**Guidance Notes January** 2023

**Scheduling**

The process of choosing classes for the next school year will begin towards the end of January. Each student, grades 9-11 (Grade 8 next month), will be given a registration checklist. Students are asked to choose **six** academic classes, as well as discuss the selection with their **parents.** When the appropriate classes are chosen and the form is completed, **parents** must **sign** the form and the student is to return it to the Guidance Office. Mrs. Hardiek will also meet with students individually to finalize his or her plans for next year.

**CEO**

CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) is an entrepreneurship education program that prepares youth to be responsible, enterprising individuals who become entrepreneurs or entrepreneurial thinkers and contribute to economic development and sustainable communities. Current juniors are eligible to apply for the next school year. The program provides two high school credits, utilizes area businesses as classrooms (7:30 to 9:00a.m.), uses a rigorous application and selection process, and students visit dozens of area businesses each year. Grades are not the defining admission standard. Students need to possess a great work ethic and are trustworthy.

**Scholarships**

**Monsanto**

* Must be pursuing a degree related to agriculture
* Go to [www.FFA.org/scholarships](http://www.FFA.org/scholarships) for an application
* Multiple students can win $500 to full tuition
* Must be submitted by Jan. 12th.

**Union Plus**

* Parent must be a participating union member
* Applicants are evaluated according to academic ability, social awareness, financial need and appreciation of labor
* Awards range from $500 to $4000
* Go to <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>
* Must be received by January 31st.

**Lake Land College (Must attend Lake Land College)**

* Essay based on career goals, school and community activities, etc.
* Go to [www.lakelandcollege.edu/foundation/scholarships/](http://www.lakelandcollege.edu/foundation/scholarships/) for an application
* Over 500 awards, some as high as $2000
* Must be received by February 1st.

**Society of Manufacturing Engineers**

* Must pursue manufacturing engineering
* Go to <https://www.smeef.org/sme-education-foundation-scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/>
* Awards up to $10,000
* Must be received by Feb. 1st.

**IHSA**

* One male and one female is nominated
* Must have a GPA of 3.5 or above
* Must have participated in at least two IHSA sports/activities during each of the last two years
* Awards vary but total over $300,000
* Go to https://center.ihsa.org/files/documents/frm\_AllState\_Nomination.pdf
* Must be **received** by Feb. 10th.

**IESA (8th Grade)**

* One student is nominated: Must have participated in at least one IESA sponsored activity during each junior high grade
* Looking for students who excel in the classroom as well as in sports
* Each winner will receive a $100 savings bond
* Must be **received** by February 15th.

**Illinois Chemical**

* Must pursue a degree in chemistry/engineering or Environmental Engineering
* Essay describing your career aspirations
* Students can win up to $2000
* Must be postmarked by March 3rd.

**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, March 10th.

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**Brownstown Scholarships**

**Charlie Finfrock Scholarship Award (Brownstown)**

* Applicant must pursue a degree in Education and be in the top 40% of his/her class
* Essay required detailing future career plans, etc.
* Award is $500
* Turn in to Guidance by Feb. 3rd.

**Ina Abendroth Memorial Scholarship (Brownstown/St. Elmo)**

* Must be involved in some facet of the athletic department
* Essay required explaining what role sports and extra-curricular activities have played in your high school career and how you would describe the role you have played in these activities
* Award is $500
* Turn into Guidance by Feb. 3rd.

**Edward J. Durbin Memorial Scholarship**

* Must have a GPA of at least a 2.0
* Two page essay required discussing life experiences, challenges you have overcome, etc**.**
* Students could earn up to $4000. Length of college determines amount of award. Two scholarships will be awarded (College and Vocational/Technical)
* Turn into Guidance by Feb. 10th.

**Brownstown Vocational Scholarship**

* Students must attend a trade/vocational school or pursue a vocational/technical degree
* Applicant must explain career plans, etc.
* Award is for $2000
* Submit to Guidance by Feb. 10th.

