

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

Cheer Clinics and Career Fairs, Pink Out Nights and Parent Meetings, School Parties and Scholarship Applications... there is a lot happening all around at Silex R-I.

One of the exciting things about Silex and being a small school is that our older students are readily available and able to work with younger ones in so many different ways. I love seeing your teens tutor and teach the younger students; it is good for both age groups. If your high school student qualifies for A+, encourage him or her to sign-up for this program. It is a great way to earn scholarship money for a community college and serve in the school. Mr. Counterman coordinates that program.

Take a look at this Guidance Newsletter for some amazing opportunities for underclassmen, as well as fine community resources available for parents. While I try to provide information for and about students at all ages, if there is a season that is truly "high season for seniors," it has got to be now. Since the last GN, I received information about 13 new scholarships! I would love for Silex students to be awarded all of these. Please look at the list below, and encourage your senior to apply.

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Tomorrow is the Silex Career Fair. I want to give Special Thanks to the following Professionals who will be presenting to our 7-12 Students.

Mikal Bencomo, Heartland Hospice, Account Liaison
R. J. Catizon, St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program, Instructor
SSG Rae Ann Craven, Missouri Army National Guard, Recruiter
Timmy H. Franz, Boeing Corporation, Flight Mechanic
Eric Gibson, U.S. Soybean Export Council, Stakeholder Relations Coordinator
Lisa M. Larson, Little Blessings Preschool, Co-Owner/Administrator
Cortney Lenk, Crouse Real Estate, Broker/Sales
Mike Mueller, Lincoln County, Commissioner
Nichole Mullen, West End Salon, Cosmetologist
Denise Nickles, Geeding Construction, Inc., Director of Human Resources
Nicole Ross, Mercy Hospital Lincoln, Talent Selection/Recruiter
Jennifer Schlueter, Jen's Personalized Fitness, Owner
Irfanela Selmanovic, True Manufacturing, Talent Acquisition Specialist
Caleb Tucker, A & W Communications, Technician
Gustavo Vega, Harvester Christian Church, Campus Pastor
Bryce Wyble, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Supervisory GEOINT Officer

SECONDARY NEWS...

Seniors, some months I have advised that you take a look at a few scholarships, in particular. But, if you check-out the current list, you will see that nearly all of them are ones that are being given locally --- by businesses or individuals in your immediate communities or county. Therefore, these are all ones I would highly encourage you to apply for. In at least two situations, a “common” application is used to apply for several awards, which makes the whole process much easier. Please, please come pick up these applications and complete them. Links are provided for some, and I have paper copies for others. In addition, I sent you the fillable applications directly in your gmail for #38 and #40.

Here’s the Latest Listing (13 New Ones Added):

#	Name of Scholarship	Due Date	\$ Amount
27	Farm Kids for College Scholarship	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 (3)
28	National Defense Transportation Assoc. Scholarship	March 1, 2018	\$1,500 - \$4,000
29	Missouri Association Mutual Insurance Companies	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 (8)
9	2018 Project 21 Scholarship (MO Gaming Assoc.)	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 - \$1,500
23	SCC Foundation and Trustee Scholarship(s) - MANY	March 1, 2018	Varies
38	MOACAC – Braxton Rethwisch Scholarship	March 1, 2018	Up to \$1,000 (3)
39	Professional Bus. Women of Lincoln Co. Scholarship	March 12, 2018	\$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.
33	Steve Aubuchon Memorial Scholarship	March 16, 2018	Varies
34	Trent Huber Memorial Scholarship	March 16, 2018	Varies
35	Silex CTA Scholarship	March 16, 2018	Varies
36	Silex School Board Scholarship	March 16, 2018	Varies
42	Jim Norton Scholarship	March 16, 2018	Varies
37	Floyd B. Dowell, Jr. Memorial Scholarship	March 23, 2018	\$500 (2)
30	East Central Administrators’ Association Scholarship	March 30, 2018	Varies
31	Missouri Insurance Education Foundation (MEIF)	March 31, 2018	\$1,500 (4)
18	Clarence C. “Kac” Hinds Scholarship Trust (This is 0% Interest Loan Until After Grad., Any Major)	March 31, 2018	Varies
19	Clarence C. “Kac” Hinds Nursing Fund (Scholarship)	March 31, 2018	Varies
17	Lincoln County Moose Lodge 2599	April 1, 2018	\$500
42	St. Alphonsus School Scholarship	April 1, 2018	\$1,000
45	Raintree Arts Council	April 1, 2018	\$500 (3)
44	Lincoln County Democrat Club	April 1, 2018	\$500
43	Silex Owls Booster Club Scholarship	April 6, 2018	Varies
40	Lincoln County Bar Association Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$500
24	Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$500
25	The Edgar I. Lanvermeier Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$250
26	The Lucille Heitman 4-H Scholarship	April 15, 2018	\$300
41	Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship	May 1, 2018	\$750 (50+)
12	Injury Lawyers Scholarship	May 31, 2018	\$1,500
13	Groth & Associates	July 31, 2018	\$1,000
32	Pottroff and Karlin Law Firm Scholarship	August 1, 2018	\$1,000

- #23 <https://www.stchas.edu/admissions/financial-aid/types-aid/scholarships>
- #12 <https://www.bestinjurylawyer.com/injury-scholarship/>
- #13 <http://www.grothlaw.com/scholarship/>
- #29 <https://www.pottroff.com/scholarship/>
- #41 www.cuivre.com

For Mr. O'Brien's students, the link below will take you to another list of FFA-specific scholarships:

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

And, one more:

