

# Senior Newsletter

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## Preparing for Your Future

Whether you are planning to attend College in the fall, join the military, or join the workforce, now is the time to be making decisions regarding your future. The School Counseling Department is here to assist you in making these decisions and to help you plan for your future. Stop in anytime.

### Odds and Ends

#### State Sponsored SAT

- SAT test will be given during the school day on September 23, 2020.
- This is a graduation requirement.

#### College Days

- Seniors are awarded two college days. A form must be completed and turned in **TWO** days in advance of the planned absence. Forms are available in the Counseling office.

#### College Rep Visits

- A list of College reps visiting our campus can be found on Naviance and bulletin boards. If you would like to attend sign up outside of the Counseling Office and pick up a pass the morning of the visit.

#### College Open Houses

- Interested in a particular College/University? Attend their open house. These are often scheduled on school holidays. Check the individual college website for virtual dates and information.

#### Personal Days

- Pending administration of SAT.
- Will update as soon as scores are in.

### Priority Application Dates

#### *Apply early to qualify for University Scholarships!*

Chicago State University - February 1, 2020

\*Eastern Illinois University - Waiving app fee until Oct 15, 2020

Governors State University - November 15, 2020

\*Illinois State University - November 15, 2020

Northeastern Illinois University - February 15, 2021

\*Northern Illinois University - December 1, 2020

\*SIU Carbondale - November 1, 2020

SIU Edwardsville - December 1, 2020

\*U of I Chicago - November 1, 2020

\*U of I Springfield - November 1, 2020

\*U of I Urbana/Champaign - November 15, 2020

\*Western Illinois University - December 1, 2020

\*Southeast Missouri State - December 1, 2020

\*Murray State University - December 1, 2020

\*University of Southern Indiana - December 1, 2020

\* denotes test optional (do have GPA requirements)

### FAFSA

- 2021-2022 FAFSA applications can be completed starting **October 1, 2020**.
- We will have a FAFSA information night on Wednesday, **September 16, 2020**.
- We will have a FAFSA Completion Night on Wednesday, **October 14, 2020**.

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## Order your Transcript thru Parchment!

To expedite transcript requests, we use an online transcript request system through Parchment Exchange (parchment.com). The service provides the opportunity for you to request that transcripts be sent electronically to the college(s) of your choice. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of transcript data, documents are sent through a secure transcript service in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This system is working much more efficiently than the old hardcopy snail mail procedure we used in the past!

Through your new parchment account, you can request and track transcripts, explore colleges, and analyze admissions data. There is no cost for sending transcripts! If you are sending a transcript to an out of state school that is charging a fee you can come see Ms. Smith instead of completing the request through parchment.

### Scholarships

- Scholarships are listed exclusively on Naviance, this list is updated regularly. It is your responsibility to check the listing often for new opportunities.
- Local Scholarships will be posted on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be due February 26.
- All students planning to attend RLC are recommended to complete the Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship application; the new application will be available after the first of the year.
- Scholarship Search Engines:
  - Fastweb.com
  - www.schoolsoup.com
  - Collegegreenlight.com

### Class of 2021 REMIND

To stay in the know, sign up!!

Messages related to scholarships, college visits, deadlines, FAFSA, class meetings, and so much more will be sent out via Remind. If you are not signed up, you will miss out on valuable information! To receive messages for Class 2019 via text, **text @pville2021 to 81010.**

### Naviance

<http://student.naviance.com/pinckychs>  
Career, College, Scholarships, and More!  
Login is: 2020first initial, last name  
Pw: set by you

### NCAA Clearinghouse

Wanting to be a Division I or Division II Athlete?  
You **MUST** sign up with NCAA Eligibility Center!  
[web1.ncaa.org](http://web1.ncaa.org)

### Senior Class Meeting

Peyton Blewett from Balfour will be here on August 31st during English class. All seniors will attend the meeting on ordering graduation announcements and Senior Swag!

New School Social Worker joining our Team! Mrs. Przygoda is here to assist student with social/emotional related issues. Her office (room 218) is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor behind the Special Education office. Stop in any time or email [aprzygoda@pchspanthers.com](mailto:aprzygoda@pchspanthers.com).