



UPPER SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2024



Guest speaker Lane Wallace explains complex investment concepts in simple, easy-to-understand scenarios to the investing club.

EXPLORING INTERESTS

Upper School students participate in a variety of interest clubs with time integrated into the school day. This year students have created clubs including:

Anime
Fashion
Investing
Book Club

Engineering
Digital Media
Interior Design
Creative Writing

Additionally, Jr. Civitans and the National Honor Society meet regularly each month for service time. All students serve on Student Council committees and some also serve in elected positions.

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

Graduates of the SA Upper School will have much success ahead. It is therefore important that they understand the financial environment they are moving into after high school to make the best financial decisions possible.

The Upper School works to prepare students for their future financial independence. In the spring semester, juniors and seniors participate in a **personal finance course**. The class' teacher, John Cowan, will invite variety of guest speakers to enhance the course content with their professional expertise as students complete projects that include budgets, tax documents, and making plans for financing higher education.

In the **investing club**, also led by John Cowan, students manage portfolio simulations. In November, students will meet virtually with a Wall Street financial advisor to get feedback on their different portfolio strategies.

Finally, our wellness class is studying **health care systems and insurance**. From premiums to deductibles, students will explore financial decision making around health care needs.

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| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
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| 04 Swim practice starts - Mon & Wed 6:15 – 7:30 pm @ Catawba | 05 Election Day | 06 | 07 1:30 Community class to Freightliner | 08 |
| 11 9:30 Hall House American History 11:00 UNC-A Rep 12:30 Sydney-Hampden Rep | 12 | 13 | 14 9:30 History classes to Rowan Museum 12:30 Virginia Commonwealth Rep | 15 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 NHS Street Clean Up 1:30 | 22 |
| 25 No SA Classes | 26 No SA Classes | 27 No SA Class No Catawba Classes | 28 No SA Class No Catawba Classes | 29 No SA Class No Catawba Classes |

COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

This month our 9th - 11th grade students explored what it means when a college is a “good fit.” Students evaluated what characteristics defined a good college fit for them and translated these results into their SCOIR college match lists. We encourage parents to log into SCOIR and check out the colleges your student is watching. This is a great starting point for the conversation around junior year college plan tours!

Seniors are working on interview skills as we approach scholarship application season. Continue reading the scholarship opportunity sheet Mrs. Doby is sharing with Upper School families. Our students are well prepared to apply for many scholarships!