

Senior News from Guidance

Welcome to the down hill slide of your child's Senior year—there is much to do in preparation for your child's future. Please feel free to call, come by, or make an appointment for a conference concerning your child and the opportunities ahead.

Remember to refer to the packet you received during the information breakfast.

Students and parents should check out FACTS.org for valuable information.

Honor Graduates

Beginning 2009-10, honor graduate status will be awarded based on cumulative **weighted** GPA of 3.5 or higher. (Honors, dual enrollment and advanced placement are weighted classes.) 4.0 or higher will be awarded High Honors.

Calculations will be at the mid-point of the fourth grading period. The mid-point grade will be averaged with the 3rd grading period grade to serve as the semester average. Then, all semester averages (9th—12th) will be averaged.

Important Information

- Seniors who intend to continue their education in a Vocational field will need to take the TABE test on **March 3**. Come by the Guidance Office to sign up and for study material.

- Deadline to submit/mail ACT packet for April 10th test date is **March 5**. Packets in guidance or you may register on-line. Remember to get a fee waiver from guidance if you're eligible.

Scholarship Information

- Seniors need to be working toward increasing GPA, ACT scores and volunteer/community service hours for Florida Bright Future Scholarships and other scholarship opportunities.

- Parents need to complete their 2009 Income Tax as quickly as possible, as this documentation will be needed by your senior to complete the FAFSA (Federal Application) The process opens January 1st and students must complete prior to graduation. I will be available to assist with this and will send additional information in January.

- Local scholarship application deadline is **February 26 at 3:15 p.m.** This includes several of the Chipola Foundation Scholarships as well as our community scholarships.

Every senior should submit an application!

- Chipola Foundation Scholarships will be out in March.—applications online too.

- McClendon Scholarship (Chipola) will be available—deadline for Summer Session 1- March 16; Summer Session 2- May 28; Fall Semester- June 10.

Applications online too. *Applying early is essential due to budget cuts.

- Students need to check the scholarship board in office hallway, outside the guidance office, for current scholarship opportunities. They are posted and copied for review and take information to process the application. Parents are welcome to come in periodically and check the board also.

Current open scholarships and deadline dates:

- Mensa Education and Research Foundation January 15, 2010
- Florida JCI Senate, Inc. January 16, 2010
- ACT January 30, 2010
- Burger King Scholars February 1, 2010
- KFC Colonel Scholars February 10, 2010
- AXA Achievement Community Scholarship February 15, 2010
- Dr. Seuss's "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" Scholarship February 15, 2010
- Scholarships for Military Children February 17, 2010
- *American Legion Dept. of Florida March 1, 2010
- *Sammy 2010 March 5, 2010
- *Best Buy (opens in January)

The scholarship board is constantly changing—as deadlines pass and new scholarships arrive.

*Check out these scholarship websites for more information: scholarships101.com, scholarships.com and fastweb.com.

~Mrs. Yon