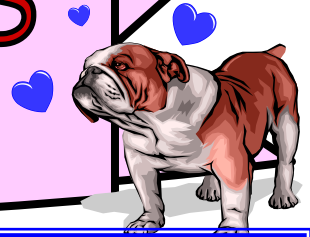




# BULLDOG NEWS

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FEBRUARY

## Administratively Speaking....

Exams are complete, grades have been recorded, and second semester is upon us. We want all of our students to start this semester off right. Here are a couple of things to keep in mind as this semester gets underway.

- 1) Attendance is important. Students are expected to account for absences. Doctor notes should be turned in to the main office once a student returns from an absence.
- 2) No food or drink will be allowed in classrooms. Students are expected to finish breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria.
- 3) We have revised our Sign out procedures to better protect your children. Signed and dated notes from home or a parent/ guardian visit to the office are the only acceptable methods for signing students out. Phone calls are no longer an accepted method for releasing students from school.
- 4) Our dismissal time is 2:45. We ask that students clear the campus by 3:00 unless they have a scheduled afterschool activity, which includes Tuesday and Thursday tutorials. Car riders should be picked up by 3:00 also. Students are not supervised after this time.

We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you and your child this semester.

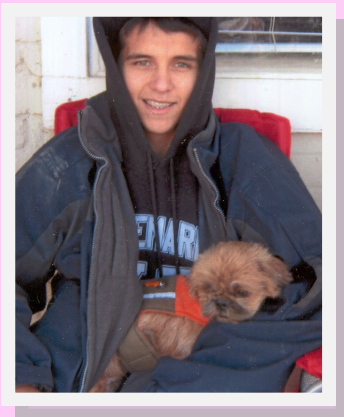
- AHS Administrators



## Graduation Projects with Heart



Many of our students' NCGP projects were aimed at helping others. Many took it upon themselves to go out into the community and help. **Andrew Sedano** volunteered at the Stanly County Humane Society. He spent many hours walking dogs, cleaning cages, feeding and bathing dogs that are available for adoption. Senior **Josh Smith** had the goal of collecting 2012 pounds of food for the Stanly County Community Christian Ministries. Not only did Josh collect that much food he also donated \$2012.00. **Kristen Lyell** collected gently used shoes for Souls4Soles, a non-profit organization that collects new shoes to give relief to the victims of abject suffering and collects used shoes to support micro-business efforts to eradicate poverty. Kristen also sponsored a silly sock day where students could pay \$1.00 to wear socks in the classroom all day and sent that money to Souls4Soles also.



Andrew & friend

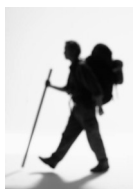
**Shawanna Turner** sponsored a talent show in honor of Jamere Stokes, a former classmate, who died on May 19, 2010. The talent show raised money for the Jamere Stokes scholarship fund. This scholarship is given to a male and female varsity basketball player to help with college cost.



Josh Smith



Sgt. Mike Martin, Albemarle High School's resource officer retired on Jan. 20, 2011. Sgt. Martin has been with the Albemarle Police Dept. for 26 years and has been a resource or D.A.R.E. officer in the schools for 24 of those years. As a matter of fact, Sgt. Martin was the first D.A.R.E. officer in the city school system. When asked what his plans for retirement were, Sgt. Martin said "camping, hiking, and fishing would be on the agenda". AHS will miss seeing the "Martinmobile" scoot around the grounds. We wish him the best!



## GREAT JOB!

Congratulations to the following top ten AR readers for the fall semester. They will be treated to lunch at a local restaurant.

Rainece Eaddy 368.4; Amy Justice 276.2; Mallory Foley 270.4; Madison Foley 262.6; Vearra Lo 183.5; Kristen Matthew 177.3; Imani Price 170; Mary Mills 159.4; Koly Yang 138; and Dominique Hyatt-Winn 121.2.



Baseball Tryouts will begin at 3:45 on Feb. 13th at Don Montgomery Field. You must provide your own transportation. The cut date is Feb. 15th. You must have an updated physical on file to participate in tryouts. For tryouts you will need a glove, baseball pants and cleats. See Coach Kimrey with any questions. The first home opener will be Feb. 28th against N. Moore at 5:00.



## New V.I.S.A. Cards Will Be Issued Soon!

New cards will be issued soon for the Spring semester. If you are interested in helping with a monthly treat, please contact Carol Sasser at 704-982-3711 ext 4220 or [Carol.Sasser@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:Carol.Sasser@stanlycountyschools.org).

