

South Forsyth High School



Senior Advisement

The College Application Process

September 7, 2016
The Arena

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Senior Class Information:

SENIOR SPONSOR: Rebecca Hewitt

- **November** – Information about cap/gown/ announcements/ etc.; senior dues announced (\$115); announcements will be sold in Lunch for two days plus online via Balfour
 - **Wednesday, November 9th** -- Senior Class Meeting with Balfour during Instructional Focus
- **February** – Pay Senior Dues (Last chance without paying late fee)
- **March** – Late fees added to Senior Dues
- **April** – Cap & Gown/Announcements Distribution
- **May** – Senior Week, Senior Graduation Rehearsal
- **May 31th (2:00pm)**– Graduation at the Infinite Energy Center (formerly Gwinnett Center)
 - Does not require tickets. Seating first-come-first-served



Senior Letters FAQ

- **What *IS* a Senior Letter?**

Senior Letters are positive letters written to seniors. They are delivered to seniors at the Senior Luncheon during the last week of school.

- **What kinds of things can I write about in a senior letter?**

There are many acceptable topics for senior letters. These include, but are not limited to: Congratulating the senior on graduating, wishing the senior well in his/her next phase of life (college, military, career), reminiscing on fond memories (childhood, school, social gatherings, etc...)

This is not an appropriate time to bring up old grudges or get one last dig in at a person

- **When do seniors receive their letters?**

Seniors receive their letters **AT** the senior luncheon at the end of the year. Seniors who are not able to attend the luncheon can pick them up from Mrs. MacAllaster (office 450) the next morning.

They will also be available for pick up **AFTER** graduation practice. This is because we stuff the folders right up until the last minute; they will not be ready until the luncheon, so seniors **CANNOT** pick them up early.



Senior Letters FAQ

- **When is the senior luncheon?**

TBA. MANY seniors make the mistake of telling their bosses that they can be at work at noon since the school day is only half a day. DON'T do this, seniors. Plan on spending the time between 12:00 and 2:00 at the luncheon with your friends. This is your last hurrah! Wait to go to work at your regular time around 2:30 or 3:00.

- **How do I write a senior letter and get it to a student?**

Senior letters can be written on notebook paper, colored paper, stationary, cards, etc... Please place senior letters in envelopes. **In the bottom left hand corner, please write the full name of the student to whom the letter is addressed.** If a student is from another country, but has an American name, please tell us that as well. For example, write: Ye Sol "Jane" Lee. The more information you give us, the easier it is for us to make sure the letter gets to the right person. **There will be senior letter drop boxes in the Media Center, West Hall Office and East Hall Office.**

- **What if somebody outside of school (parents, grandparents, family friends, etc...) wants to send me a letter?**

People who live locally can mail their letters or choose to bring their letters to the school and drop them off at the front desk or Media Center.



Senior Letters FAQ

People who live farther away can mail their letters:

South Forsyth Unleashed Memories

South Forsyth High

585 Peachtree Parkway

Cumming, GA 30041

Envelops should contain the address in the regular location and the student's full name, including middle name, birth name, and American name as applicable, in the bottom left-hand corner.

- **Who reads the senior letters?**

Senior letters are delivered to students during the luncheon. All letters are subject to be opened.

DO NOT send gifts or include money in the letter



Yearbook Information

YEARBOOK SPONSOR: Rebecca Oxford-Bennett

- Early Eagle pricing of \$85 expires September 30th at which time books will increase to our regular price of \$100.
- Senior ads are created online this year and are not considered submitted/completed until time of purchase.
- Both the yearbook and senior ads may be purchased at www.yearbookordercenter.com, school code 15242.
- Senior formal images with Cady Studios must be completed by September 30th in order to be included in the yearbook.
- Our “Last Call Roadshoot” with Cady where senior pictures are taken ON CAMPUS will be September 12th from 10 am to 12 pm in the Silver Gym.
- Contact: Roxfordbennett@forsyth.k12.ga.us with questions.



