**Guidance Notes** December 2021

**SAT (Juniors) and PSAT (9th and 10th)**

All juniors will be required to take the SAT exam which will be hosted by Brownstown High School on Wednesday, March 23rd. Freshman and Sophomores will take the Pre-SAT on April 20th and 21st. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Language, Writing, and Math, with components of Social Studies and Science built into the test questions. Test preparation assistance is available at [www.kahnacademy.org](http://www.kahnacademy.org) and [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). You can also access these websites through Mrs. Hardiek’s homepage.

**College Application Process (SENIORS)**

Mrs. Hardiek has met with seniors to assist them with the college process. Some students have not finalized their plans. Remember, if you are applying for a competitive program or plan on receiving any type of scholarship assistance, applications need to be turned in ASAP. Seniors, please stop by the Guidance Office to finalize your plans.

**Scholarships (For Seniors unless otherwise noted)**

**SAE Engineering**

* Must intend to earn a degree in Engineering or a related science
* Class rank and ACT scores emphasized
* Go to <http://students.sae.org/awdscholar/scholarships> for an application
* Awards range from $400 to $10,000
* Deadlines vary depending on which engineering scholarship you are applying for, anywhere from Dec. 15th to March. 15th.

**CBAI Banking (Local)**

* Essay required on The Importance of Community Banking
* Awards as high as $4000. A Brownstown Student could win up to $500.
* Turn into Guidance by Dec. 17th.

**Odenza Marketing Group Volunteer Scholarship**

* Must have contributed at least 50 hours of community service
* Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
* Essay: “If you could choose any organization to volunteer, what one would you choose and why.”
* Go to [www.studentscholarships.org/college.php](http://www.studentscholarships.org/college.php) for an application
* Awards are $500 each
* Must be submitted by Dec. 30th.

**Go Transcript Academic Scholarship Program**

* Essays required: One is “Describe your most meaningful achievement”
* Go to [www.gotranscript.com/scholarship-program](http://www.gotranscript.com/scholarship-program)
* Awards are $1000 each
* Must be submitted by Dec. 30th.

**Design Thinking Scholarship**

* Essay required: How do you anticipate design thinking or design tools will impact you or your career choice?
* Go to <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/11010/design_thinking_scholarship_scholarship.php> for an application
* Awards are $1000 each
* Deadline Dec. 31st.

**CC Bank’s Young Scholars Scholarship:**

* Must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0
* Essay required about community service and how it has shaped you.
* Go to: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/13729/cc_bank_s_young_scholars_scholarship_scholarship.php>
* Awards are $2000 each
* Deadline is Dec 31st.

**GE – Reagan Foundation**

* Looking for students who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and leadership
* Looking for examples of leadership, service, goals, and aspirations in the essay
* Must attend a four year college
* Go to <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-rfscholarships.aspx> for an application
* Twenty students will win $10, 000 each
* Must be submitted by Jan. 6th.

**Illinois State Historical Society**

* Essay required on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War
* Go to [www.historyillinois.org](http://www.historyillinois.org) for an application. Click on Scholarships
* Awards are $1000 each
* Must be **received** by Jan. 15th.

**John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage**

* Must write an essay on the political courage of a US elected official
* Go to [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org) for an application, click on “Learn” then “Education”
* Awards range from $500 to $10,000
* Must be submitted on-line by Jan. 14th.

**MENSA**

* Must write an essay describing academic and career goals, experiences, etc.
* Go to [www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.mensafoundation.org/scholarships)
* Winners will receive $300 to $1000
* Must be submitted on-line by January 15th.

**Illinois State Scholar (State of Illinois)**

* Based on a formula which combines class rank and SAT scores
* No monetary award but will have state recognition
* Students will be announced by Christmas break.

**Lake Land College**

* Based on an online application that asks about career goals, making your family/community a better place, and describing a significant change or experience in your life
* Go to [www.lakelandcollege.edu/scholarship-opportunities/](http://www.lakelandcollege.edu/scholarship-opportunities/) for an application (log into your laker hub).
* Over 500 awards, some as high as $1500
* Must be submitted by Feb. 1st.

**Southwestern Electric (Area Scholarship)**

* Must be an active member of Southwestern Electric Coop
* Essay required: How will you use your career/education to positively impact your community?
* Go to [www.sweci.com](http://www.sweci.com) for an application. Click on “Scholarship Program”
* Awards are $500 to $1000 each
* Must be **received** by 4:30pm, Feb. 12th.

**Stand For the Silent Humanity Rising**

* Any student 13 years of age or older is eligible
* Must choose a cause and describe how you have contributed to that cause
* Go to [www.humanityrising.org](http://www.humanityrising.org)
* Awards are as high as $2500
* Deadline is on a rolling basis. They review applications every month.

