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NOVEMBER: WHY IT MATTERS

Progress check

Review your first-quarter grades and graduation progress. Ask about credit recovery immediately if needed.
Confirm your preferred email and phone number in college, job, and scholarship accounts.

COLLEGE DECISION TERMS

Know the difference

- **Early Action**: typically nonbinding.
- **Early Decision**: generally binding if admitted; discuss affordability and commitments with your counselor before applying.
- **Rolling Admission**: decisions made as applications are reviewed.
- **Deferred:** application considered again later; not a denial.

STUDENT RECORDS CHECK

Review your unofficial transcript for missing courses, correct grades, and your legal name. Request corrections before deadlines.

RECOMMENDATION ETIQUETTE

Give teachers a résumé and clear deadline; allow time to write and send a thank-you note.

NOVEMBER SENIOR ACTION PLAN

ALL SENIORS

☐ Check grades, attendance, and credits.
☐ Review your graduation plan with your counselor.
☐ Save copies of applications and confirmation emails.
☐ Update your activities and accomplishments list.

COLLEGE PATHWAY

☐ Check November/December application deadlines.
☐ Confirm transcripts, recommendations, and scores were received.
☐ Explore honors programs and separate scholarship applications.
☐ Create a spreadsheet to compare colleges and costs.

MILITARY PATHWAY

☐ Speak with a recruiter and a trusted adult.
☐ Explore career specialties and eligibility requirements.
☐ Ask about ASVAB preparation and testing arrangements.
☐ Compare service commitments and education benefits.

WORKFORCE PATHWAY

☐ Identify three employers or paid training programs.
☐ Ask about job shadowing or informational interviews.
☐ Gather references and proof of certifications.
☐ Practice interviewing and professional email writing.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: PLAN B

Keep options open

Build a backup plan alongside your first choice: an affordable college, a certificate pathway, or an entry-level job with advancement opportunities.

NOVEMBER MINI-GOAL

Set one measurable goal before Thanksgiving break: finish an application, schedule a visit, or contact a training provider.

DREAM BIG

November challenge

D — Decide on your next step
R — Research the requirements
E — Explore more than one option
A — Ask questions
M — Make a deadline calendar
B — Build useful skills
I — Invest time in your goals
G — Grow your network

AFTER YOU APPLY

Application portal check

A submitted application may still be incomplete. Check each portal for missing documents, test scores, and fee-waiver confirmation.
Read messages from admissions offices and respond promptly.

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Questions worth asking

What costs can we realistically manage?
Will I need transportation or housing?
What is my backup plan if my first choice changes?

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Review public posts and voicemail greetings. Employers and programs may contact you by phone or email.

COLLEGE VISIT QUESTIONS

Ask about first-year advising, tutoring, disability services, transportation, and graduation rates.

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GTCC: BEYOND ADMISSION

Explore the pathway

Compare short-term credentials, associate degrees, apprenticeships, and college-transfer programs.

Ask about placement, program orientation, required materials, and limited-enrollment steps.

gtcc.edu

APPRENTICESHIPS: EARN & LEARN

What to look for

Paid on-the-job training paired with classroom instruction; requirements and pay vary.

Explore ApprenticeshipNC: apprenticeshipnc.com

Ask employers about training wages, schedules, and credentials earned.

MILITARY CAREER EXPLORATION

Ask informed questions

What training is required for the career field?

What are the active-duty and reserve options?

How long is the commitment?

Which education benefits are available and under what conditions?

Official overview: todaysmilitary.com

TRADE CAREER SPOTLIGHT

Explore healthcare support, information technology, logistics, and advanced manufacturing. Ask which credentials local employers recognize.

MILITARY: VERIFY DETAILS

Compare written eligibility, job assignment, training, and service terms before making a commitment.

WORKFORCE: HIDDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Ask about seasonal hiring, staffing agencies, school career fairs, and entry-level roles with tuition assistance.

UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE COSTS

Look beyond tuition

Compare tuition and fees, housing, meals, books, transportation, and personal expenses.

Net price = estimated total cost minus grants and scholarships. Loans are borrowed funds and must generally be repaid.

Use each college's Net Price Calculator before deciding.

FINANCIAL AID: NEXT STEPS

Check the official FAFSA availability and state/institution deadlines for 2027–28.

Watch for requests to verify information and respond only through trusted portals.

studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

SCHOLARSHIP SMARTS

Avoid scams

Never pay to apply for a scholarship or share account passwords.

Check eligibility, essay prompts, recommendation requirements, and renewal rules.

Search: cfnc.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-and-grants/

NOVEMBER PRIORITY

Look for institutional scholarship deadlines that may be earlier than regular admission deadlines.

Ask your counselor whether any awards require school nomination.

COLLEGE CREDIT & PLACEMENT

Before orientation

Ask whether AP, IB, dual-enrollment, or other college credits may transfer.

Find out if placement assessments or prerequisite courses are required.

FINANCIAL AID VOCABULARY

Grants: generally not repaid. Work-study: earnings from eligible jobs. Subsidized and unsubsidized loans: borrowed money with different interest rules.

NC RESIDENCY

North Carolina public colleges may require Residency Determination Service (RDS) status for in-state tuition: ncresidency.org.

CAREER SKILL OF THE MONTH

Professional communication

Use a clear email subject line.

Introduce yourself, state your request, and thank the reader.

Check spelling and use a professional email address.

Try this

Contact a local employer about a job-shadowing opportunity or entry-level position.

JOB OFFERS: WHAT TO COMPARE

Think beyond hourly pay

Hours and scheduling

Transportation costs

Benefits and paid training

Opportunities to advance

Workplace safety and supervision

NOVEMBER DEADLINE WATCH

Dates to verify

Nov. 1 and Nov. 15: common college priority/early application dates; not universal.

Scholarships and honors programs may have separate deadlines.

School events, testing, recruiter visits: check Canvas and counseling announcements.

USEFUL LINKS

November picks: testing, military & career discovery

SAT registration & dates

ACT testing

ASVAB career exploration

My Next Move career quiz

CareerOneStop skills matcher

Transcripts

College Rep Visits

Scholarships

THANKSGIVING BREAK TO-DO

Use 30 minutes to organize deadlines, request needed documents, and draft one scholarship or job application.