

December 2019 FPHS Junior Newsletter

End of 1st Semester is December 20!

Remember, the end of the semester is when your credits are calculated for your high school transcript. Be sure you are passing all classes required for graduation.

Next ACT is February 8, 2019

If you would like to take the ACT again, the next date it is given is February 8. Registration deadline is January 10.

District ACT will be March 24, 2020

All juniors will take the ACT on March 24 during the school day. This will be a free ACT test. The scores will count for college entry just like a regular national ACT test. Students will register for this test at school through a paper registration process (not online). We will help you with this process sometime next semester.

Selective Service Registration

All males are required by the Federal Government to register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Now, 17 year-old males can submit their registration information early at www.sss.gov or by filling out a form available from any post office. Selective Service registration is required to be eligible for a federal student loan, job training, most federal jobs, and US citizenship.

Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy

Students ages 16-18 who have at least a 2.0 GPA, have good moral character, have a valid driver's license, and who are interested in pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice System may apply for the Cadet Patrol Academy that is offered by the MO State Highway Patrol and the American Legion June 9-14, 2019, in Jefferson City. For more information on this program, check with Mrs. G.

Missouri Girls State

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Missouri will hold the 2019 session of Missouri Girls State at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg June 21-27, 2020. If you are interested in this opportunity, check with Mrs. G for more information. NOTE: I will need to know of your interest prior to Christmas break.

MU Mini Medical School

The University of Missouri School of Medicine offers an exciting and informative summer experience for high school students interested in a career in medicine. MU's High School Mini Medical School is a one-week program that gives students a preview of life as an MU medical student. Interested high school juniors can find more application information at <https://medicine.missouri.edu/education/pre-med-outreach-programs/mini-medical-school/>. Application deadline is March 1.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

College Board is encouraging students to take the steps they need to get into college by offering various scholarship incentives starting with the Class of 2021. Read about those here: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

Missouri Connections

As you think about what you want to do after high school, don't forget to make use of this excellent resource—all free to you! This online program lets search for colleges and scholarships and in addition gives you access to interest inventories, career facts and videos plus much more. If you have used MO Connections in the past and already have a user name and password, it should be

User Name: fp your student number Example fp19001

Password: hornet1 or Hornet#1

If you need to get an account, follow these steps:

- Go to www.missouriconnections.org
- Use the following to login the first time: User name-fairplay Password- 2viewmoc
- On the right side of screen, click on "Create My Portfolio"
- Under New Users, again click "Create My Portfolio"
- Type in your information to create your own account. This allows you to save any work you do and login next time under your own personal account.
- To make it simple to remember set up you account using the above user name and password: UN: fp you student number (example fp19001) PW: Hornet#1

Journey to College Reminders

You may not realize it now, but your grades will count for more than a pat on the back at the end of the year. Your GPA is one of the main factors considered on college scholarships and college applications. If your grades aren't as good as they should be, try your best to make improvements before your senior year. Use Journey to College publications to help you navigate high school and the college planning process. View publications online at <http://dhe.mo.gov/publications.php>.

Why Volunteer?

You'll get as much, or more, out of volunteering as the people you're helping. ***Not only will admission and scholarship folks be impressed*** but it's one more way for you to learn about YOU—what you do and don't enjoy, what you're good at, and maybe even what you'd like to do some day. Nothing beats a close-up look at what a job involves or meeting people who may be good contacts later.

If you like:

Architecture:

Forestry:

Social Work:

Vet Medicine:

Ecology:

Medicine:

Music:

Education:

Computers:

History:

Political Science:

Law:

Math:

Then:

Build a house with Habitat for Humanity

Be a guide at a state park.

Work at a soup kitchen.

Help out at an animal shelter.

Work at a wildlife sanctuary.

Hospitals always need volunteers. Call one

Work for a radio station's charity event.

Help with an after school program.

Set up e-mail accounts for seniors in retirement centers.

Be a museum guide.

Work on a campaign or cause.

Serve at a legal aid center.

Tutor younger kids in your school district.

Help plant a memorial garden, read to the blind, work on a hotline, do crafts with kids, raise funds, tutor younger kids, collect toys for Christmas. Find opportunities like these and more in our own state at the following sites. They offer a variety of experiences and even tell you how to start your own volunteer program.

- www.idealists.org
- www.volunteermatch.org
- www.1-800-volunteer.org
- www.servicelearning.org/instant_info/kids_teens/index.php

Scholarship Opportunities

- John F. Kennedy Essay Contest; student must write an essay on the political courage of a U.S. elected official as described by John F. Kennedy in Profiles in Courage; more information can be found at <http://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest.aspx>; deadline is January 17.
- Ayn Rand Essay Contest; students required to read *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand and write 800-1600 word essay; find more information at <https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests#thefountainhead-1>; deadline to apply is May 28.

Scholarship Resources:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.cappex.com
- www.scholarships.com
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <http://www.zinch.com/scholarships>
- <http://findaid.org/scholarships>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/plan-for-college/scholarships/scholarship-search/>

Merry Christmas

Wishing you a restful and meaningful holiday season, filled with an abundance of free time, family, fun and great food!