### In order to receive a Bulldog V.I.S.A card, a student must meet:

**Platinum Card Holders:** GPA of 4.0, 4 or less days absent, 10 AR points, and no discipline referrals.

*In-School Perks:* Many discounts to local businesses, \*\$3.00 off school-sponsored events, early dismissal to lunch 5 days a week, special treat once a month, 5 minutes early dismissal from school (M,W,& F)

**Blue Card Holders:** GPA of 3.25-3.99, 4 or less days absent, 10 AR points, and no discipline referrals.

*In-School Perks:* Many discounts to local businesses, \*\$2.00 off school-sponsored events, early dismissal to lunch 5 days a week, special treat once a month.

**White Card Holders:** .75 increase in GPA, 4 or less days absent, 10 AR points, and no discipline referrals.

*In-School Perks:* Many discounts to local businesses, \*\$1.00 off school-sponsored events, early dismissal to lunch 5 days a week, special treat once a month.

A Note from the Attendance Office

To be counted present for a class, the student has to be present at least 45 minutes. So if you need to make appointments, please keep that in mind. Here are the break down by blocks showing the time students should stay until (or wait until) to leave:

- 1st Block - 8:45
- 2nd Block - 10:10
- 3rd Block - (1st Lunch) 12:25  
(2nd & Freshman Lunch) 11:55
- 4th Block - 2:00

Students must send in a note of their absent within 3 days of being out. Appointments must have a note from the doctor or dentist to be marked as excused. A hand written note stating that the student attended an appointment will not be marked as excused.



*Prem  
May 19th  
Market Station  
7:30 - 11:30pm*



**LunchPrepay.com**

With LunchPrepay.com you never have to worry about lost lunch money again. LunchPrepay.com is a secure, easy and convenient way to apply funds directly to your student's account online. You can even check the account balance and keep an eye on what your student is buying! You get quick and easy access to your student's meal account anytime. The ability to pay for multiple students' accounts with one single payment; to look-up your students' account balance, any time, any place the internet is available; and to see 90 calendar days of purchases and payments.

Peace of mind, knowing that the money is being used for good nutrition.

Log on today!

**tennis news**

**Tryouts/Practice will begin Feb. 13th at 4:00 at Morehead Park. Beginners are welcome!! You will need a racket (see Coach Moran ahead of time if you need one) and tennis shoes.**

**Contact Gary Moran at [gary.moran@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:gary.moran@stanlycountyschools.org) if you have questions.**

**graduation projects**

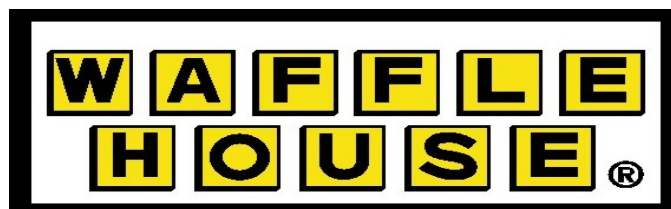
English IV due dates for NCGP

- Jan. 31 - distribute GP information
- Feb. 6 - mentor and product proposals submitted
- March 29 – products & portfolios due
- April 5 - portfolios & products returned
- April 17 - product & portfolio resubmissions
- May 8 - presentation day

English III due dates for NCGP

- Jan. 31 - distribute graduation project materials
- Feb. 13 - graduation project proposals submitted
- Feb. 21 - graduation project proposal resubmissions
- March 26 - research paper first draft
- May 1 - research paper final draft submitted\*
- May 22 - research paper resubmissions
- May 24 - mentor & product proposals submitted (early approval)

\*Individual English III teachers will set individual dates.



**Every Friday night at Waffle House on Hwy. 52 is AHS Senior Night!**

The class of 2012 will receive 20% of the profits to go toward their project. Please go to the Waffle House from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm any and every Friday night to help support AHS Class of 2012.

Spring sports will begin Feb. 13th. Students interested in playing softball, baseball, track, women's soccer, or men's tennis should listen for announcements concerning each specific sport. See coaches below if you have any sport specific questions:

- Softball:** Doug Talbert and Katie Harwood
- Baseball:** Jamie Kimrey and John McConlogue
- JV Baseball:** Lance Shinn
- Track:** Courtney Hildreth, Joe Easley, and Darius Scott
- Men's Tennis:** Gary Moran
- Women's Soccer:** Jeremy Veatch and Jake Staton
- Golf:** Al Andrew

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Joanne Hesley, AHS' athletic director at:

[joanne.hesley@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:joanne.hesley@stanlycountyschools.org)

# The Counselor's Corner

### Upcoming Events: FAFSA DAY !

For seniors and parents who need help completing their financial aid application. SECU (Members Only) Feb. 18 (9a-12p) and at Stanly Comm. College, Feb 18 (9a -12p).

