September of your senior year already? I have enjoyed meeting a lot of you during these first few days and look forward to working with you this year. This is the first of your Senior Newsletters which will deal mostly with important announcements, opportunities after you graduate, and general information you may need. Please feel free to stop by the Guidance Office or email me any time.*

What is your **plan** for after graduation? Your choices are as follows:

- Go directly into the work force
- Military
- Two year college or technical school
- Two year college and transfer to a 4-year college
- Four year college

Mr. Catron and I will speak to each of you individually to discuss your plan and your diploma needs (course credits and SOLs). Also, each of you will have a Parchment account to set up so you can request a transcript to be sent.

Everybody needs money, right? Each newsletter will contain scholarship information and opportunities. Here is what I have so far:

**Prudential Spirit of Community Award** (<http://spirit.prudential.com>) – Recognizes students “who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service.” Deadline: November 8, 2016

**I Have a Dream Scholarship** ([www.unigo.com/scholarships](http://www.unigo.com/scholarships)) – Submit an essay: “*What do you dream about? Whether it’s some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams...*” Deadline: January 31, 2017

**Pinnacle Scholar Awards of Excellence—Berea College** (You must be nominated by the school. Let me know before September 15 if you are interested.)

Every school has **scholarships and financial aid**; most are listed on the website. Some come to me. For example, ETSU has scholarships that can cover your first two years. They can be found at [www.etsu.edu/honors/university/scholars/](http://www.etsu.edu/honors/university/scholars/) Come to the Guidance Office to look at the brochures.

**Davidson College** offers the Belk Scholarship and the Bryan Scholarship.  
**Emory & Henry, Radford and UVa-Wise** information is available on the school websites and in the Guidance Office.

**Northeast State Community College** will have campus tours. Call 423-323-0243 or go to [www.NortheastState.edu](http://www.NortheastState.edu) to make an appointment.

**Emory & Henry** is having **Open House** October 8, 2016, 9:30-1:00. Take a guided tour, hear discussion/information sharing and enjoy lunch.  
See me for Open House schedules at other schools or visit their websites.

As a senior, you become a target for **scams**. Remember, **never pay for college application help or scholarship information!**

Check out these websites:

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) Information on college and career search and register for SAT.

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) Register for the ACT

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) Search colleges and scholarships

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) You may now apply October 1 for federal aid

[www.Studentscholarships.org](http://www.Studentscholarships.org) Search for scholarships

[www.ncaaeligibility.org](http://www.ncaaeligibility.org) To register with NCAA

Remember the **Activity Page** I talked about at your senior meeting? It is a list of all your activities while in high school. This will help when you apply for a job, the military, college, and scholarships. You can get a copy from your English teacher or in the Guidance Office. Return to me when you have completed it.

**COLLEGE FAIR** is September 13, 2016 at the Higher Ed Center in Abingdon. There will be representatives from 2-year and 4-year schools and possibly some military.

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