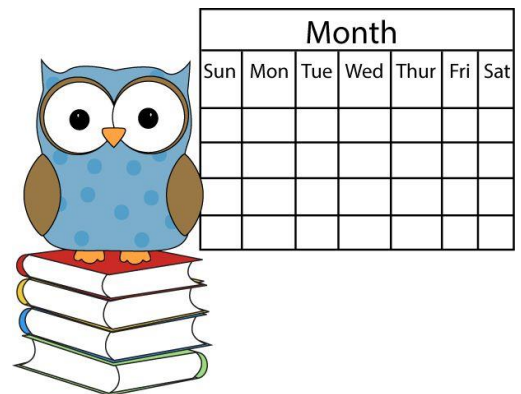
<https://www.studentscholarships.org/2017scholarships.php#sthash.p7KfZDpK.OktuHtUL.dpbs>

Here is an additional resource that was sent to me. It may provide some assistance for getting loans for your college education:

<https://lendedu.com/blog/student-loans-without-a-cosigner/>

Important Dates for Multiple Grade Levels:

- **Silex R-I Career Fair:** Friday, February 16th
- **Crider Lessons with Pre-K, 1st, 4th, and 5th:** Wed., Feb. 21st
- **Online ACT w/ Writing for All Juniors:** February 27th, 28th
- **FAFSA Frenzy Dates at SCC:** Feb. 19th, March 20th, April 25th, May 24th (5:30 – 7:00) RSVP at financialail@stchas.edu or by calling 636-922-8601, Admin. Bldg. #3103
- **SCC A+ Info. Nights for Seniors:** March 7th, March 26th, April 10th (6:00 – 7:30) SSB Bldg.
- **SCC Be Ready Visits:** March 7th and April 17th (Field Trip to SCCC)
- **PLTC Prospective Student Night:** February 27th
- **SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration):** May 18, June 8, June 22, and July 13. This is a fun event designed to help simplify the enrollment process. SOAR includes a campus tour, a parent panel, and getting registered for classes for incoming freshmen.



Learn more at: stchas.edu/soar

If you still have questions about the FAFSA, here is a video link provided by HLG that gives information about filing a FAFSA:

https://youtu.be/wC1_cMfQU0Y

LOOKING FOR SERIOUS SUMMER FUN???

Some items listed below have appeared for a few months, and I am still seeking interested parties. Please check them out, and note that there have been a few really fun opportunities added. Our community wants to showcase the talents of our young people. So, Silex students, show them what you have!

- Missouri Boys State** is accepting applications for the 79th session to be held June 16-23 on the campus of the UCM in Warrensburg. If you are junior 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. Applications are due to Mrs. Wells by Feb. 16th, due to the program by March 1st.
- Missouri Girls State** is accepting applications for their 2018 session, which will run from June 24th through June 30th. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2018; however, applications must be submitted to Mrs. Wells no later than February 16, 2018. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. This is a paid opportunity for our delegate(s).
- Missouri Chamber Foundation Leadership in Practice** seeks freshmen and sophomore students for a hands-on experience in leadership at Westminster College in Fulton, MO. The dates are June 24- 27, 2018. Application are due by April 1, 2018 and can be found at: <https://mochamber.com/lip/>
- 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. Silex may nominate one student. The nomination deadline is March 16th, so if you are interested, see Mrs. Wells ASAP.
- Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc. CYCLE** is a 3-day leadership program held in Jefferson City for sophomores only. The dates are July 18-20. All expenses are paid, and students may be nominated or apply directly. The deadline to apply is April 25. Applications can be found at www.cuivre.com, or you may contact Tim Schmidt for more information at tschmidt@cuivre.com or 636-695-4837.
- Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Youth Tour** is looking for six high school junior to send to the 2018 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. This all-expenses paid trip is June 8-14. Runners-up will receive \$500 scholarships. Applications are due Friday, March 9th. See Mrs. Wells for more information. Applications can be found at www.cuivre.com, or you may contact Tim Schmidt for more information at tschmidt@cuivre.com or 636-695-4837.



Community Resources –

The Pike County Health Department Home Health & Hospice Newsletter (January 2018) includes information about several classes that may be of interest to our parents:

- Baby Basics – This class is offered for expectant and new parents, foster parents, and grandparents. This class will provide tips on feeding, safe sleep, coping with stressors of being a new parent, and more. It is offered free of charge. Contact PCHD at 573-324-2111 for more information. Also, check it out at www.pikecountyhealth.org
- Safe Sitter – This may be a great class for your 6th-8th-Grade student who is hoping to do some babysitting. The class is 6.5 hours in length (or 1 day with CPR), and the cost is \$35. Consult the website above for more details.

The Lincoln County Resource Board provided information about the following upcoming events:

- Midwest Justice for Children Workshop – The Child Center will host a workshop entitled “Responding to Children with Problematic Sexual Behaviors” on April 4th. This is for educators, mental and medical health professionals, law enforcement and children’s services agencies, and caregivers/parents/foster parents. The cost is \$100. Contact ibuschman@cacnemo.org for more information.
- “Not Our Children” Campaign – A taskforce is being formed to prevent childhood sexual abuse, and the taskforce is seeking opportunities to present the prevention program to parent groups. If you are part of a group that might be interested in hosting a presentation, contact the LCRB for more information at director@lincolncountykids.org.
- Professional Counselor Shiloh Werkmeister, MAC, PLPC, with Rauscher Therapeutic Group, is partnering with Kemper-Millard-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy to facilitate a Grief Support Group beginning Mon., March 5 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For information, contact Shiloh Werkmeister at 636-295-1974 or at shiloh@rtgtroy.com.
- Coordinated Entry (Connecting Homeless Families to Resources) is now live. For Lincoln County families or individuals who are homeless or near homelessness, now a single phone call to 2-1-1 will triage needs through a centralized case management team. Families or individuals will complete one assessment and referrals are then made to appropriate agencies, like LCRB-funded Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, that can provide assistance.