

Senior Newsletter



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From The Counselor's Office

Welcome back to school, seniors!! This will be a great year full of fun and excitement! During this time of year, you should be taking some very important steps in preparing for college. The LEARN counselor, Ms. Coppage, will be coming to meet you and to begin helping you with this process on Wednesday, September 14th. She will be returning to campus once a month and will meet with each of you at your scheduled time.

One of the most important things you need to be doing **RIGHT NOW** is registering to take the ACT, SAT or both...as soon as possible!!!! You need these scores for college entrance purposes as well as for scholarships. Some colleges set score requirements that allow you automatic acceptance. Some colleges automatically award academic scholarships based on your scores. In other words, if your scores meet their requirements, you don't have to worry about whether or not they will accept you, and you could receive scholarships without even applying for them!

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many websites that use the information you provide to find scholarships that match your interests and needs. Here are a just a few you can visit.

Scholarship matching services

www.fastweb.com

www.UCanGo2.org

<http://ScholarshipExperts.com>

www.highfivescholarships.com

www.aie.org

I often receive information about scholarships in the mail. I pass this information on to you through these newsletters, so please take time to read them and get busy applying!!! If I receive hard copies of scholarship applications, I make copies for you and place them in Coach Price's classroom or in my office for you to pick up and fill out if you are interested. Some applications you will turn back in to me and others you will mail yourself. Just check the application instructions for submitting it.

SAT Boot Camp- Wednesday, September 28th

If you want to boost your scores on the SAT test, sign up to attend the SAT Bootcamp in Shallowater on Wednesday, September 28th! You will learn testing strategies and receive important tips that will help you on the test. The next important step is to take the SAT test as soon as possible. Check the dates for SAT testing and registration online, in Mrs. Schaap's room, or in my office. Don't forget to come by my office for a fee waiver. Don't miss out!!!!



What do scholarship committees consider?

Scholarship committees consider many different things. Some are unique (race, career interest, creativity, leadership) while other considerations are more common (grades and/or financial need). One thing that has become an important consideration for many scholarships is community service and school involvement. If you want to increase your chances of earning scholarships, make sure you are INVOLVED at school, in the community, at church, etc. Take part in service projects, become an active member in organizations such as Spanish Club, National Honor Society, FCA, FCCLA, etc. Keep a record of the activities in which you participate, including dates and times, past and present!

Scholarship Opportunity

Horatio Alger Scholarship- up to \$25,000

Application Deadline- October 25th

Apply at www.scholars.horatioalger.org

Are you on Facebook?

Are you planning to attend a 4-year university or live in the dorms at a 2-year college?

Consider searching Facebook for a page for your class. For example, if you are going to Texas Tech, search for "Texas Tech Class of 2021". This will give you the chance to meet other students who are coming from many different places to join you as a freshman at that school. You may get to know someone and decide to be roommates!