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FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP – DECEMBER 14 DURING ADVISORY

Quick Tip: Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1, and each successive year once you're in college. Early submission maximizes your chances of receiving aid.

FAFSA Process: 1-2-3!

Step 1: Assemble forms needed to complete FAFSA . You and your parents (if dependent) need the following to fill out the form:

Social security number

- Current bank and brokerage account statements
- Driver's license (if any)
- Current mortgage and investment records (if any)
- Alien registration card (if not a U.S. citizen)
- 2011 federal tax return (**estimates are OK on tax questions, if you or your parents haven't filed yet**)
- 2011 untaxed income records (if any)
- 2011 W2 and 1099 forms and other record of money earned
- Parents' 2011 income tax return (if dependent)

Step 2: Complete the FAFSA

- Fill out the online FAFSA worksheet
- Complete a FAFSA on the Web at: www.fafsa.gov. The online version is used by 99% of the applicants since it includes skip logic to avoid asking you unnecessary and redundant questions.
- In order to maximize your amount of aid, fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.
- Once finished, print the FAFSA summary as well as the "Submission Confirmation" page (or write down your confirmation number and date). If you complete the paper version, make a copy for your records.

Step 3: Review your Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR is proof that your FAFSA was received. You should receive your electronic SAR in 1-3 days if you filed electronically (paper filing: 2-3 weeks).

What if I find errors on my Student Aid Report (SAR)? Report errors immediately to your financial aid office. You can also make corrections online at: www.fafsa.gov. If you don't

receive your SAR in 3-4 weeks, call 1-800-433-3243 (1-800-4-FED-AID) or visit www.studentaid.ed.gov

How is financial aid determined? Financial Need = Cost of Attendance (COA) – Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

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LOCAL FAFSA WORKSHOPS

Clover Park: Jan. 5 @ 6pm in the Library

Sumner High School: Jan. 09 @ 7pm

Bonney Lake High School: Jan. 10 @ 7 pm

Lincoln High School: Jan 10 @ 6pm in the Computer Lab

Pacific Lutheran University: Jan. 16 @ 10am – 2pm in Morken Center

IMPORTANT Information about requesting transcripts and SAT/ACT Scores

Sending SAT/ACT scores to colleges - Most colleges and universities want your test scores sent **ONLY** from the test companies and no longer accept them from high schools. Decide what colleges you would like your test scores sent to and use your **one time only** free request option on your test registration. Sending your scores later is timely and costly.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OPEN DECEMBER 16TH.

Deadline: 2/24/2012

Apply online:

http://www.sumner.wednet.edu/ourschools/bonneylake_hs/pages/Scholarship.html

Please provide 5 complete copies to the CIC.

***Helpful Hint....Read ALL the instruction before you fill out the application.**

Requesting Transcripts from BLHS - Get your transcript request form from the CIC. Plan ahead-it takes 48 hours to process your request.

School Website - Check out the Bonney Lake High School Website for more senior information. http://www.sumner.wednet.edu/ourschools/bonneylake_hs/pages/seniors.html

The CIC has a new website. Check it out:

<http://teachers.sumnersd.org/bhs/shelmold/index.php>

13th Year Planning List helpful websites

- www.fafsa.ed.gov: Information on the federal financial aid process.
- www.collegegold.com: Informative website for information on paying for college.
- www.fastweb.com: Scholarship search engine and college planning website
- www.act.org: Act test prep as well as ASSET/COMPASS test prep.
- www.collegeboard.com: SAT registration site with scholarship search engine and college planning tools as well.

Helpful Reminders:

- Be sure to provide a quiet place for your student to study
- Continue to communicate with your student's teacher – or set up a parent teacher conference through grade level counselor.

Financial Aid Workshop for seniors: How will you pay for your education? This workshop will cover all financial aid sources for all kinds of education following high school graduation. This is held during advisory period for students on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Parents are invited to a follow-up workshop on January 10th at 7pm.

Parent Financial Aid Night: This is the financial aid workshop is held on **January 10th at 7pm** in room 304/305 of Bonney Lake High School. A local financial aid officer will be on hand to address specific questions about the process. It is designed for both parents and students. As such, it is held in our computer lab and includes specific instructions on how to fill in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA online.

Please inform Ms. Helmold, in the CIC, or Mrs. Rayl, in the 300 Wing Office, of all scholarships you receive.

Upcoming Events:

12/14	Financial Aid Workshop during Advisory
12/14	Running Start Mtg. (LRC) @ 4PM
01/01	FAFSA opens
01/10	Financial Aid Night
05/23	Senior Showcase
05/31	Senior Awards
06/5	Heart of the Panther
06/8	Roll-up Assembly
06/11	(tentative) Senior Breakfast & Graduation practice at BLHS
06/12	Graduation

Next Prowler: January 11, 2012

SENIOR CALENDAR

December 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES.	WED.	THUR	FRIDAY	SAT
				1 Army	2	3 SAT
4	5	6 Air Nat. Guard	7 Army Nat. Guard	8 Air Force	9	10 ACT
11	12	13	14 Financial Aid Wkshp. During Advisory RS MTG 4pm – LRC Marines	15 Army	16 Community Scholarship App.Open	17
18	19	20 Navy	WINTER			24 
25 	26	27	28	29	30 Register for Jan. SAT	31 
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