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Principal's Message



14 Summer Activities to Boost Your College Application

Did you know summer activities can push your college application to the "yes" pile?

Colleges want to see that you are committed to extracurriculars throughout the school year, but they also love it when you are making the effort to expand and stretch yourself over summer vacation. What you do with your time can help you stand out from other applicants who have similar test scores and GPAs. Your summer vacation is the perfect time for college prep and to explore potential careers. All summers in high school are important, especially the summers after sophomore and junior year. Check out these summer activity ideas that are fun, creative, and will make admissions officers take notice.

1. Participate in a specialized **high school** program.
2. Take a college class.
3. Find a **summer** program at a local **school** or community college.
4. Get involved with research.
5. Create your own project.
6. Take a free online class.
7. Get a job.
8. Be an entrepreneur.
9. Volunteer in your community.
10. Apply for internships.
11. Find a job-shadowing opportunity.
12. Start your ACT, SAT, PSAT test prep.
13. Make college visits.
14. Use your imagination.

For more information about making the most out of your summer, visit www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/summer-activities-for-college-applications

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Wildcat UPCOMING Events

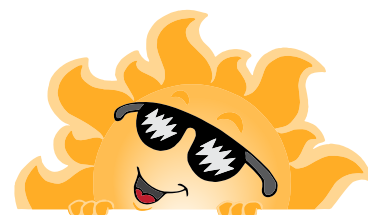
- March 29-Apr. 5 Spring Break
- April 10-11 Senior Portraits (Class of 2025)
- April 11 Interim Reports
- April 12 Jr./Sr. Prom (7:30-11:30)
- April 18-20 Spring Musical (7pm nightly)
- May 2 Chorus Concert (7pm - Auditorium)
- May 4 Miss North Gaston Pageant (6pm - Auditorium)
- May 6 Yearbook Distribution Day; Academic Awards (6pm - Auditorium)
- May 7 NoGa Art Show (6-8pm; awards at 7pm)
- May 9 Band Concert (7pm - Auditorium)
- May 13 Winter/Spring Athletic Awards (6pm - Auditorium)
- May 16-21 Spring Final Exams (8:00-12:30 Daily)
- May 21 Senior Athletic Awards Night (6pm FUMC Fellowship Hall)
- May 23 Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice
(Graduates Must Attend) 8:30 am
- May 24 Graduation 6pm

Summer Planning by Grade

Depending on what grade your student is in, you might consider making a loose, multi-year plan for the summers ahead. Map out possible activities for the next few summers, and see if you identify a common thread or interest to pursue. But a word to parents: Know your student and their schedule! Make a plan that ensures the student doesn't become too busy or overwhelmed. Students should never return to classes in the fall feeling burnt out and exhausted.

- **Freshmen and Sophomores:** Summer programs, camps (including CIT programs), and travel are great options for exploring interests. Paid programs on college campuses probably won't have any impact on getting into college but can be helpful for students (especially those who are less engaged in the college process or are the first in their family to go to college) to experience what it's like to live on a college campus and determine what they want in a college.
- **Juniors and Seniors:** Consider something that is more self-driven, such as a job, internship, or academic research. Students gain valuable experience from researching, applying to, and interviewing for jobs or internships.

Find out more at: <https://grownandflown.com/summer-activities-300-ideas-college-bound-teens/>



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Graduation is AROUND THE CORNER

Don't wait! Get your academic affairs in order NOW so that you get to make the walk across that stage.

- Have you ordered your Cap & Gown?
- Are you PASSING your courses?
- Are you in good standing with ATTENDANCE?
- Have you taken care of any outstanding debt or fees?
- All Senior activity dates/times will be provided in your SENIOR PACKET; coming soon!



