

# Senior Guidance Memo

## January/February 2010

All College Applications should be completed and submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup> even if a later deadline is offered by the college you are applying to for next year. By applying by the February 15<sup>th</sup> date, you will receive better consideration for admissions as well as financial aid.

**There will be a FAFSA / Financial Aid Workshop night on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This is specifically designed to help parents using the FAFSA form for the first time to make sense of the FAFSA aid process and how it can affect your college financial obligations. All parents regardless of income are encouraged to attend as it is impossible for any student to receive any form of federal aid including loans and work study, as well as most institutional aid including almost all academic grants and some scholarships without filing a FAFSA Form. **Remember always list NJ colleges first !!! Preferred FAFSA application date is February 15<sup>th</sup> . Please remind your parents.**

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** are out there but you have to apply ! Check your [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) account at least once a week to see what new opportunities there are for you.

**Sammy 2010 Award:** Criteria needed superior student/athlete with demonstrated leadership and community involvement. Visit [www.whymilk.com](http://www.whymilk.com) for application.

**Edward Pinson Scholarship:** All students who have been involved and have tried to fully applied themselves and used their talents and abilities in High school and plan to continue their involvement and success through further education after graduation. Applications should be arriving soon in the Guidance Office.

**American Legion Scholarships:** Scholarships offered to children and grandchildren of military veterans based on Academic achievement, Character, Americanism, Leadership, and Basis of Need. Information is available in Guidance Office. **Some are specifically for students pursuing Nursing degrees.**

**Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Foundation:** \$2500 Essay contest: Application in Guidance Office

**American Red Cross:** [www.pleasegiveblood.org](http://www.pleasegiveblood.org) for details for anyone who participated in Blood drive.

**Drive your future/Mercedes Benz Scholarship:** first generation to attend college, 3.0 or better GPA: [www.MBUSA.com/drivefuture](http://www.MBUSA.com/drivefuture)

**KFC Scholarship:** Financial Need, 2.75 GPA, Extra-curricular activity, attending a Public University or college in NJ. [WWW.KFCSCHOLARS@act.org](mailto:WWW.KFCSCHOLARS@act.org)

**National CO-OP Scholarship:** For students attending a member CO-OP university or college ( Northeastern, Johnson & Wales, Drexel, Pace, for example) [www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu) for information and application

**New Jersey Schoolwomen's Club Scholarship:** For young women pursuing a career in education. Must have at least 24 ACT or 1460/2400 SAT and a "B" average as well as extra-curricular achievement . Applications in Guidance Office.

**Cumberland County School Counselor Association Scholarship:** Essay and application required.Applications are in the Guidance Office.

**EOE Utilities Scholarship:** For minorities, Females and /or disabled individuals with financial need and demonstrated high academic achievement. Applications are in the Guidance Office.

**Cumberland County Bar Foundation Scholarship:** For a student pursuing a career in the legal or law field. Essay and application required. Applications are in the Guidance Office.

**Other Local Scholarships will be coming into the Guidance Office in early Spring. Please check the Bulletin Board outside the Guidance Office for new postings in- between the monthly memos you receive. You are ALL strongly encouraged to apply for every opportunity that matches your interest and ability profile.**

**Any Senior who has applied to a College or University that requires a Mid-year grade report must make that known in writing to the Guidance Secretary in order for those grades to be sent. Some Universities will not make admissions decisions without them !!!!**

**Desperate Seniors in need of one more or the first (eekkk ) SAT scores, you can still take the SAT s. in January on the 23<sup>rd</sup> as a walk –in or register online for the March test dates. Walk-ins see Mrs. Hartman ASAP for instructions how to do this.**

**Please keep the Guidance Office informed of any College/university acceptances or awards/scholarships that you receive. A copy of your acceptance letter/award is necessary for verification by the Guidance Office. Questions, Concerns, Confusion about where you are in the College or post high school planning process.....Please come to see Mrs. Hartman or Mrs. Jaep to schedule an appointment for yourself or your parents.**

**Good Luck and Keep your eyes on the Prize!**

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