

January 27, 2009

Dear Parents:

The semester is really flying by and May will be here before we know it! Below please find information to help your senior continue to prepare for life after graduation:

- **College Night at EHS library, 6 p.m.** Speaker will discuss financial aid and give detailed instructions on completing the FAFSA (Pell Grant) form
- Your senior has received instructions for the **Classroom Teachers Scholarship** and **Robb Scholarship**, as well as information about other non-local scholarships. I mailed a copy of the Classroom Teachers and Robb Scholarship applications to your home. If you did not receive them, please let me know. We are encouraging all seniors who plan to attend college or technical school to apply for these scholarships. Check the school website for other scholarships.
- In addition to the scholarship opportunities above, the **Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation** is encouraging our students to apply for several scholarships that are available through their organization. Go to [www.wfacf.org](http://www.wfacf.org) for more information.
- Time is going quickly for seniors who plan to attend college next fall. There are still several times for students to take **ACT and/or SAT** exams. I know that these exams are expensive, and have fee waivers available if needed. Ask your senior to come by and ask me for a form. If I'm not on campus that day, Mrs. Frizell can also help. In addition, some students will be required to take a THEA exam to enter college. Once again, Mrs. Frizell or I can find that information for your senior.
- **Applying to college** used to be done on a paper application, but now most schools require students apply on-line. The website is [www.ApplyTexas.org](http://www.ApplyTexas.org)
- The **FAFSA** is also only on-line these days. That website is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
If you end up at a website that asks you for money to apply, make sure you're at the right spot. There is no charge to apply for a federal grant.

IF YOU RECEIVE INFORMATION IN THE MAIL ABOUT SCHOLARSHIP COMPANIES WHO WILL BE IN TOWN AND GUARANTEE YOUR STUDENT COLLEGE MONEY, OR SOMEONE ELSE ASKS YOU FOR MONEY TO FIND FUNDS FOR YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT, PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM ANYTHING. THOSE COMPANIES HAVE A REPUTATION FOR CHARGING PEOPLE FOR INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE. IF YOU ARE CONTACTED, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND WE'LL CHECK IT OUT.

As always, if you have questions or need more information, please let me know.

Thanks,

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