End of Year Reminders

- Please keep your ATTENDANCE, GRADES, and BEHAVIORS in check. You need to finish the semester strong to continue BUILDING A STRONG RESUME for college or a career.
- This semester grades and attendance will determine your ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY for next fall. You must pass all of your classes and have no more than 12 absences for the entire semester.
- See your counselor for information about SUMMER JOBS. There are many jobs available to help you stay active in your community and earn some summer money. Check it out!
- Do the RIGHT things the RIGHT way!



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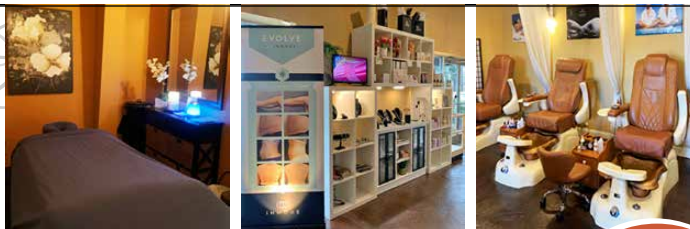
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Wildcats 'LEAD the Way' in Academics, The Arts, & Athletics



Congratulations to our JROTC orienteering team. They performed very well at the Carolina Orienteering Klubb event.

Three cadets had the fastest time in finding all ten points. Abigail Stephens, Leslie Poovey, and Ava Smith.



Gabriella Porter was one of six students in Gaston County selected to participate in the Wingate All-Carolina Select Choir back in January. This is a choral festival that selects students from both North and South Carolina.



In early February, our Women's Medley Relay Team was selected to compete at the Regional Competition in Charlotte. This team included Delaney Brown, Danica Gorgei, Delila Gorgei, Avery Grant, and Claire Hayes.



Connecting to our Community

35 Community Businesses shared their trade and craft with our students exploring potential careers.



In February, Jacob Bailey and Gabriella Porter participated in the Mars Hill Choral Festival at Mars Hill University. This choral festival selects 350 students across the state and is very competitive.

Thank you for joining us to learn about new and exciting pathways to success!!

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Course Registration is underway. We can't wait to enroll students in specialized courses like Leadership, ROTC, and new CTE pathways like HVAC, Electrical Trades, and more!!!



ROTC Pathway

This pathway prepares students for life in the areas of leadership skills, time management, and setting and achieving goals.

Students completing this pathway are prepared for college and a career, including the US Armed Forces.

CTE Pathways

We offer many opportunities for students to complete a Career and Technical Education Pathway. Students completing a CTE pathway earn workplace credentials and certifications that never expire. We offer our pathway completers the opportunity to complete and earn the WorkKeys Credential through WorkKeys testing successfully. Many employers require candidates to take or have completed the WorkKeys Test. Our CTE completers take this test FREE OF CHARGE. We also provide the resources to practice skills that will be assessed on the test. Just a few of the CTE pathways we offer are

- Automotive
- Carpentry
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Nursing
- Foods & Nutrition
- Project Management
- Game Design
- Entrepreneurship



LEADERSHIP Pathway

This pathway helps build leadership skills and experiences that help our students stand out as they apply for the workforce and colleges and universities.

Students completing the 4-course pathway have the opportunity to earn college credit and workplace credentials and certifications. We are working to assist students in finding volunteer opportunities and leadership experiences in our community. Leadership skills and experiences serve our students for life in both college and career endeavors.

