

KMHS SAT scores improve but still below State average

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Kings Mountain High School's SAT score rose considerably in the 2001-02 school year but it is still below the state average, according to district officials.

The school's average for the past school year was 972, up from 917 in 2000-01.

"We're making good progress," Kings Mountain District Schools Director of Curriculum and Instruction John Goforth said.

Goforth said math scores were up 49 points while verbal scores were up six points.

Goforth said he was pleased that progress is

being made in math.

"Those kids and those teachers are really getting after that math over there," he said.

One of the things that could be attributed to the SAT gain is a preparation class which was started last year.

Goforth said school officials tried to have the class coincide with the student's test date. The class has netted some good results on the test, he said.

Several students made a 70-200 point improvement on the test after taking the class. The average gain about 100 points, he said.

While the school system still has work to do on the SAT scores, Goforth said the district's goal is to meet or exceed the state average, which was 998 for the 2001-02 school year. The national average is 1,020.

Juniors and seniors take the test and seniors' scores are the only ones included in the district and school-by-school averages released annually by the College Board.

The SAT has a verbal and math section and the highest possible score on the exam is 1,600.

Around the area, Gaston County's scores dropped 10 points, going from 973 in 2000-01 to 963 in 2001-02. Lincoln County also made a gain going from 949 in 2000-01 to 975 in 2001-02.

Cleveland County dropped from 969 in 2000-01 to 951 in 2001-02. Shelby City Schools jumped from 994 in 2000-01 to 1,025 in 2001-02.

The state score moved up six points in 2001-02, which surpassed the southeast average (995) for the first time.

The southeast score includes scores from Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

North Carolina's score went up even as the participation rate of students increased. At 67 percent, North Carolina has the 13th largest (tied with Maryland) SAT participation rate in the nation (46 percent). In 2001-02, approximately 46,180 students in North Carolina

took the SAT. This is up nearly 5 percent from the previous year. Generally, among states, the higher the percentage of students taking the SAT, the lower the score.

North Carolina has improved its score each year since 1990, except in 1994 when there was no change. From 1990 to 2002, North Carolina gained more points (50) than any other state with more than 12 percent SAT takers.

State Superintendent Mike Ward said that he is particularly pleased to see North Carolina's SAT results move above the Southeast average. "The SAT is one of the national indicators that we track to see how our students are performing. Universities tell us that the students we're sending to them are better prepared for college-level work. That's backed up by these results."

Goforth said he thinks the school system's scores will continue to rise.

"I look forward to see what happens next year," he said.

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL PUTNAM
KINGS MOUNTAIN - Russell Putnam, 76, 340 Oak Grove Road, died August 28, 2002 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte.

A native of Cleveland County, he was the son of the late William Wayne and Lala Wright Putnam.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Max Putnam, David Paul Putnam and Morris Putnam.

He was a lifelong member of Patterson Grove Baptist Church where he served as Deacon and on numerous church committees. He was a member of the Cleveland County Senior's Golf Association. He was retired founder and owner of Putnam Hosiery Company for over 40 years. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the United States Navy as a Gunners Mate Third Class on the U.S.S. Chicago.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen Maxine Short Putnam of Kings Mountain; sons, Roger D. Putnam and wife Libby, and Gerald E. Putnam and wife Stella, all of Kings Mountain; daughters, Debbie P. Van Dyke and husband Richard of Kings Mountain and Teresa P. LeMaster and husband Haile of Gaffney, SC; grandchildren, Laura P. Evans and husband Reid of Mt. Holly, Jim Putnam of Shelby, Susan Putnam of Asheville, Lee Putnam, Russ Putnam, Jordan Van Dyke and Meredith Van Dyke, all of Kings Mountain, Katye F. Price and husband Greg, Hunter Falls and Sarah Beth LeMaster, all of Gaffney, SC; great-grandchildren, Zoe Elisabeth Evans and Emma Wells Price; brother, Hoyle Putnam and wife Liddy of

Kings Mountain; and sisters, Betty Lee Jones of Kings Mountain and Sue Jones and husband Hicks of Forest City.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Tim Hendricks at 11 a.m. Friday at Patterson Grove Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Patterson Grove Baptist Church Challenge to Build Fund, 301 Oak Grove Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086.