### ACT Dates & Deadlines

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE
April 14	March 9	Mar. 10-23
June 9	May 4	May 5-18

Register online at

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### SAT Dates & Deadlines

TEST DATE	DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE
March 10	Feb 10	February 22
May 5	April 6	April 18
June 2	May 8	May 16

Register online at

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Congratulations students! You have finished the first semester courses and now entering the second half of the school year. You should be proud of yourselves for all your hard work.

#### Here are some time management tips:

- Make a To-Do List Everyday: put things that are important at the top of your list.
- Use spare minutes wisely: when on the bus use the time to read.
- It's ok to say "no": If friends ask you to do something and you have homework or an assignment due, it's ok to say "no".
- Find the Right Time: figure out if you work better in the morning or afternoons.
- Review your notes everyday: reviewing helps reinforce what you've learned.
- Get a good night sleep: your brain needs rest so it can perform at its peak.
- Communicate your schedule to others: tell family and friends the time of day you plan to study to reduce phone calls and texting.
- Become a taskmaster: plan your activities so you have time to complete them.
- Don't waste time agonizing: instead of procrastinating, just do it!
- Determine your priorities: Don't try to do everything at once, set realistic goals.

**Important Dates**

- Feb. 2 - Sonic Night; 5 - 8:00 pm
- Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 - Waffle House; 8 - 11:00 pm
- Feb. 6 - mentor and product proposals submitted
- Feb. 10 - Senior Night for Winter Sports during basketball game
- Feb. 9 - Black History Month Celebration
- Feb. 13 - Progress Reports
- Feb. 13 - graduation project proposals submitted
- Feb. 13 - Spring Sports Begin
- Feb. 16 - Senior Service & Follow Up Order Day
- Feb. 18 - FAFSA Day
- Feb. 20 - Teacher Workday

**Cap and Gown information**

The representative from National Recognition Products will be here on Feb. 16th to take the final orders for caps and gowns and other graduation materials. If your senior has not ordered a cap and gown they need to do so at that time. If you have questions please call Carol Sasser at 704-982-3711 ext. 4220 or email [carol.sasser@stanlycountyschools.org](mailto:carol.sasser@stanlycountyschools.org).



**Seniors "Save the Date"**

**Mandatory Graduation Practice** at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center 2:00 PM June 5th.

**Baccalaureate Service** for all seniors at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center 7:00 PM June 7th.

**Graduation** at Stanly County Agri-Civic Center 4:30 PM June 9th.



**Black Culture Club News**

On December 15, 2011, The BCC had their first Christmas Show "The Perfect Gift". The AHS Step Team and the AHS Esteem Modeling Troupe did various routines and the Modeling Troupe modeled holiday fashions that put the audience in the Christmas spirit. There was an awesome praise dance by senior Shawanna Turner as well as an exciting performance by Top of the Line Dance Group. South Stanly IAG also graced us with a very exciting routine.

**"Singles for Singlets"**

Last April 12 was a tragedy for the family of Logan Monk, AHS Class of 2007. Logan died in an automobile accident near his home. Logan loved wrestling and was a successful wrestler at AHS. When friends and classmates of Logan's mother, Lydia, heard of the terrible news, they felt a need to do something. Dawn L. Melton initiated a campaign through Facebook called "Singles for Singlets", hoping to raise money to purchase new uniforms for the AHS wrestling team and to honor Logan's memory. What started out as a small contribution, blossomed into a huge success. In the final campaign, the group raised over \$2,500! Not only did they raise enough money for the uniforms, they also now have money to purchase warm-ups for the team as well. The team honored Logan's parents, friends, and contributors at a wrestling match recently.



**Black History Month**

On Feb. 9th, 2012, the Black Culture Club will be celebrating Black History Month with a celebration in the AHS Auditorium at 6:00. The AHS Step Team and Modeling Troupe will do a Black History Timeline, and you don't want to miss the finale of this show! Admission is \$3 and all proceeds go to the BCC. Also, the BCC will have different activities during the month of February as well as a Black History Fact everyday during announcements.