



RHS School Counseling Department Senior Smoke Signals

March 2016 Edition

A Message from Mr. Sumerel – Your Head Warrior

Can you believe it's March already? Your time at Riverside High School is coming to an end very fast!

Please make sure that you continue to work HARD in all of your classes! You need a passing grade in order to receive the credit for graduation. If you are on the fence, as several of you are, please make sure that you are communicating with your teachers about making up assignments, completing extra credit or whatever needs to be done in order to PASS the class!

The April edition will have more important dates that you will need to be aware of like senior exams, last day for seniors, graduation rehearsal here on campus and more.

In late April, I will be making my rounds through English classes and then calling down those students who do not have an English class to give you packet of information concerning graduation, rehearsal information, ticket information, along with a form for you to complete about graduation and where to send your final transcript. You will also be given a form that will outline all the transcripts that have been sent out on your behalf and how much you owe the school for those transcripts.

ALL fines/dues/textbooks, etc. MUST BE TAKEN CARE OF before you will be allowed to participate in graduation! Please make sure that you take care of this once that time comes in May.

Please continue to make good choices and watch your attendance! Bad choices can turn into you jeopardizing your graduation!!!!

Mr. Sumerel

2015-16 School Dates

For a more comprehensive list of events, please visit our [Activity Calendar](#) link located on our [School Counseling web page!](#)

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| March 18 | Senior Supplies delivered – during lunch in the Auditorium |
| March 24 | Q3 Report Cards |
| March 25 | Snow Make-up Day 3 |
| March 28 – Apr 1 | SPRING BREAK |
| April 22 | MAKE-UP DAY – REGULAR SCHOOL DAY! |
| April 25 | MAKE-UP DAY – REGULAR SCHOOL DAY! |
| April 26 & 27 | SPRING VIRTUAL SCHOOL FINAL EXAMS @ Hillcrest High School |
| April 29 | Q4 Progress Reports |
| April 30 | PROM |
| May 2 | AP Chemistry & AP Environmental Science Exam |
| May 3 | AP Art History Exam |
| May 4 | AP English Literature Exam |
| May 5 | AP Calculus AB & BC Exam |
| May 6 | AP US History & AP European History |
| May 9 | AP Biology & AP Physics C Mechanics |
| May 12 | AP Statistics Exam |
| May 13 | Yearbook Day |
| May (TBA) | Graduation Rehearsal @ RHS |
| May 26 | Graduation Rehearsal @ Bon Secour Wellness Arena – 4 PM |
| May 30 | Memorial Day – No School |
| May 31 | Graduation 7 PM |



Tickets for After Prom will be sold 3 days a week during lunch (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) beginning March 15!
Tickets are \$60 each

IMPORTANT
INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITIES:

- Consider one of South Carolina's Independent Colleges & Universities – Download a free college guide at www.scicu.org
- If you plan to take the SAT or ACT again, deadlines to register are fast approaching. Go to www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org to register this week!!!!
- Students interested in participating in college athletes need to register with NCAA. Visit the NCAA web site at <https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/> to register. Once you complete the registration process, complete a Transcript Request Form and see Mrs. Derrick in the . Your registration is not complete without a copy of your official transcript.
- **Academic Common Market** – this program allows you to attend a specified out-of-state college but pay in-state tuition. It only works if the major in which you want to enroll is not available in SC. It is definitely worth researching. See Mr. Sumerel for more information OR visit www.sreb.org



**College Goal
South Carolina**

is an opportunity for students and parents to receive FREE assistance completing and filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Contact your Financial Aid Office at the institution you plan to attend. They will be able to assist you in completing the form. Students will need to bring a copy of parents' completed income tax forms so that you can successfully complete your FAFSA!

Local Financial Aid offices willing to assist students and parents are: Greenville Technical College, Anderson University, USC Upstate.

SAT TEST DATES

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| May 7 | April 8 |
| June 4 | May 5 |

RHS School Code – 410951
Register at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT TEST DATES

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Deadline</u> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| April 9 | March 4 |
| June 11 | May 6 |

RHS School Code – 410951
Register at: www.actstudent.org



Saturday, March 12, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
7 Shannon Dr., Greenville

TELL US YOU'LL BE THERE ON FACEBOOK.

