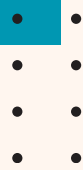


GOATS AT A GLANCE

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NEWSLETTER



Campus Updates

Fall has crept its way to North Carolina: temperatures have dropped, leaves are changing colors, and all the fall festivities have kicked off throughout the region. On campus, several different projects are underway. The baseball field is undergoing a major renovation: new turf in the infield, and that is just the beginning of what will be continued development for an upgraded stadium. A pickle ball court behind the admin building, as well as the start of what will be a mini disc golf course near Fitz, are all in the works for some additional recreational entertainment activities on campus. Likewise, clubs started this last week. Students all selected a club to participate in this fall. Whether it is running club at 7am with Mrs. Smith, playing chess with Mr. Stouffer on Fridays, or hiking on Sundays with Coach Nate, our athletes are all over campus trying a new hobby or engaging in something they enjoy. Club dates and times are scattered throughout the fall; however, clubs will have at least four meetups throughout the semester in conjunction with their Friday Seminar class. Coach Nate also organized an ice cream truck on campus last month, and another food truck is scheduled for October 11th for lunch. Our most recent field trip was to Birkdale, an outdoor entertainment, dining, and shopping center. Students were able to grab a meal, do some shopping, listen to live music, grab ice cream! It was a perfect Friday evening event this last weekend. Our October field trip is to the North Carolina Renaissance Festival which will be quite the experience for our students on the 26th.



- Combine's Fall Clubs**
- Disc Golf
 - Business
 - Music Appreciation
 - Chess
 - Running
 - Hiking
 - Cornhole
 - Wellness Warriors
 - Podcast
 - Sports Film
 - GOATS Success Club
 - Community Service

Team Updates

Soccer

Soccer is well into its season. Both teams have been actively traveling and competing at a high level. Most recently, Combine Royals traveled to New York for one of the largest prep school tournaments in the country. With over 20 schools and 100 college coaches, the young men eagerly played against some competitive opponents. They were even hosted by Combine Family, the Michel's, post-game on Saturday for a team dinner. While the competition was steep this last weekend, they plan to maintain their momentum with several big competitors in the coming weeks.

Golf

Golf has successfully teed off their fall season. They played in the Monroe CC tournament on September 7-8 in the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour. In the 16-18-year-old division, Henry Ashley earned 1st place (round 1: 73 & round 2: 71); Diaz Arifin earned 2nd place (round 1: 76 & round 2: 78); and Juan Rodriguez came in 3rd place (round 1: 76 & round 2: 78). In the 14-15-year-old division, Eduardo De Leon earned 1st place (round 1: 73 & round 2: 72). Most recently, they traveled to Jekyll Island in Georgia and. KP Chantang won the event shooting 5 under - and Henry Ashley earned second place with 1 under.

Baseball

While baseball hasn't officially started their season, they have been actively training and conditioning. They have been utilizing the indoor facilities, particularly the indoor hitting cages and the upgraded equipment in their weight room. The installation of the new turf is coming along and is anticipated to be completed in early October.

Basketball

As of two weeks ago, the young men were selected for their teams. There are five teams this year, and teams have already started competing. The Phenom Fall League started in mid-September, so the varsity, regional, and global teams have initiated their season. Official team schedules are set to be finalized in early November.

QuickSchools

QuickSchools is Combine's online academic portal. It not only houses student information and schedules, but it is where students manage grades and attendance. All parents can have access to this platform. Parents can also opt in to receive emails regarding absences and low grades, for example. Parents will receive communication updates via QuickSchools, so please let us know if you would like a tutorial of the program, or if you would like to add a family member to your student's account. Email scicala@combineacademics.org for more information.



Students of the Month: August

Each month, teachers nominate students for their efforts, their kindness, their progress, their participation in the classroom. Students can be nominated for a variety of things. For the month of August, several students were recognized for their academic successes and their positivity in the classroom. Congratulations to our GOATS of the Month! This month it is a trip to Morgan's Ice Cream Parlor on September 25th.

- Braydon Cap
- Vincent Nguyen
- Simbarashe Bete
- Joost Leicheile
- Kohsuke Fujiwara
- Isaak Stephenson
- Jackson Jones
- Sebastian Shimizu
- Matias Baldi
- Paolo Baudron
- Mahutin Hounsa
- Tobiloba Dada
- Henry Ashley
- Sipehelele Ngubane
- Alan Li
- Sakollapat Sathitthepbancha



Events & Outings

Guest Speaker (9/13): Amy Worden

Combine family member, Amy Worden, visited campus for Friday Seminar on September 13th. Ms. Worden is an amazing Combine mom who moved from Michigan to North Carolina for her son to play Combine baseball. She is an extremely successful lawyer, and she has an amazing outlook on life. Her experience personally and professionally paired nicely with our student-athletes. She stressed the importance of committing to an extra 1% every day - to being comfortable with the uncomfortable - and to betting on oneself. Our athletes had some great takeaways, and they loved that Xavier's mom came to speak. It was an awesome day!

Friday Seminars: Class Meetings

This is the first year Combine has hosted Friday Seminars. From field trips and clubs to grade and attendance recovery, Fridays are utilized in a variety of ways. We started Class Meetings in August. The first session was designated for NCAA eligibility and SAT sign up, and the second was for students to learn more about their learning styles. Moving forward in class meetings, students will spend time college planning, learning more about the recruiting process, and even learning how to develop a strong college essay. The semester's schedule can be found [here](#). Students are expected to submit their assignments on time, and they are expected to stay up-to-date with Google Classroom. At the end of each semester, students do earn a grade for their efforts and participation in this course.

