

Seniors,

Applying to College:

Now is the time to be applying to college. If you are filling out a paper application, complete it, make out a check/money order if applicable, and bring it to the counseling office to mail with your official transcript. If you applied online, print the counselor reference page (if available) and bring it to the counseling office to mail with your official transcript.

When you get accepted to the college(s) of your choice, please inform the counseling office. If you receive scholarships from colleges or outside agencies, please let the office know to make arrangements towards the Honors Ceremony this spring.

College Recruiters coming to Farwell:

Ferris State University	October 22 @1:15
Lake Superior State University	October 26 @10:30
Mid Michigan Community College	October 28 @ 1:00
Saginaw Valley State University	November 2 @ 9:00
Grand Valley State University	November 2 @ 1:30
Northern Michigan University	November 3 @ 9:00

(Juniors and Seniors are eligible to see the recruiters. Sign-up sheets are posted on Mrs. Rohdy's door 3-4 days in advance of the recruiter. If you have CTE, Dual Enrollment, or Work Study and you cannot attend the meeting, sign up anyway. Materials will be collected for you from the recruiter and you can pick them up from the counseling office the following day.)

College Fees and Important Deadlines

There will be many college fees and important deadlines that you must meet once accepted into the college(s) of your choice. Read all correspondence from the college/university carefully. Meet the deadlines. If you have issues with financial deadlines/deposits, contact the college directly for assistance. Enrollment and Housing Fees are important deadlines that you do not want to miss.

Letters of Recommendation and Personal Resume

It is advised that seniors ask a teacher, counselor, administrator, or coach to write a letter of recommendation for them and keep it on file. It is also advised that a non-school person write a letter of recommendation for a senior. This could be your employer, a minister, club leader, family acquaintance, etc. These letters can come in handy when applying for scholarships in the future. It is strongly encouraged that students create their own personal resume. This could be given to the person you ask to write your recommendation letter as well as be used in some cases for scholarship submission. Start preparing your information

now. Be able to list your leadership roles, community service projects and hours involved, employment record, awards, etc.

FAFSA and Scholarship Scam Information

If you haven't already picked up your *Funding Education Beyond High School – Guide to Federal Student Aid* booklet from the counseling office, please do so. The booklet provides information on federal student aid and procedural information for filling out the FAFSA and understanding the results.

Beware of scholarship scams. Make sure the information you receive and offers for scholarships are legitimate. Beware of the following statements:

“The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”

“You can't get this information anywhere else.”

“I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold the scholarship.”

“You've been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship.”

“You're a finalist” in a contest you never entered.

“If you pay \$25, we guarantee \$1,000 or more towards your college finances.”

“Provide your social security number, date of birth, and phone number and we will do a scholarship search for you.”

Visit www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams for more information and be cautious.

Try the following websites for scholarship searches, but again use the following rules above to avoid fraud.

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

www.collegeboard.com

www.fastweb.com.

www.scholarshiphelp.org

College Goal Sunday – Help with FAFSA Forms

February 14th, 2010, is **COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY** at Central Michigan University, Park Library building, 4th floor. The purpose of attending is to get help filling out your FASFA. Additional assistance is available from Mrs. Adams for filling out the FAFSA.

Making It Count, Students! – College Funding Strategies that Work

Visit www.makingitcount.com and utilize this internet resource for scholarships, collegiate information, and more.

The following are scholarships that are currently available:

The Prudential Spirit of Community Award application is available online at www.spirit.prudential.com. The deadline to submit to the principal is October 30 and the principal must submit the selected applications by November 2.

Students in grades 5-12 who have engaged in volunteer activities at least partly in the last 12 months are eligible to apply. Go online for more details.

The Elks Scholarship can be found at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Information and application are available online. The deadline is November 2.
Scholarships Continued...

Log onto www.axa-achievement.com to apply for the **AXA Achievement Scholarship**. The deadline is December 15, 2009. This is for students that are active in the community, have led projects that benefit others, and/or have overcome personal challenges.

MAB Foundation Scholarship – High School Broadcast Scholarship. Deadline is December 31. Scholarship for 3.0-4.0 students going into broadcast-related field. Pick up application in counseling office.

Are you interested in full time employment in the crude oil and natural gas industry? If so, the following **Michigan Oil & Gas Producers Education Foundation scholarship** is available at www.mogpef.org. The deadline is April 1, 2010.

The KFC Colonel's Scholars Program will be available beginning December 1 at www.kfcscholars.org. Information and the application are available online. The deadline is February 10, 2010.

The MEA Scholarship is available in the counseling office. Because it must include first trimester grades from senior year, the deadline is February 12.

Scholarships From Colleges/Universities:

Be sure to visit college/university websites and explore scholarship opportunities offered directly through the post-secondary institution. Some scholarships are automatically awarded after you have been accepted, and other scholarships require additional applications, essays, and/or interviews. For example, Central Michigan University's Centralis or Western Michigan University's Medallion Scholarship are available to outstanding academic students who enter the competitions. Ask recruiters when they come about scholarship opportunities. Visit campus. Talk to academic advisors at the post-secondary institution you plan to attend.

Visiting Colleges/Universities

Seniors and their parents are encouraged to visit the college/university that they are interested in attending. Most colleges have visitation appointment schedules online that students and parents can register for directly. If you miss school for a college visit, please bring back a signed slip from the admissions office and turn it into the attendance secretary in the main office. Students are responsible for making up the work that they miss while gone.

Jostens Information – Announcements, Class Song, Motto, Color, Flower, etc.

Graduation announcement options as well as top senior choices for class song, motto, color, flower, etc. are posted in both the counseling and main office windows. Stop and look at your options. Seniors will be voting later this fall on these items. There will be a senior class meeting on November 3 at 11:00 with Mr. Ball. Josten's orders will be collected on November 12 between 10:30-1:00.

Senior Video

Now is the time to be turning in your pictures for the senior video. Read the flyers posted in the hallway. See Mrs. LeVier with any further questions.

Dual Enrollment for Winter 2010

Students interested in dual enrolling for the Winter 2010 term will meet with a MMCC representative in November. Go to www.midmich.edu to view winter 2010 courses. Remember that Winter 2010 courses will run for both trimester 2 and 3. Farwell pays for all tuition and fees, but students are responsible for their own book costs and transportation. Pay attention to the announcements and newspaper for a specific meeting time. Spanish 102 and Spanish 201 are available on FHS campus. See Mr. Hill for details. English 111 is available on campus, see Mr. Adams.

Retaking the ACT

If you are planning to retake the ACT test, you can register at www.actstudent.org. The following are the remaining test dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 24, 2009	Sept. 18, 2009
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010

Paper registration packets are also available.

Blood Drive – November 4

Attention 17 year olds and older: Farwell Student Council will be hosting its bi-annual blood drive on Wednesday, November 4. Will you please consider donating? The sign-up sheet is available in the counseling office. It begins at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 3:00. There is an additional form that needs to be filled out for first time donors. If you have a sibling, friend, or parent that would like to donate, have them call the high school to get an appointment time. Please consider helping with this worthy cause.