



# Career CATS

College & Career Guidance  
Newsletter



## Bobcats and Bobcat Families,

It's time to start thinking about class schedules for next year. We want your child's schedule to be purposeful by aligning classes with your child's future college and/or career goals. Make time over the next several weeks to discuss options with your child. Look out for a postcard in the mail with information about selecting a date/time for your child's IGP meeting.

### Spotlight on Work-Based Learning

Work-Based Learning is sustained interactions with industry or community professionals in a real worksite environment. WBL offers students a chance to enhance their knowledge, technical skills, and soft skills by participating in supervised experiences that are not possible to replicate inside the classroom walls and help students prepare for their future career. Students can earn course credit for WBL (listed as Service Learning in the course catalog). The following requirements must be met to earn WBL course credit:

- Students must complete at least 40 hours at their placement
- Students must choose a placement which aligns with their career cluster
- Students must have completed a course aligned with their career cluster prior to WBL
- Students must submit evaluation from their supervisors each quarter

Pictured below are a few of our fantastic work-based learners from 1st semester. (Left) Kailyn Ivey worked with students in Mrs. Rothell's third grade class at Northside Elementary. (Middle) Emily Roach completed work-based learning as a volunteer at Oconee Memorial Hospital. (Right) Makayla Brewer assisted with interior decorating at Wanda S. Morgan Designs.





## College & Career Assessments (Spring Semester)

| Assessment   | Date              | Grade Level Tested  |
|--|-------------------|---|
| <b>ACT</b><br>(College Entrance Exam)              | <b>March 26</b>   | <b>11th*</b>  |
| <b>ASVAB</b><br>(Aptitude-Based Career Assessment) | <b>March 27</b>   | <b>10th<br/>(all)</b>   |
| <b>WIN</b><br>(SC Career Readiness Assessment)     | <b>March 2- 5</b> | <b>11th</b><br>(and any Senior who has<br>not taken it during their<br>Junior year) |
| <b>SAT</b><br>(College Entrance Exam)              | <b>April 9</b>    | <b>11th*</b>  |

\*The SAT/ACT are optional. Juniors may choose to take either the ACT or the SAT for free on a school day.

## Upcoming Events in January

**January 23:** 9th Grade HCTC Tours (opt-out only)

**January 30-31:** [Be Pro Be Proud](#) Truck on Campus (all grades)

\*\*\*Our FAFSA night will not take place in January as originally planned due to technical difficulties. We plan to reschedule this event in February once the website is working correctly. Stay tuned!

### BE PRO BE PROUD

We are thrilled the Be Pro Be Proud Truck will be returning to SHS on January 30 - 31! Its mission is to bring a new generation of pride, progress, and professionals to America's skilled workforce. Students will have the opportunity to board the bus and learn hands on through simulators and virtual reality about South Carolina's in-demand professions such as Commercial Truck Drivers, Welders, HVACR Technicians, Linemen, Heavy Equipment Operators, Healthcare/Medical Technicians and more. To learn more about these professions, click [here](#). Students interested in participating, should complete this [Google Form](#).

