

April 2019 Newsletter



Countdown to Graduation (as of typing of this newsletter):

44 days, 1,045

hours, 62,695 minutes, 3,761,688 seconds.....and ticking!

Parent Senior Trip Information

April 18th there will be a meeting in Miss Rea's classroom to discuss senior trip details. At least one parent/guardian will need to plan to attend. Trip permission slips will be signed at this time also. ***This is an important meeting, please make plans to attend!***

April To Do:

- Carefully review financial aid award notices from your chosen college. Contact the financial aid office if you have questions.
- Notify other colleges you have applied to that you will not be attending.
- Sign up for summer orientation programs if your school offers one. (Example MSU SOAR.)
- Apply for scholarships. This month is usually about the final month for most of the scholarship competition—other than search engines like Fastweb.

Planner Entries

- ⇒ April 5: Honor Banquet
- ⇒ April 18: Senior Trip Parent Informational Meeting
- ⇒ April 27: Prom
- ⇒ April 21: Athletic Banquet
- ⇒ April 30 : Decision Day (see article below)
- ⇒ May 1-4: Senior Trip
- ⇒ May 8: Baccalaureate (This is a Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.)
- ⇒ May 10: FFA Banquet
- ⇒ May 11 : Alumni Banquet (Yes you can attend and should!)
- ⇒ May 16: Graduation Practice in the A.M.
- ⇒ May 17: Awards Assembly in the A.M.
- ⇒ May 17: Graduation at 7 p.m.

Information for OTC Bound Students

Now that you have completed STAR Advising, your next step will be picking your schedule/classes for next fall. Check your email and MyOTC often for important dates. IMPORTANT/NOTE: By midnight of the day you enroll for classes, you MUST pick a payment plan or you will be unenrolled!!!!

Information for students taking online dual credit classes:

Due to the fact that OTC's and MSU's schedule extends past the date when senior grades are due, your online grade will be the grade you have at noon on May 15. If you have questions about this, check with Mrs. G

Senior Decision Day is April 30th

On this day we will be celebrating you and recognizing you for the college or military branch you plan to pursue. There will be fun activities scheduled for this day. The goal of Decision Day is for our underclassmen to see the dedication you have made to further your college and career plans. If you have a shirt for your college/military branch, wear it that day! It's going to be fun! We will be using the hashtag #gohornets and #MoDecisionDay to post pictures online. **To participate, you will need to fill out the attached form and return it to Mrs. G no later than April 18.**

Charges Need to be Paid Prior to

If you are going on the senior trip, all charges and fees (including fund raising balances) must be paid in full by 3:16 p.m. on April 30. If you are not going on the senior trip, your charges must be paid by 3:16 on May 15.

Graduation Practice Schedule May 16:

1st Hour: All seniors report to Miss Rea's room at the beginning of 1st hour. Lisa will call you individually and check you out (make sure all charges paid prior to this). You will then report to the gym for practice.

FOURTH ANNUAL SENIOR WALK: Once everyone has checked out we will "walk the halls" of Fair Play Elementary in caps and gowns as a final exit prior to graduation. This will be the third year we have done this and it is a tradition that allows you to travel back to elementary and serve as a great role model for our elementary students—and they will love to cheer you on in the hallways. You will need to bring your cap and gown to participate in this event.

After you have "walked the hall" in the elementary we will come back and practice for the graduation ceremony. We are usually done somewhere around 11:30-12:00 and after that you will be dismissed to leave—UNLESS you are giving one of the graduation ceremony speeches, at which time each speech giver will practice!

Get SCHOLARSHIPS to Mrs. G if you want them presented graduation night:

If you receive notification that you are receiving a scholarship, please check with me (Mrs. G) to make sure I have that information in order that the scholarship can be awarded to you graduation night.

Roses for Graduation

The school district will order and pay for two yellow roses to hand out graduation night. If you need more than two roses, you will need to order and pay for these yourself and place them under your chair prior to the ceremony starting graduation night.

Get transcripts (final high school & dual credit) sent to college you will be attending:

Lisa will send your final high school transcript to the college you indicate on your checkout form. Your college cannot officially accept you until they receive this final official transcript. If you took a dual credit class, but are not attending the university where the dual credit was awarded, it is important ASAP after the semester has ended to have an official transcript sent to the school you will be attending. It is especially important to have these dual credit transcripts sent prior to enrolling for classes which usually takes place during the college's summer welcome program. You may print off and complete a request form at the following links:

MSU Transcript Request: <http://www.missouristate.edu/registrar/transcripts.html>

Financial Aid Verification

The U.S. Department of Education recently issued a statement informing families that the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) has been temporarily suspended due to an ongoing effort to ensure the security of private information. The IRS expects the DRT to be unavailable for several weeks. In the event that a student needs to submit a tax return transcript to their financial aid office for verification, one may be requested in a few different ways:

1. Request a transcript online (download) at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>
2. Request a transcript be mailed at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>
3. Submit [IRS Form 4506-T](#) to the IRS
4. Call the IRS Transcript Request Line (toll-free): [1-800-908-9946](tel:1-800-908-9946)

Riedesel Scholarship Information:

If you receive a Riedesel Scholarship, you will receive a letter soon after school is out detailing what you need to do and by what date. The first half of the scholarship check will be ready in August and the second half in December. The check will be made out to you and the college you indicated on your scholarship application. If the college you are attending changes, BE SURE to contact the superintendent's office with the information ASAP.

Community Foundation Scholarship Information:

If you receive a scholarship that is administered by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, (Alumni, Protect the Farm, Lower, Saye) you will be contacted by CFO. Be sure that you follow the instructions given to receive your scholarship.

Anna Carson Scholarship:

If you receive a Carson Scholarship, you will be contacted by the office of Douglas, Haun & Heidemann. Be sure that you follow the instructions given to receive your scholarship. **NOTE: Each semester you will be required to submit proof of enrollment to continue to receive this scholarship.**

After graduation, keep in touch—here's how:

Fair Play School provides a way for classmates to keep in touch forever through a Graduate Follow-Up Service. See attached information. Basically, it is a toll free number to call anytime you have an address change. When preparing for class reunions or any occasion, when someone needs to contact one of the graduates, class officers may call 1-800-REUNION and get an updated address list. Obviously this only works if each individual keeps their address current with this service. There is no cost and if everyone participates it is an excellent way to keep in touch for class reunions.

Scholarships

- American Legion Department of MO Scholarships; applications available at http://www.missourilegion.org/molegion_019.htm; deadline is April 20.
- Horatio Alger National Career & Technical Scholarship Program; this is a scholarship for students who will be enrolled in a 2 year or less career or technical degree/certificate program; you must be Pell Grant eligible to apply for this scholarship; apply online at application.horatioalger.org
- The Classroom to Classroom Scholarship; must be pursuing a degree in Education or a closely related degree; find more info on this scholarship at <https://www.education.com/scholarships/>