

Dear Silex R-I Parents, Students, and Staff:

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Halloween. Those students who came in costume at conferences or on Halloween Day ranged from spooky to sparkly, cute to creative. It's awesome how they participated in the celebration, and I had fun talking with 2nd-Grade students about the disguises we sometimes wear... more about that later.

There are so many things going on at this time of year. I had the pleasure of attending my first-ever Pumpkin Patch Wedding on Tuesday, Oct. 31st. Life is full of opportunities and experiences. Sometimes, the challenge is just being able to take advantage of it all. It is the same for students. There are lots of programs and possibilities for them. Several are listed in this month's newsletter.

If I can help you or your student in any way, please call or email me.

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SECONDARY NEWS...



If your student has decided on a school, please have them let me know. Several have already made that important decision and are working on funding. Also, please forward copies of any awards or scholarships received, so that I can include those in our May listing. (It's crazy to be collecting information for graduation already, right!)

Here's the Latest Listing (4 Added):

#	Name of Scholarship	Due Date	\$ Amount
3	2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award	November 7, 2017	\$1,000 or more
4	Danforth Scholars Program (Washington University)	November 15, 2017	Part/Full Tuition
15	Show-Me Chapter of Soil/Water Conservation Society	November 27, 2017	\$2,000
14	Pike Co. Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers	December 15, 2017	\$2,000
5	Rove Pest Control Scholarship	December 31, 2018	\$500
6	Culver-Stockton Pillars for Excellence	October - January	Full Tuition
7	Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarship	Jan. 5, 2018	\$1,000
8	Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest	January 31, 2018	Up to \$1,500
16	Conservation Foundation of Missouri Scholarship	January 31, 2018	\$1,000
9	2018 Project 21 Scholarship (MO Gaming Assoc.)	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 - \$1,500
10	Peoples Bank & Trust Co. Scholarship	March 15, 2018	Up to \$2,000/yr.
11	Donald E. Thompson Family Charitable Foundation	March 15, 2018	Up to \$2,000/yr.
17	Lincoln County Moose Lodge 2599	April 1, 2018	\$500
12	Injury Lawyers Scholarship	May 31, 2018	\$1,500
13	Groth & Associates	July 31, 2018	\$1,000

Each scholarship has specific criteria, and some require a nomination from the Silex Guidance Office. If you are interested in being nominated or applying for any of the above, please see me for information on how to proceed. Some of the ones listed above have a link that will provide the application and more information about the scholarship. For those scholarships, the links below:

- #15 <http://www.moswcs.org/scholarship/>
- #5 <http://www.rovepestcontrol.com/rove-pest-control-scholarship/>
- #7 <https://www.vcu.com/qfe>
- #8 <http://library.missouri.edu/giving/stuckey-essay-contest/>
- #16 <http://www.moswcs.org/scholarship/>
- #12 <https://www.bestinjurylawyer.com/injury-scholarship/>
- #13 <http://www.grothlaw.com/scholarship/>

For those students involved in FFA, Mr. O'Brien provides a list of scholarships associated with that field. The link to that list at the Silex R-I Website is below.

<http://www.silex.k12.mo.us/o/silex-r-i/browse/2318>

Below is a link to a list of scholarships of every imaginable type. Read the criteria and information for each carefully. Some may not be worth the effort or available to your student. However, there are very likely some that might be worth checking into.

<https://www.studentscholarships.org/2017scholarships.php#sthash.p7KfZDpK.OktuHtUL.dpbs>

FAFSA Frenzy Dates at SCCC:

Feb. 19th, March 20th, April 25th, and May 24th

You may not know that the FAFSA Form no longer has to be filled out after filing of the most recent year's taxes. Students may use the "prior-prior" year's tax information. 2018 graduates may begin completing FAFSA forms now. If you want expert help with the FAFSA, you may attend one of the upcoming meetings listed above. Contact SCCC for details. Students seeking any financial aid (including A+) must complete a FAFSA. Your child need not attend SCCC to attend FAFSA Frenzy.

SCCC A+ Info. Nights for Seniors:

March 7th, March 26th, and April 10th

Important Dates:

- ◆ Monday, November 6th During Lunch – Truman State University Visits
- ◆ Wednesday, November 15th Noon – "Get Ready" Program for SCCC-Bound Seniors
- ◆ Thursday, November 16th AM – 8th-Grade Travels to PLTC to Shadow Programs
- ◆ Monday – Thursday, December 11th – 14th – Crider Violence Prevention Presentations (6th -8th)

*For our Underclassmen...***Juniors:**

- ◆ While it is not yet time to apply for colleges, it is a great time to start really exploring career options. You may do this by: getting a part-time job in a field of interest, talking to professionals in those careers, and researching those careers online. Here is a great site to check-out for information about tons of careers: <https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>.
- ◆ The ACT is going to be given to all of your class in February. If you can do anything to prepare for the test, that is a great idea. Sillex R-I is paying for all juniors to take the test this year, so try to do your very best.
- ◆ **Missouri Boys State** is accepting applications for the 79th session to be held June 16-23, 2018 on the campus of the UCM in Warrensburg. If you are male and would like to be considered for this opportunity, please see Mrs. Wells. This is free to accepted students. Students applying should demonstrate high standards of leadership, character, scholarship and citizenship.

**Sophomores:**

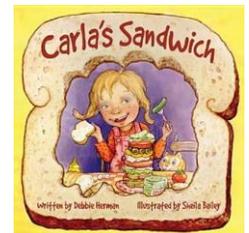
- ◆ **HOBY** is a program specifically for students after completion of 10th grade. Sillex H.S. can send three students to HOBY's Leadership Seminar at SEMO in Cape Girardeau from June 15, 2018 to June 17, 2018. Let Mrs. Wells know you'd like to be considered by November 21, 2017.
- ◆ **Missouri Leadership Seminar** is a 3-day program for exceptional sophomores from across Missouri. Students are given the opportunity to explore and expand their leadership potential during the Seminar taking place June 7-10, 2018. Sillex may nominate one student. If you are interested in being considered for this experience (provided free of charge), see Mrs. Wells.
- ◆ PLTC will host a "Prospective Student Night" for families who may be considering PLTC for next year. If your student is thinking about attending PLTC, add this to your calendar: February 27, 18.

A Closer Look at Classroom Visits...

- I recently spent time with the freshmen. We met one day to discuss how our personal values impact (or should play a part in) our selection of a career. They ranked values like family, wealth, freedom, achievement, friends, volunteerism, learning, health, and others. Then, with \$1,000 each to spend, they “bid” on the values they deemed most valuable during an auction. It was a lively exercise! On Day 2, students took an abbreviated Interest Inventory known as the Holland Self-Directed Search. This assessment is referenced on the site mentioned earlier, and it helps students zero-in on the types of careers that might be best for them. Careers are grouped in one of six categories: Realistic, Investigative, Social, Conventional, Enterprising, and Artistic. Donald Trump is a famous person definitely of the “Enterprising” type!



- Then, in the spirit of Halloween, the 2nd-Grade classes and I talked about disguises that we sometimes wear. With the help of Debbie Herman’s book “Carla’s Sandwich,” we explored the idea that different is not always bad. In fact, it can be very good. Students came up with some pretty crazy sandwich concoctions that we may just need to try.



And, some food for thought...