Contact: Lisa Bentley at (864) 467-8260

The Cinderella Project, sponsored by the SC Bar Young Lawyers Division, helps girls in South Carolina become princesses on prom night. Area high school students will be able to choose from hundreds of dresses and accessories, all for FREE!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Indicates a New Scholarship Posting

SOUTH CAROLINA HOPE SCHOLARSHIP This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$2,800 for the first year only. Students that have a final minimum 3.0 GPA but do not qualify for the LIFE are eligible to receive this scholarship. Students who receive the SC HOPE and earn a 3.0 at the end of the first year of college may receive the LIFE Scholarship for the second year of college. **No application is necessary for this scholarship. Eligibility is based on your final transcript.**

◆ **SOUTH CAROLINA LIFE SCHOLARSHIP** This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$5000 per year. Students must meet two of the three requirements (1) your final, cumulative grade point average must be a minimum 3.0; (2) minimum 1100 SAT (combined critical reading and math sections) or 24 ACT; or (3) rank in the top 30% of your class at graduation. For a two year college students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA (the test score and class rank requirements are waived.) **No application is necessary for this scholarship. Eligibility is based on your final transcript.**

◆ **SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP** This is a state-awarded scholarship valued at \$6700 per year. Students may be eligible to apply if they meet the following three criteria: 1200 SAT/27 ACT, 3.5 GPA, top 6% of the class at the end of the sophomore, junior, or senior year; or meet the following two criteria 1400 SAT/32 ACT and 4.0 GPA at end of the junior or senior year. Students that meet the criteria will be notified by their Counselor to complete an application.

SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY TUITION ASSISTANCE This state awarded money varies each year dependent on the South Carolina Lottery Revenue. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours a semester and advancing toward a degree at one of the state's two-year institutions. Students must complete the FAFSA as soon after January 1, 2015 as possible. Awards are handled by the college financial aid office.

◆ *LIFE and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Recipients at the college sophomore level for students pursuing program majors in the following areas: science, math, computer science or informational technology, engineering, science education, math education and healthcare and related disciplines including medicine and dentistry. Incoming freshman must take fourteen credit hours in math and/or science during their freshman year. More information about these state scholarships is available online at www.che.sc.gov*

* **J.E. Sirrine Scholarship** Completed application, complete the FAFSA and provide copy of Student Aid Report (SAR). Application available at <https://sirrine.greenville.k12.sc.us>
Deadline: April 15

SMC Scholar Program (Spartanburg Methodist College) Students who graduate with a 3.0 GPA will receive FULL TUITION FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE for the 2016-17 school year. Student MUST complete the FAFSA by June 30, 2015 to determine their eligibility for Pell Grants and the SC Tuition Grant program. The college will make up the difference between their tuition and the public grants for which the student may qualify with. They also allow students to

BMW Scholars Program Allows students to attend class fulltime at local community colleges while working part time at BMW. Students are able to attend Spartanburg Community College, Greenville Technical College or Tri-County Technical College and gain experience. BMW will pay student's tuition and books. Participants will become candidates for fulltime positions at BMW. For more information please contact: Spartanburg Community College, Jennifer Little 864.592.4808

Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship \$1,000 African-American senior, GPA 2.5 or higher, financial need, acceptance and attendance at an accredited institution for the Fall 2016, essay, 3 letters of recommendation, high school transcript, photo, and completed application. See Mr. Sumerel in the Counseling Office for a copy of the application. **Deadline: March 7, 2015**

SunTrust Off to College Scholarship SunTrust offers \$1000 scholarship for students. Free to enter and eligibility is not based on GPA or financial need. Students have fifteen chances to win with one winner chosen every two weeks from October to May. Enter online at <https://www.suntrusteducation.com/ScholarshipSweepstakes/index.html> **Deadline May 13, 2016**

Rotary Club of Greenville – Service Above Self Scholarship \$5,000 renewable. Official transcript and test scores, 2 letters of recommendation, essay, resume, FAFSA report, in-person interview, and GPA of 3.0. **Deadline: April 1**

Peck Law Firm Scholarship \$2,000 Student must be interested in pursuing a law degree, GPA of 3.0 or higher. Application can be accessed at <http://thepeckfirm.com/peck-law-firm-scholarship/> **Deadline: May 31**

SCEA-Retired Scholarship \$1,000 Plan for and pursue a career in education, 3.0 GPA or higher, demonstrate leadership abilities, need financial assistance, completed application. See Mr. Sumerel for application. **Deadline: May 15**

Upstate Carolina Scholarship for Excellence in Science \$2,000 3.0 GPA or higher, maintain behavior acceptable to the guidelines of their high school, essay. See Mr. Sumerel for more information. **Deadline: March 25**

Hispanic-American Women’s Association Scholarship Candidates must be of Hispanic origin or descents, have legal presence in USA, 3.5 GPA or higher, completed application, high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores, copy of household federal income tax return, typed essay, letters of acceptance to college, copy of documents showing legal presence in USA. See Mr. Sumerel for application. **Deadline: March 31**

Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship \$1,000 Must be interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited college. Visit www.fashion-schools.org and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page.

Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship \$1,000 Must be interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited college. Visit www.animationcareerreview.com/ Scholarship will be on the right side of the page.

Bobby Chapman Junior Golf Foundation Scholarship \$1,500 renewing. Student may or may not be a golfer, recommendation from School Counselor, person of good character, demonstrate leadership capacity, acceptable academic promise and a person who promises to make a positive contribution as a mature citizen. See Mr. Sumerel for application. **Deadline: March 18**

SCCAWS Scholarships – Only 1 application from RHS will be accepted! See Mr. Sumerel for application.

- SC Coaches Association of Women’s Sports & Trophies by “M” Scholarship -\$1,000 to an enrolling female planning to major in medical field.
- SC Coaches Association of Women’s Sports Educator’s Scholarship - \$1,000 to a female planning to major in education.

Greenville Technical College Business Education Department Scholarship \$1,500 Submit GTC application by March 18, complete the legal presence form, take GTC placement test or provide SAT scores of 480 or higher (verbal & math) or ACT scores of 19 or higher (math & English), completed scholarship application, recommendation part of application completed by school counselor. **Deadline: March 25**

The Lillian Simpson Scholarship (Greenville Technical College) \$1,500 Applicant must be ranked in the top 50% of graduating class, completed GTC application, complete the legal presence form, take GTC placement test, or provide SAT scores of 480 or higher (verbal & math) or ACT scores of 19 or higher (math & English), completed scholarship application, recommendation part of application completed by school counselor. **Deadline: March 25**

***Carroll’s LLC Community Scholarship** Completed application, official high school transcript and test scores. Applications are available from Mr. Sumerel in the Counseling Office. **Deadline: April 4**

***House of Raeford Farms Scholarship** Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student’s choice. Applicants must be dependent children or grandchildren of full-time employees who have a minimum of 1 year of employment with House of Raeford Farms or an affiliate as of the application deadline date. GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale, completed application. Application can be found at <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/houseofraeford>

***TR & HC Education Scholarship** Amount of scholarship may vary, but will not be lower than \$500. Be a member of a local/national equine organization such as TR & HC, BRHJA, US Pony Club, Tryon Hounds, Green Creek Hounds, USEF, USEA or actively participating in equine industry in Greenville, SC. Completed application, financial statement and interview. Applicants may be related to any TR & HC Board of Director, member, officer or employee. Applications available at www.trhc1925.org **Deadline: April 15**

***McDonald's Future History Maker Scholarship** \$5,000 Must be a high school senior, must attend a accredited two or four year college (full-time), US resident, GPA of 3.0 or higher, must be available to attend the awards luncheon the first week of May in Greenville. Applications are available at www.1073jamz.com **Deadline: March 27**

***Lighthouse Guild Scholarship** 20 scholarship valued up to \$10,000. Completion of online application, proof of legal blindness, proof of US citizenship, 3 letters of recommendation, two personal statements, documentation of academic achievement. Application can be found at www.lighthouseguild.org/scholarships **Deadline: March 31**

Clemson University Lyceum Scholarship This renewable \$2500 scholarship is for students accepted to Clemson that are interested in becoming part of a cohort that studies the moral, political and economic foundations of a free society. Information and application is available at www.clemson.edu/capitalism/lyceum.html **Deadline: May 1**

***PI Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship** Scholarship is available for male or females, must be a SC resident in good standing in community, GPA of 3.0 or higher, completed application, essay, official transcript, two letters of recommendation. Applications available from Mr. Sumerel in the Counseling office. **Deadline: March 24**

GREENVILLE GAS TURBINE MACHINIST APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The GE Greenville Gas Turbine Machinist Apprentice Program combines a specialized two-year program of on-the-job training with coursework through Greenville Technical College

- Apprentices are paid for on-the-job training
- Tuition, books and fees paid by GE

Apply online at www.gegasturbinejobs.com and complete application for the job titled "Machinist Apprentice Program." **Deadline: April 30**