

PTA Counseling Update – February, 2017

Parents of seniors are reminded that they can contact the College Planning Center (1-877-272-4692) for assistance in filling out their FAFSA form, which is the need-based financial aid application required by colleges in order to award grants, loans, and work study. It needs to be submitted by a school's priority deadline for optimum consideration.

Seniors need to be researching scholarships. Many of the scholarships have a February 28th deadline. The counseling web site and its link to the Fastweb are two good ways to gather scholarship possibilities. A third resource is each college to which a student has applied. Families should check their place of work for any scholarship offers as well.

Just a reminder, spring break runs from March 13th to March 17th.

Registration for next year's courses should be finished at the end of next week. We brought all students to a computer lab to learn about classes and then put their choices into the system. We are registering at the middle schools this week to register 8th graders. Parents can see their students' selections on-line.

March 3rd is the deadline to register for the April 8th ACT test. This is the most common date for juniors across the nation to take the ACT but many will do the June 10th test as well (deadline of May 5th). The May 6th SAT has a registration deadline of April 7th. Check your calendars for conflicts for the dates on which you plan to test.

The counselors have combined to process 350 transcripts to colleges sent to 34 different states. This number is up from last year. We will soon be calling in seniors that have not sent a transcript anywhere to see what we can do to be of assistance.

The counselors have combined to conduct 48 junior conferences with more on the horizon. This number is a little lower than last year, but we have more than usual signed up for the 2nd half of February, so we're on pace with last year. Juniors should now be making college lists and visiting campuses.