SAT Review Group (9/13 & 9/20)

There was a tremendous amount of interest in our SAT Prep class, and unfortunately, only so many students could complete the course this fall. As a result, we have started an SAT Review Group (as of 9/13). On Fridays, there will be an hour review session for students who would like to learn more about the test, practice and prepare for their upcoming test, etc. All Combine students are expected to complete the SAT each year. While many collegiate programs are SAT test optional when it comes to admissions, there are many schools that require score submissions, particularly for international students (to demonstrate English fluency). All resources and session information is shared on the Friday Seminar Google Classroom page for students. Any questions can be directed to sicala@combineacademics.org.

Housing Checks & Recognitions

Mrs. Schick, along with others on our administrative team, oversee weekly housing checks. This is to ensure that accommodations are being taken care of and that our student-athletes are maintaining a safe, healthy, and clean space to live in day-to-day. It is important to Combine for students to care for their living space, so to encourage that mindset, students are receiving recognition for their efforts in keeping a tidy, well-kept space. Congratulations to Tomas Burkert, Hiroto Kimura, Kai Lefkowitz, Alan Li, Tristan Merritt, Jonas Aastrup, Chase Ruben, Nikita Skobelev, Khanya Nhlapo, Sakollapat Sathitpetchpancha, and Porapoj Phuetpaiboon for being our September Broom Award Winners.



Upcoming Events

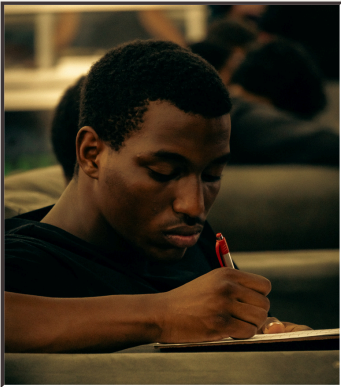
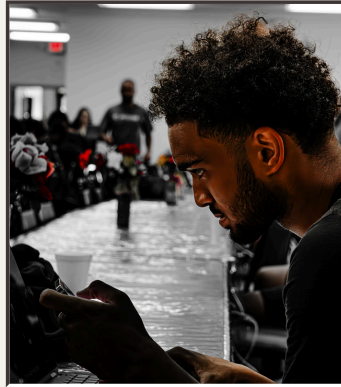
- 9/25: Student of the Month Ice Cream Visit (6:30pm)
- 9/26: Soccer Royals vs. Coker University (5:00pm)
- 9/27: Gaston College (Dual Enrollment) Information Session (9:30am); Friday Seminar: Class Meeting-College Search (10am); Soccer Futures vs. Carter G. Woodson (4:30pm)
- 9/28: Soccer Royals vs Rush United Soccer Club (1:30pm); Soccer Futures vs. Villarreal Force Academy (4:30pm); Basketball Regional, Varsity, & Global Phenom Fall League
- 9/29: Basketball Regional, Varsity, & Global Phenom Fall League
- 10/3: Soccer Royals @ St. Andrews University (4:00pm)
- 10/3-10/6: Golf Disney Fall Junior Open
- 10/4: Friday Seminar: Club Day #2
- 10/5: SAT Test; Soccer @ Briar United SC (6:30pm); Regional, Varsity, & Global Phenom Fall League
- 10/6: SAT Test; Soccer @ Ashville FC (4:00pm); United SC (6:30pm); Regional, Varsity, & Global Phenom Fall League
- 10/8: Soccer Futures vs. Converse University (5:00pm)
- 10/10-10/12: Elite Basketball All American Jamboree FL
- 10/11: Friday Seminar: Guest Speaker (NCAA/Recruiting)
- 10/12: Soccer Royals vs. Mint Hill (1:00pm); Soccer Futures vs. Mint Hill (4:00pm)



Administrative Updates

- Enrollment Confirmation: Every school handles transcript requests/enrollment confirmation of transfer students differently. If a student is in need of this type of documentation for proof of transfer to Combine, [please reach out to Head of School, Stephanie Cicala](#), to request this paperwork. This process is not automatically completed, it must be specifically requested - and contact information for the recipient of this information is required.
- Transcript Requests: Please complete [this request form](#) if a student is in need of a transcript. Unofficial transcripts can be shared with families; however, all official transcripts must be sent to the academic institution directly.
- Pre-Arranged Absence Form: If students plan to miss school for a doctor's appointment; a college visit; family travel, parents/guardians need to complete [the pre-arranged absence form](#) to ensure that a student's absence is approved and marked as excused. For our on-campus students, when an illness arises, please ensure you visit the trainer in a timely manner to avoid unexcused absences.
- December Early Exam Request Form: For students eager to travel home early for the winter holiday, [an early exam request form is required](#). This form does not approve your early departure; however, it allows administration to initiate the request for an early release. Early exams will be administered on Friday, December 13th. Students must also check with their coaches to ensure early departure is approved from an athletic side. Students leaving on any other day than December 18th (approved departure date), will need to complete the [Transportation Form \(w/ fee\)](#), or arrange their own transportation. Campus will be closed from December 19th - January 4th for the winter holiday.

September Happenings



Welcome, New Goats!

Liz Tyler



Mary Williams



Larry Mullins



Ms. Tyler is returning to Combine after a brief stint away. We are excited to have her back in our English Department, sharing her extensive knowledge of literature and composition.

Mary Williams is a graduate from UNC Charlotte with collegiate experience in sports. She comes from a diverse background of fitness from working in Cardiac Rehab, Employee Wellness, and Professional Sports. She is dedicated to helping athletes reach their next level of performance.

Coach Mullins joins the regional basketball staff this year. He brings a wealth of experience to Combine with his 20 year contribution to high school and collegiate basketball. He coached and led the athletic department for several years at Clinton College from 2008-2016, coached at Caldwell Community College 2021, and he worked with the East Coast Basketball League 2016-2023. His early coaching years were spent running the AAU program from 2005-2007.