College Application Process: Student Responsibility

The student is responsible for. . .

1. Verifying that complete college application is sent online.
Please allow at least 6 weeks for colleges to process & update websites.
Counseling keeps spreadsheet of dates when electronic transcripts are downloaded and receipt cards to verify when mailed applications were received.
2. Having SAT and/or ACT scores sent **directly** to college (and NCAA) from appropriate testing service. Most colleges will not accept scores from high schools, and **scores are not on transcripts**.
3. Acquiring a counselor/teacher recommendation, ONLY if required by a college.
Senior Profile must be submitted to the counselor for a recommendation!
4. Giving teacher(s) an addressed stamped envelope **if** a recommendation is required, as well as an academic resume. Check with teachers directly to see if letter(s) were mailed (3 week turn-around time)



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5. Printing school evaluation form for counselors to complete (if applicable) and submitting Senior Profile Sheet with printed form;
6. Requesting Transcripts online; Using MyPaymentsPlus to pay for transcript; The fee for each transcript is \$4.00. The FINAL transcript at the end of the year is free.
7. Providing other materials as appropriate (resume, recommendation letters, counselor checklists, etc.) to accompany the transcript. **Turn in all materials to Ms. Kristi Hall in the Main Hall Counseling Office.**
8. Students should BE AWARE of deadlines!!! Submit request with enough time to process the official transcript. Failure to submit all required documents may result in delay for processing the application.



Transcript Request

To request an official transcript online, please go to

<http://www.forsyth.k12.ga.us/Page/38486>

1. Click on



2. Click on



and submit your payment.

A new window will open with the My Payments Plus website:

Log in to My Payments Plus; Scroll down and click on the plus sign (+) by Counseling; Next, click on the plus (+) sign next to current student transcript requests; Choose the quantity and click on the box under Pay (You may pay for up to 10); Follow the payment process and submit your payment;

If your payment is not approved, DO NOT complete the on-line request. Please see Ms. Hall in the Main Hall Counseling Office for payment options.

If your payment is approved, close out of My Payments Plus to return to the Zoho Creator Transcript Request Form. Complete the on-line form completely, according to your college's admissions requirements.



Transcript Request

**If the college does not
require a recommendation
or school evaluation form,
then please
do not request them.**



Unofficial Transcripts

Some schools (recently the University of Southern Carolina and Florida State University) ask students to self-report their high school academic record. You can save and upload a pdf copy of your unofficial transcript on Parent Portal.



Unofficial Transcripts

Jonathan

Calendar >

Schedule >

Attendance >

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▼ District Notices - 3 messages

[02/04/2013]

**For CampusPortal Mobile setup:
Launch the App and Enter in the District ID**

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- Select Settings.
- Enter your District ID: **QLGQNN**
- Select Go.

[08/01/2011]

Please [click here](#) for Transportation Request forms.

[02/08/2011]

REMINDER : If you have not submitted a copy of your student's Social Security card to school officials, your student will NOT be HOPE eligible.

▶ School Notices - 0 messages

▶ Inbox - 83 messages

Go Mobile - Need Your District ID?

Get Your District ID

<https://campus.forsyth.k12.ga.us/campus/portal/portal.xsl?x=portal.PortalOutline&lang=en...>



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Reports

- Student Schedule
- Missing Assignments
- Student daily schedule Sem 1
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
- Forsyth County IEP (05/25/2006-05/25/2007)
- Forsyth County IEP (05/14/2007-05/14/2008)
- IEP 2007-2008 (05/13/2008-05/13/2009)
- 2008-2009 IEP (05/12/2009-08/09/2009)
- 2008-2009 IEP (08/10/2009-05/12/2010)
- IEP School Year 2009-2010 (03/18/2010-09/08/2010)
- IEP School Year 2009-2010 (09/09/2010-02/13/2011)
- IEP School Year 2010-2011 (02/14/2011-12/12/2011)
- IEP School Year 2011-2012 (12/13/2011-04/23/2012)
- IEP without Transition Plan 2011-2012 (04/24/2012-12/12/2012)

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Note:

15 BUSINESS DAYS

**to process transcripts,
recommendations, and/or
evaluations**

**The Counseling Office is
closed during Fall &
Winter Break**



What Colleges are Looking For...

