

Dear Silex R-I Parents, Students, and Staff:

I cannot believe we have reached the end of first quarter! Things are really picking up speed, and I have lots to share with you in this newsletter. I hope all of you can attend the Parent-Teacher conferences later this week. If you do attend, please come by the Guidance table in the multi-purpose room and help yourself to resources for both elementary and secondary students.

If I can help you or your student in any way, please call or email me.

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SECONDARY NEWS...



Among the many pressing matters facing our seniors is the goal of making money for college or trade school. Several of the students in this year's graduating class have already applied, been accepted, and settled on an institution of higher learning, and they are now on a quest to raise money toward those goals. Well, there are many scholarship opportunities coming in...

Please examine the table below, along with the links provided for other lists. If your student needs assistance or has questions on how to start, I will happily help.

Here's the Updated Listing:

#	Name of Scholarship	Due Date	\$ Amount
1	Horatio Alger Scholarship	October 25, 2017	\$6,000-\$25,000
2	Leadership in Service Scholarship (Univ. of Dayton)	November 1, 2017	\$10,000
3	2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Award	November 7, 2017	\$1,000 or more
4	Danforth Scholars Program (Washington University)	November 15, 2017	Part/Full Tuition
5	Rove Pest Control Scholarship	December 31, 2018	\$500
6	Culver-Stockton Pillars for Excellence	October - January	Full Tuition
7	Vantage Credit Union Quest for Education Scholarship	Jan. 5, 2018	\$1,000
8	Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest	January 31, 2018	Up to \$1,500
9	2018 Project 21 Scholarship (MO Gaming Assoc.)	March 1, 2018	\$1,000 - \$1,500
10	Peoples Bank & Trust Co. Scholarship	March 15, 2018	Up to \$2,000/yr.
11	Donald E. Thompson Family Charitable Foundation	March 15, 2018	Up to \$2,000/yr.
12	Injury Lawyers Scholarship	May 31, 2018	\$1,500
13	Groth & Associates	July 31, 2018	\$1,000

Each scholarship has specific criteria, and some require a nomination from the Silex Guidance Office (particularly those that are connected to a particular school). If you are interested in being nominated or applying for any of the above, please see me for information on how to proceed. Some of the ones listed above have a link that will provide the application and more information about the scholarship. For those scholarships, I have listed the links below:

- #1 scholarships@horatioalger.org
- #5 <http://www.rovepestcontrol.com/rove-pest-control-scholarship/>
- #7 <https://www.vcu.com/qfe>
- #8 <http://library.missouri.edu/giving/stuckey-essay-contest/>
- #12 <https://www.bestinjurylawyer.com/injury-scholarship/>
- #13 <http://www.grothlaw.com/scholarship/>

For those students involved in FFA, Mr. O'Brien provides a list of scholarships that are connected with that particular field. The link to connect to that list at the Silex R-I Website is below. I believe there are currently two listed there.

<http://www.silex.k12.mo.us/o/silex-r-i/browse/2318>

Now, let me share with you a site that has a list of scholarships of every imaginable type. This link will take you to a huge list of. Read the criteria and information for each carefully, because some may not be worth the effort or available to you or your student. However, there are very likely some that might be worth checking into.

<https://www.studentscholarships.org/2017scholarships.php#sthash.p7KfZDpK.OktuHtUL.dpbs>

Now, here is a list of important dates:

Silex H.S. College Visits:

All of these will take place during the lunch shifts. They are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 18th – Mizzou
- Thursday, October 19th – Columbia College
- Thursday, October 26th – Hannibal-LaGrange University
- Monday, November 6th – Truman State University



College Fairs:

Wed., Oct. 18th @ Louisiana H.S. 1:00 – 2:30. Please let me know if you will attend, so I can RSVP.

Wed., Oct. 18th @ Troy Buchanan H.S. 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Currently, there are over 50 schools coming.

FAFSA Frenzy Dates at SCCC:

Feb. 19th, March 20th, April 25th, and May 24th
I don't know times and locations on campus for these dates yet.

