**Guidance Notes February 2023**

**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. 28th 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**

Register to attend a Laker Visit Day where you can learn more about Lake Land College and find answers to your questions. Learn about the financial aid process, scholarships available to students, and paying for college during this session. Hear from a faculty member in your academic area of interest. Whether you’re sure you know what you want to study or you have lots of questions, you can hear from your academic area of choice. The next Laker visit day is February 20th.

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

All juniors will be required to take the SAT exam which will be hosted by Brownstown High School on Wednesday April 12th. 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 19th and Sophomores on April 20th. Test preparation assistance is available at [www.Kahnacademy.org](http://www.Kahnacademy.org) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). You can also access these test prep sites through Mrs. Hardiek’s 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 Monday, March 13th. Flyers will be sent home in the next two weeks with more specifics. During this time, students and parents will be given information on the curriculum, graduation requirements, and will be assisted in choosing their classes for next year.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Illinois ODD Fellow**

* Based on financial need, scholastic ability, and a short essay on future career goals
* 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 (Area)**

* 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 are $2000 each with 24 winners
* Must be submitted by February 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.

**Illinois Conservation Foundation**

* An essay required discussing the preservation, protection, enhancement and promotion of Illinois natural resources
* Go to [www.ilconservation.org/What-We-Do/Scholarships](http://www.ilconservation.org/What-We-Do/Scholarships)
* Awards are $2000 each
* Must be received by March 3rd.

**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 or submitted 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.

**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 received by March 17th.

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

* Essay required: “What are your thoughts about the elimination of cash bail in Illinois?”
* 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.

**Brownstown Scholarships**

**Jesse E. Miller Memorial Scholarship**

* 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 Mrs. Hardiek 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 3rd.

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

* For students pursuing a career in business, real estate, or attending a trade school.
* Students must write a one-page paper describing career goals, why they have chosen their specific field, etc.
* Students should be in the top 50% of their class.
* Submit to Mrs. Hardiek by March 3rd.