- GPA (academic/core GPA)
- Curriculum rigor indicated on transcripts
- Extracurricular activities
 - Depth versus breadth
- Test scores
- Best students 1st, well-rounded students 2nd
- Application “read”
 - Questions and essays
 - Complete, specific, and grammatical



College Entrance Requirements

University System of Georgia (USG)

4 units English;

4 units of mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a 4th unit of advanced math, or equivalent courses

4 units of science, including Biology and Physics/Physical Science;

3 units of specified social science courses (World History, US History, American Government, Economics);

2 units of the same world language;

In addition, different types of institutions (research universities, regional universities, state universities) require additional, more rigorous academic units.



Early Action VS. Early Decision

Early Action

- * If accepted, student is not obligated to attend
- * Application deadline usually in mid October
- * Over 55% of Early Action applicants are designated as academically superior and will be offered admission. These students are truly academically superior. Many have also previously enrolled in college-level classes
- * GA TECH: (Oct. 15) notified Mid-December
- * UGA: (Oct. 15) notified December 15

Early Decision

- * Student usually applies between October and mid-January
- * If accepted, student is obligated to attend
- * If accepted, student must withdraw all other applications
- * Emory
- * Most recommended to still apply EARLY, but for "Regular Decision"
- * Many colleges require mid-yr. report
- * Colleges can de-admit/rescind/ acceptance is conditional



UGA/GA TECH/UNG – Fall 2015

Admitted Freshman Profile

University	Mid 50% Core GPA	Mid 50% SAT	Mid 50% ACT	Mid 50% AP/IB
UGA	3.91-4.17*	1850- 2140*	27-32*	4-8
Georgia Tech	"A" Avg.	2060-2250	30-33	7-12
University of North Georgia	Baccalaureate 3.55 Associate 3.00	1101 945	Not available	Not available

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College Mini Fair

Our first College Mini Fair will be Wednesday, September 21st during Instructional Focus.

Colleges in attendance: TBD

Senior Instructional Focus classes will be given a specific time to attend.



2016 Fall SAT and ACT Schedules

SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	(late fee required)	ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	(late fee required)
Oct. 1, 2016	Sept. 1	Sept. 20	Sept. 10, 2016	Aug. 7	August 8-19
Nov. 5, 2016	Oct. 7	Oct. 25	Oct. 22, 2016	Sept. 16	September 17-30
Dec. 3, 2016	Nov. 3	Nov. 22	Dec. 10, 2016	Nov. 4	November 5-18

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Financial Aid

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Tuesday, October 18th @ 6:00 pm

Check your HOPE GPA on www.gafutures.org

Grants and Gifts

Loans (must be paid back)

College Work Study

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

CSS Profile (mostly private and Georgia Tech)

1-770-724-9000 (Georgia Student Finance Commission)

Please be aware that student's cumulative GPA on transcripts is NOT their HOPE GPA

Please be aware that senior academic courses can affect final HOPE GPA and receiving the scholarship

If you miss or lose HOPE by graduation, you still can earn HOPE in college

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It's not over until it's over



July 14, 2013



Dear [REDACTED]:

In reviewing your academic performance during your senior year, we've noticed a severe decline in your grades. As we stated in our acceptance letter, when we make our initial admissions decisions we expect that you will maintain the level of academic excellence that you had established in your previous high school coursework. Your senior grades mark a significant decline in performance and calls to question the focus that will be necessary to succeed at Tech.

Please provide me with an explanation of your academic decline via email by (Day, Date) so our Committee can determine how this will impact your enrollment at Tech this fall. If you have questions, please call me directly.

Regards,

Admissions Counselor
404-123-4567

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USA
404.894.4154
404.894.9511 (Fax)

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