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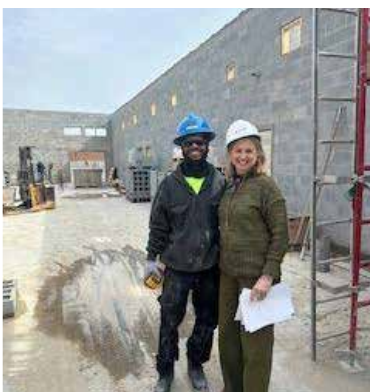
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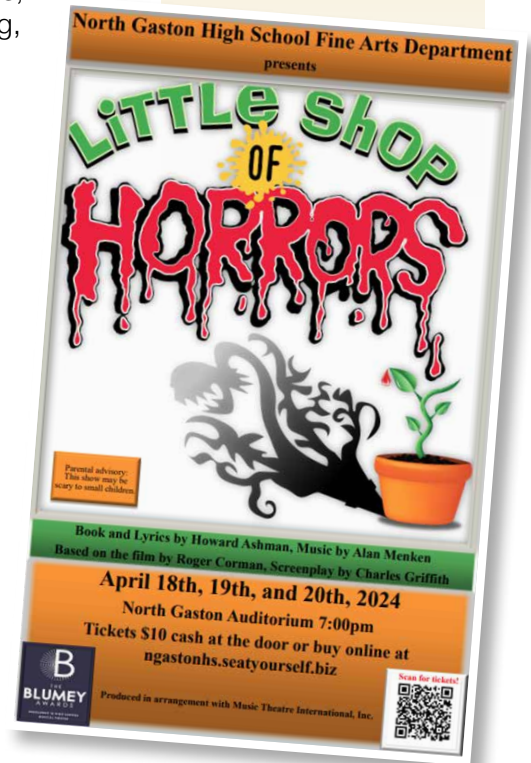
11 students were chosen to complete an internship at Dallas-Gastonia area businesses:

Thank you Ag Center Fire, Toyota, Mason Paving, Proone Window Tinting, Tindol Ford, Beam Construction, J & L Metal Fabricators, Roechling, Jones Mobile Detailing, GSM, Steel Specialty.



Performing Arts

Our students will perform 'Little Shop of Horrors' on April 18-20 nightly at 7pm in the North Gaston HS Auditorium. This cast and crew have been working on this live performance since December! It is slated to be the best show in town. Please join us for a fabulous night of entertainment for the whole family.



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2023-2024 School Calendar



CALENDAR DATES

July 4 Holiday (Independence Day)
 August 7 Optional Teacher Workday
 August 8-11 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 August 14-15 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 August 16 Students' First Day
 September 4 Holiday (Labor Day)
 October 12 End of First 9-Week Grading Period
 Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels)
 Early Dismissal for Students
 October 13 Optional Teacher Workday
 October 19 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
 November 10 Holiday (Veterans Day)
 November 22 Student Holiday
 Teacher Annual Leave
 November 23-24 Holidays (Thanksgiving)
 December 20 .. End of Second 9-Week Grading Period
 December 21 Student Holiday
 Teacher Annual Leave
 December 22 Holiday (Winter)
 December 25-26 Holidays (Winter)
 December 27-29 Student Holidays
 Teacher Annual Leave
 January 1 Holiday (New Year's Day)
 January 2 Student Holiday
 Teacher Annual Leave
 January 3 Optional Teacher Workday
 January 4-5 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 January 11 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
 January 15 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
 February 19 Optional Teacher Workday
 March 7 End of Third 9-Week Grading Period
 Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels)
 Early Dismissal for Students
 March 8 Optional Teacher Workday
 March 14 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
 March 29 Holiday (Spring)
 April 1-4 Student Holidays
 Teacher Annual Leave
 April 5 Optional Teacher Workday
 May 22 Students' Last Day
 May 23-24 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 May 24 Graduation Day
 May 27 Holiday (Memorial Day)
 May 28-31 Optional Teacher Workdays

Inclement Weather Makeup Days
 January 5 February 19 March 8
 April 5 April 4 April 3 April 2

The Board of Education reserves the right to use early release days and Saturdays as makeup days for inclement weather. The Board may add days of employment to end of the school year.

Testing dates will be available on the district website after they are determined by the state.

Calendar Key

- Holiday
- First/Last Day of School
- Teacher Annual Leave
- Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students
- Mandated Teacher Workday
- Optional Teacher Workday
- 9-Week Report Cards Distributed

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The Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 school calendar on February 20, 2023.

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*Landon Weaver -
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*Garrett Carpenter -
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*Dewayne Davis -
Conf Champ /
6th in the State*



*The team won
the Conference
tournament*

