**Guidance Notes February 2020**

**Dual Credit Students -Lake Land College (Seniors)**

Seniors who are designated as Dual credit students should be receiving a letter/postcard in the mail inviting them to register for dual credit orientation days coming up in April at Lake Land College. All new degree or certificate seeking students will participate in on-line Orientation. During this Orientation, students will learn degree requirements, interpret their test scores, and learn how to register using Lake Land’s Internet Registration and Information System (IRIS). Please see Mrs. Hardiek for questions or assistance. (**A representative from LLC will be at Brownstown on Feb. 25th to give students information about the event and assist students who may need help accessing IRIS to sign up for the event).** After orientation is completed, students will be prompted to sign up and attend registration on Lake Land’s campus.

**Lake Land College Laker Visit Day**

Visit Lake Land College and find out all the college has to offer at Laker Visit Day. The event will be held **February 14tth** starting in the Luther Student Center Lobby at 9 a.m., running until noon. The event is for potential students who are interested in learning more about Lake Land College, such as touring campus with a Student Ambassador, meeting with faculty, and learning about student services.

**SAT (Juniors) PSAT (Freshman and Sophomores)**

All juniors will be required to take the SAT exam which will be hosted by Brownstown High School on Wednesday, March 25th. 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. Freshman will test on April 15th and sophomores on April 16th. Test preparation assistance is available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). You can also access this website through Mrs. Hardiek’ homepage.

**Career Exploration (8th Grade)**

Career Exploration activities will begin this month for the **8th graders.** Activities include taking a career interest assessment, utilizing career research materials such as the Occupational Outlook Handbook and various career websites, compiling a career paper, and giving a presentation. These activities will take place in conjunction with the English Classes and the Guidance Department.

**8th Grade Orientation**

Eighth grade orientation will take place **Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00p.m**. in the High School Library. At this time, students and parents will be given information on the curriculum, students will be assisted in choosing their classes for next year, career paths will be chosen, and four-year plans will be initiated. Notes will be sent home for parents to sign and return by Feb. 18th. Any questions, please feel free to call the school at 427-3839 and ask for Mrs. Hardiek. Hope to see you there!!

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Illinois ODD Fellow**

* Based on financial need and scholastic ability
* Go to [www.ioof-il.org/](http://www.ioof-il.org/) , click on “Programs, “Scholarships” for an application
* Awards range from $500 to $1000
* Must be **received** by March 1st.

**Farm Credit Services**

* Students must pursue an agriculture related career
* Must record a 30 second video capturing your passion for Agriculture
* Go to [www.farmcreditil.com](http://www.farmcreditil.com) for an application
* Awards range are $2000 each with 24 winners
* Must be submitted by Feb. 28th.

**Presidential Scholarship Award (Lakeland College)**

* Automatic scholarship based on class rank(within the top 15% of graduating class),or ACT score of 26, or SAT of 1230 or higher
* Covers full tuition
* Nomination must be submitted by Feb. 28th.

**Illinois AMVETS**

* Up to six different scholarships, in most cases, must be a child or grandchild of a veteran
* Based on need, personality, class rank, etc.
* Go to [www.ilamvets.org](http://www.ilamvets.org) for an application
* Awards vary from $500 to $4000
* Must be postmarked by March 1st.

**Create a Greeting Card Contest**

* Students will create a greeting card
* Go to [www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm](http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm)
* Students could win up to $10,000
* Must be submitted by March 2nd.

**Illinois Special Education Tuition Waiver**

* Must pursue a degree in Special Education
* Go to [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org) for an application
* Covers full tuition
* Must be postmarked by March 1st.

**National Defense Transportation Association**

* Must pursue a career in Business, Transportation, Physical Distribution, etc.
* Essay: What experience have you had with business or transportation companies or organizations?
* Must be postmarked by March 1st.

**Radon**

* One minute video discussing the dangers of Radon required
* Go to <http://www.lung.org/local-content/illinois/our-initiatives/illinois-radon-video-contest.html>.
* Various awards totaling $4000
* Must be submitted by March 8th.

**Illinois Sheriff’s Association (Fayette Co)**

* Essay required: “How do we as Sheriff’s increase the number of Law enforcement applicants from the youth of today?”
* Over 100 scholarships of $500 each will be awarded in the state of Illinois
* Go to [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org) for an application and click on “Youth Outreach”
* Must be received by March 15th.

**First National Bank of Vandalia (Fayette Co)**

* The FNB of Vandalia has several scholarships that are administered through their trust department
* Go to [www.thefnb.com](http://www.thefnb.com) for applications. Click on “Trust” then “Scholarships”
* Scholarships include Edward Mills, Hazel Simma Kelly, John and Sherry Baumann, Old Capital Foundation, and VFW Post 3862
* Awards are at least $1000, some are renewable
* Deadlines vary, some as early as March 15th.

**George Dekan Memorial Scholarship (Illinois)**

* Students must be participating in track or Cross Country
* Students must write an essay describing what the sport means to them
* Two students will win $2000 each
* Must be received by March 31st.

**Brownstown Scholarships**

**Jesse E. Miller Memorial Scholarship (Brownstown)**

* For a student who plans on furthering their education in government
* Essay required
* Monetary award varies year to year, possibly $300 -$500
* Turn in to Guidance by Feb. 28th.

**Lucas Scott Chandler Memorial Scholarship Award (Brownstown and St. Elmo)**

* Applicant must carry at least a 3.0 GPA
* Essay required stating future goals and why you should be the recipient of this award
* Award is $500
* Turn in to Guidance by Feb. 28th.

**American Red Cross**

* Essay required: The Importance of giving blood and why you chose to give blood or organize a blood drive
* Award ranges from $250 to $750
* Submit to Mrs. Hardiek by March 5th.

**Fayette County Real Estate Business/Trade Scholarship**

* Students must write a one page paper describing career goals, why they have chosen their specific field and where they will be attending
* Students should be in the top 50% of their class.
* Submit to Mrs. Hardiek by March 5th.