Harris Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



PUTNAM

ROBERT HUBBARD III
GASTONIA - Robert Peeler "Robby" Hubbard III, 26, Walker Ridge Apt. 1132-L, died August 28, 2002 at his home.

He was a native of Cleveland County and served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Kadesh United Methodist Church.

He was predeceased by his father, Robert Peeler Hubbard Jr. and grandparents, Robert and Lois Hubbard Sr. and Harold and Dorothy Reece Ramey Sr.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Carolyn Ramey Paysour and Jim of Kings Mountain; sister, Iris Camille Hubbard of

Wilmington; stepsister, Allison Paysour of the home; stepsister and her husband, Frances Houser and Jonathan of Raleigh; aunt and uncle, Patricia and Ricky Jones of Shelby; aunt, Carroll Ann Bingham of Fallston; aunt and uncle, Vickie and Mel Beighley of Fallston; uncle and aunt, Tommy and Susie Ramey of Earl; and several cousins.

The funeral was conducted at graveside by Rev. Keys Pendelton at Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kadesh United Methodist Church Building Fund, c/o Sonny Brackett, 109 Old Belwood Road, Lawndale, NC 28090.

Cleveland Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

BRIEFS

Bloodmobile today at Grace Methodist

Grace United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, is sponsoring a blood drive Thursday, September 5 from 1:30-6 p.m.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

Sandi Bolick, Blood Services Director for the Cleveland County Unit of the American Red Cross, said the Carolinas Blood Region has less than a two-day supply for types O and B blood.

Rural internet grants available

The Rural Internet Access Authority, the group leading the e-NC Initiative to connect at North Carolinians to the Internet, is currently accepting grant applications to help counties implement the technology.

Private funds totaling \$2.5 million are available. Grant deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 15 by 5 p.m.

Educational institutions, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, public sector agencies, and units of government serving NC's 81 designated e-communities, are eligible to apply.

To obtain an application, visit the "What's New" section of the authority's web site, www.e-nc.org. Click on "E-communities

Implementation Grants, or call 1-866-NCRURAL.

Cleveland County's contact person is Scott Fite. His e-mail address is scottfite@clevelandcounty.com

Workshop slated at Summit Place

Doug Satterfield, Edward Jones investment representative in Kings Mountain, will host a 4-week workshop for individual investors.

The weekly class will start on Tuesday, September 10 and continue through October 1, with each session running from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Classes will be held at Summit Place, 1001 Phifer Road.

Cost for the course is \$8 and includes all course materials.

For more information or to reserve a seat call Satterfield at 704-739-0997

Exercise class at senior center

The Fit for a King Exercise class will begin again September 6 at the H. Lawrence Patrick Senior Center in Kings Mountain. It will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p.m. in conference room 2.

The class is free. To register, see Mattie Scoggins at the front desk.

KM SCHOOLS LUNCH MENUS

Kings Mountain District Schools lunch menus for September:

Sept. 5 - Baked chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 6 - Chicken filet

sandwich, lettuce and tomato, French fries, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 9 - Hot dog with chili, French fries, cole slaw, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 10 - Baked potato bar, baked beans, breadsticks, apple crisp, choice of milk.

Sept. 11 - Taco salad, lettuce and tomato, corn on cob, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 12 - Turkey pie, mixed vegetables, steamed broccoli, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 13 - Turkey and cheese hoagie, lettuce and tomato, onion and pickle, potato salad, fruit.

Sept. 17 - Macaroni and cheese and ham biscuit, green peas, sweet potatoes, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 18 - Turkey sandwich, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 19 - Baked chicken, creamed potatoes, broccoli normandy, roll, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 23 - Sausage pizza, corn, green beans, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 24 - Hot dog with chili, French fries, cole slaw, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 25 - Spaghetti, breadstick, tossed salad, corn, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 26 - Taco salad, lettuce and tomato, corn on cob, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 27 - Chicken filet sandwich, baked beans, lettuce and tomato, fruit, choice of milk.

