

The Grapevine

A GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Senior Parents/Students –IF YOU HAVE NOT STARTED YOUR FAFSA application, please do so asap at www.fafsa.gov. Need more information?

www.studentaid.ed.gov/complefafsa has detailed instructions for every FAFSA question – Also, you can view our Financial Aid Night presentation on our high school website. And, remember to check if any of your schools require the CSS Profile (a separate financial aid form required by some schools.) This form is available on the collegeboard.com website. **REMEMBER THE FAFSA FORM IS FREE – MAKE SURE YOU USE THE CORRECT WEBSITE ABOVE.**

Senior Update: *Some of the colleges our seniors have been accepted to in December are: Albertus Magnus, Becker, Binghamton, Boston College, Brown, Castleton, Catholic University of America, Clemson, Colby-Sawyer, Colorado State, Dean, Dominican, Duke, Duquesne, East Tennessee, Eastern Connecticut, Elon, Embry Riddle, Endicott, Fairfield, Fordham, Furman, Gettysburg, Hamilton, Hofstra, Indiana University Bloomington, Jefferson, Lafayette, Loyola, Marist, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Miami University Ohio, New England College, Old Dominion, Penn State, Quinnipiac, Rivier, Sacred Heart, Saint Anselm, Saint Joseph’s Maine, Saint Joseph’s University, Saint Michael’s, Siena, Simmons, Southern Connecticut, SUNY New Paltz, U. Denver, U. Hartford, U. New Haven, U. Pittsburgh, U. San Francisco, University of Notre Dame, Willamette, Worcester Polytechnic*

IMPORTANT Seniors: If you have been deferred or your colleges request mid-year grades, you must see Mrs. Neill in the Career Center. Mid-year grades **cannot** be requested in Naviance. Also, please record your college acceptances in Naviance and if you have made a **final decision** please record that also. Colleges require proof of graduation before you attend, therefore, you need to indicate what college you will be attending so your final transcript will be sent there in June.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (Seniors Only)-All applications are available in Naviance by going to the College Tab and scrolling down to Scholarship List. Remember if you need to send recommendation letters, you need to see Mrs. Neill in the Career Center, or in some cases, drop off application and your letters will be attached and picked up by the sponsor. DO NOT WAIT TILL THE DUE DATE – SOME TAKE TIME TO BE MAILED!!

Big Y Scholarship – Due 2/1
Meserve Memorial Fund – Due 2/1

Ronald McDonald HACER Scholarship – Due 2/5
 Design a Better Future 2/11
 New England Chapter Nat'l Assoc. of Water Companies 2/15
 Roberta B. Willis (CT State-see below- Due 2/15)
 Hood Sportsmanship – Due 3/10
 Connecticut Building Congress – Due 3/10
 Ct Alarm Systems 3/12
 Connecticut Nurserymen's Foundation 3/13
 PWC (Engineering) – Due 3/21
 Helen & Bob Brill 3/23
 Janice Scott Memorial Fund 3/31
 Peter Ladd/Johnny Moran Memorial
 Thrift Mart – Due 4/1
 Ellen Knowles (vocational only or 2 year school) – Due 4/1
 NM Police Union – Due 4/1
 Healing the Children 4/13
 Litchfield Hills Audobon Society 4/27
 NMEA – 4/30
 NM Chamber of Commerce – 5/1
 Milton Fisher – Due 5/1
 Roger Sherman DAR – 5/1

The Connecticut Governor's Scholarship, formerly the Capital Scholarship is now called “**The Roberta B. Willis Scholarship**”. Fill out this form if you have listed a Connecticut school in step 6 on your FAFSA and you fulfill all other criteria on the form. Information will be electronically sent to the State of Connecticut for consideration. **Due: 2/15**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION 2018

- Scholarships are for seniors planning to continue their education at either a 4 year or 2 year college or technical school
- Each scholarship is different and reading for details is important. Be mindful of deadlines There are rarely extensions or excuses accepted if an application is late
- Never fill out an application in pencil
- Most applications can be downloaded from Naviance unless otherwise noted. [All scholarship applications and websites can be found in Naviance by going to the Colleges Tab and scrolling down to the Scholarship List – click on the name of the scholarship and then download the application. See Mrs. Neill if you need help.](#)
- Students applying for scholarship should ask for a copy of their transcript which they can copy and attach to their application. Students should bring their applications to the Career Center in stamped envelopes so letters of recommendation can be inserted. **DO NOT WAIT TILL THE DEADLINE.** Make sure all directions are followed. Print out your SAT/ACT scores from College Board if needed and be sure to insert a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) if requested.

- The following applications **when they become available**, can be dropped off in the Career Center without envelopes, as someone will hand pick these up on the due date:
- Students should be in good standing if applying for scholarship

American Legion Post 31

Common Application

Ellen Knowles Harcourt Foundation (vocational or 2-year school only)

French Honor Society/National Honor Society

John Pettibone

Knights of Columbus

Lion's Club

Litchfield County University Club – part sent directly; part dropped off at school

New Milford Board of Realtors

PTO

Thrift Mart

Vincent Gorman Scholarship

Woman's Club

For national and general scholarship search, try the following websites: Fastweb.com, salliemae.com or cappex.com