You may not be aware that the FAFSA Form no longer has to be filled out after filing of the most recent year's taxes. Students may now use the "prior-prior" year's tax information. Therefore, 2018 graduates may begin completing their FAFSA forms right now. One Silex student attended SCCC's FAFSA Frenzy meeting this past Sunday. And, I know others are working through this super important process. If you want expert help with the FAFSA and are willing to wait a while, you may attend one of the upcoming meetings. Contact SCCC prior to the date to register and get details. All students seeking any form of financial aid (including A+) must complete a FAFSA. Your child does not have to attend SCCC in order for you to participate in one of these events.

SCCC A+ Info. Nights for Seniors:

March 7th, March 26th, and April 10th

"Get Ready" Program Meeting for Seniors:

Wednesday, November 15th at 12:00 Noon

This is a program for students who plan to attend SCCC. Representatives from St. Charles Community College come to Silex, help students apply, complete placement tests, select classes, and enroll. In the spring, we will travel to SCCC to tour campus. This is a convenient way to get your student set and ready to go for the fall at SCCC. I will see students about this in November.

For our Underclassmen...

Missouri Boys State is now accepting applications for the 79th session to be held June 16-23, 2018 on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. If you are a **male, currently in your junior year**, and you would like to be considered for this opportunity, please see Mrs. Wells. This is free to accepted students. Students applying should demonstrate high standards of leadership, character, scholarship and citizenship.

HOBY is a program specifically for students after completion of their **sophomore** year. Silex H.S. can send three students to HOBY's Leadership Seminar at SEMO in Cape Girardeau from June 15, 2018 to June 17, 2018. Ask Mrs. Bair about this experience. I am told that she attended and loved it. First step for those interested... Let Mrs. Wells know you'd like to be considered by November 21, 2017.



On Friday, October 13th, I visited PLTC. I love seeing the programs that are available and the exciting new technologies that are part of those classes. Our **sophomore students** will have the chance to visit PLTC in January to determine if they wish to apply for attendance there in the 2018-2019 school year. Then, on February 27, 2018, PLTC will host a "Prospective Student Night" for families who may be considering PLTC for next year. Add this date to your calendar if your student is interested in learning more. In addition, our **8th-Grade students** have been invited to visit PLTC on November 16th. Please watch for more information to come regarding that special day.

Classroom Visits

I am nearing completion of my lessons for the month with Grades 7 – 12, and, as I indicated in the last newsletter, I am covering topics as follows: organization and scheduling, study tips and tricks, learning styles, values and goals, planning ahead, choices and consequences, interviewing and selling yourself, and finding money for college.

In the coming weeks, we will be sending home information about lessons in the middle- and high-school classrooms that will be conducted by providers funded through the Lincoln County Resource Board. Crider and Thrive will be bringing excellent lessons to us related to Bullying, Violence Prevention, and Sex Education. Those lessons will be in accordance with School Board Policy, and parents will have the opportunity to opt out, if they wish.

ELEMENTARY NEWS...

From the Lincoln County Resource Board:

Love & Logic Sessions (Offered by Catholic Family Services, Troy)

Free for Lincoln County parents through LCRB funding, the October Love & Logic Session will offer local families practical and fun solutions to some of our most common parenting challenges. Lincoln County parents will learn easy-to-use strategies for children of ALL AGES. The November session will take place on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Call 636-528-5911 to register.

Classroom Visits

I hope your child is enjoying the start of Fall. There are so many fun things to do between Fall Festival, school parties, the book fair, PTO Trick-or-Treat, and classroom parties. I enjoy watching the little ones participate in those activities, and I am getting to know more of them with each passing week. Below are the lessons I've done with elementary students, and a new round of visits starts later this month.

- ◆ Gifts and Blessings
- ◆ Safety Basics
- ◆ Others are Special
- ◆ What is Diversity?
- ◆ What is Kindness?
- ◆ Resourcefulness/Stewardship