Sept. 30 - BBQ sandwich, french fries, cole slaw, fruit.

BUILDING PERMITS

The Kings Mountain Building Codes and Zoning Enforcement Office issued the following permits for the week of Aug. 26-30.

8/26 - 806 Gantt St., Merit Builders, single family dwelling, \$95,000.

8/26 - 215 Blanton St., Holiness Mission Church, adding porch to building, \$2,500.

8/26 - 1005 North Cansler St., Donald Oliver, building behind house, \$1,800.

8/26 - 130 Putnam Lake Road, Brad Wilson, single family dwelling, \$120,000.

8/27 - 300 Stowe Acres, Jesse Briggs, replace roof, \$600.

8/28 - 1027 Bethlehem Road, Bethlehem Baptist Church, utility building, \$3,500.

KM FIRE REPORT

The Kings Mountain Fire Department responded to the following calls for the week of Aug. 26-31.

8/27 - 104 South Carpenter St., fire alarm.

8/27 - 509 Landing St., search.

8/28 - 104 Galilee Church

Road, vehicle fire.

8/28 - 204 Margaret St., EMS.

8/29 - 705 Canterbury Road, fire alarm.

8/31 - 501 York Road, fire alarm.

8/31 - 413 Wintergreen Court, fire alarm.

KINGS MOUNTAIN WEATHER REPORT

	Aug. 28-Sept. 3	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.76	4.08
Maximum 1 day	.61 (31st)	1.78 (3rd)
Total for August	3.62	1.41
Sept. to date	.01	3.39
Year to date	25.16	34.47
Low temp.	64 (28th, 31st, 1st)	63 (3rd)
High temp.	85 (3rd)	89 (28th)
Avg. temp.	70.0	75.4

Happy Birthday!

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Oh! My Soul
Look Who's Turned
The Big 50!

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Diane (Mom #2),
John Boy, Mystee
and Noah

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Tuesday, Sept. 10

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FALL 2002 Bible Study Schedule

This FALL there will be TWELVE opportunities to learn and grow in the Lord. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Bible Study	Day & Time	Start Date	Teacher
Crown Ministries (Youth)	Sun. 6 PM	Sept. 22nd	Joe Head
Crown Ministries	Sun. 5 PM	Sept. 22nd	Don & Sherry Sellers
Beginning Steps (New Believers)	Sun 10:30 A.M. (Sun. School)	Sept. 22nd	Rusty Bridges
Experiencing God	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 25th	Cindy Greene & Tonya Yates
Crown Ministries	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 25th	Kent & Michelle Goodson
Experiencing God For Youth	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 25th	Jairus Laughner & Jennifer Lynch
Becoming A Friend Faithful God (Precept Study)	Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 24th	Michael Ware
Quitting For Good (Nicotine Addiction)	Tuesday 6:30 P.M.	Sept. 24th	Chip Parker
Jesus On Leadership Secrets To Lasting Love For Couples	Wed. 6PM Sunday 5:00 P.M.	Sept. 25th	Mark Toney
Precepts Study (Morning Study For Ladies) 1 Year Study Woman	Tues. 9-11 AM Begins Sept. 24th thru May 6th	Sept. 24th	Ashley Sullens
"Follow Me" Prayer Walk Study	Tuesday 6:30 P.M.	Sept. 24th	Jeremy McSwain

ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION DATES: Sunday, Sept. 8th & Sept. 15th at 3:30 p.m. Location: Christian Freedom Baptist Fellowship Building. All studies will be small group, classes will fill up quickly. An orientation for each study will be held on these dates, to introduce you to the studies. Registration will immediately follow orientation. Here you will be able to sign up for the study the Lord has led you, through prayer, to take. At this time, you will pay for the materials needed for the study. If you have any questions concerning the studies contact Vince & Ashley Sullens. 704-734-0964