**Class of 2021**

**Congratulations, you made it and welcome to your Sophomore year!**

Now that you know the ‘Ins and Outs’ of high school, your sophomore year is the year for you to seriously think about what you may want to pursue upon graduating high school.

Would you like to join the work force? Is the military something you are considering, or maybe your plans are to go college and earn a degree or certification? Regardless of your future goals, preparation is key for success!

**Community Service, community service, community service!!!!**

Yes, it’s true colleges, scholarship committees and even employers look for individuals who get out and VOLUNTEER! This summer is a great time for you to perform community service, especially if you are interested in the SAT Scholarship and/or National Honor Society. Information regarding the **SAT Scholarship**, approved agencies and verification forms can be found on **Onslow County Schools Website** under **Community**. <https://www.onslow.k12.nc.us/Page/1376>

**National Honor Society**- NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. To be considered for National Honor Society, you must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of a 3.5, documented community service (at least 10 hours) and demonstrate good character.

**Preparation and Planning… It’s NEVER too early to begin**

**PreACT**: PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test window on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading and science. **PreACT is administered to ALL 10th graders in October of 2018.**

**PSAT**: The PSAT is a great primer for the SAT,and even the ACT, but it’s more than just a trial run. PSAT scores are used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. More than 3.4 million high school students (mostly juniors and sophomores) take this nationwide, multiple-choice test every year.  The PSAT will be **offered** in October of 2018.

**SAT** and **ACT** are college entrance exams typically taken 2nd semester (spring) of your Junior year.

**ASVAB**: The **ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)** is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. Offered in the Fall and Spring of your Junior year.

Do you have a passion for math or history? If not, **Khan Academy** is a free online tool you can access to gain a better understanding of subject areas such as Math II, Math III, Biology etc., or to prepare for the SAT.

**Important Dates**

**Summer Hours- Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:30pm**

**August 27,2018** - The first day of school. (Turn Over)