

MARCH SENIOR NEWSLETTER

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- ✓ College applications should be in. If not, this should be your top priority.
- ✓ Go online and submit your applications.
- ✓ Your transcript will need to be sent to each college you apply to. Inform Mrs. DeVisser where you need your transcript sent.
- ✓ Some applications require recommendations from a teacher, principal, or counselor.
- ✓ Apply to multiple colleges and make your final decision later.

FINANCIAL AID

- ✓ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All students intending to go to college should submit the application beginning October 1. Michigan has an application deadline of March 1. Apply as soon as possible at fafsa.ed.gov. *Even though the state deadline has passed, you can still fill out the FAFSA.*

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

- ✓ ***Universal Forest Products***, a company founded in 1955 right here in Grand Rapids, offers a tuition-free Business Degree Program. The program introduces students to accounting, human resources, information technology, manufacturing, communications, and marketing. Check out the website at www.ufpbusinessschool.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- ✓ American Legion Scholarship ~ michiganlegion.org/scholarships ~ Deadlines vary depending on the scholarship.
- ✓ Blood Drive Scholarship ~ To be eligible for this scholarship a student must 1) be a senior, 2) have donated, or attempted to donate blood at least once during his/her high school career, 3) write a 200-300 word essay persuading fellow students to donate blood. 4) scholarship must be used in the Fall of 2020. See the counseling office for a form that must be attached to your typed essay. Deadline: April 24.
- ✓ Grandville-Jenison Community Ted terHaar Memorial Business Major Scholarship ~ Applicants must reside in either the Grandville or Jenison school district **or** be a child of a Grandville-Jenison Chamber member. ~ <https://business.grandjen.com/events/details/2021-leadership-scholarships-deadline-26326> ~ Deadline: March 18
- ✓ GRCC Foundation Scholarship ~ One application for over 300 different scholarships. ~ grcc.edu/scholarships ~ Deadline: March 15
- ✓ Jay Mol Family Scholarship ~ A \$2,000 four-year renewable scholarship is available along with additional scholarships with the same application form. This scholarship is based upon GPA, recommendations, financial need, school involvement and extracurricular activities. ~ Deadline: March 31. See Mrs. DeVisser for a scholarship application.

- ✓ Mary Jane Dockeray Science Scholarship ~ Two \$2,500 scholarships sponsored by the Regional Math & Science Center at Grand Valley State University are available to students pursuing a career in science. ~ www.gvsu.edu/rmsc ~ Deadline: March 30
- ✓ Michigan Retailers Association ~ 21 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The awards are not based on financial need. To be eligible, the student or parent must be employed at a business that is a member of MRA. ~ www.retailers.com/member-benefits/scholarship-program ~ Deadline: April 1
- ✓ Raise.me ~ Getting scholarships from colleges for your achievements in high school.
- ✓ Right to Life of Michigan Education Fund ~ This \$500 scholarship is available to one outstanding prolife high school senior in Michigan. Selection criteria includes the application, essay and a list of prolife activities. ~ rtl.org/school-student-resources. ~ Deadline: March 12
- ✓ Rockford Sportsman's Club ~ The Rockford Sportsman's Club Bob Bond Scholarship awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a student who is interested in furthering their education in the study of the environment or law enforcement. ~ www.rockfordsportsmansclub.com/about-rsc/scholarships/. ~ Deadline: May 1.
- ✓ SAE Engineering Scholarships ~ sae.org ~ Deadline: March 15
- ✓ Prospective Teachers: For students who are baptized or professing members of First Netherlands Reformed Congregation (Beckwith), specific funds are allocated to assist students who are going into the field of education. See Mrs. DeVisser for details.

COLLEGE ORIENTATION

- ✓ You must fill out a pre-arranged absence form (available in the office) two days prior to your orientation date.

Questions? Send me an email at vdevisser@plymouthchristian.us