

GT Parent Newsletter

Rappahannock County Schools

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Edition 8

New Online Economics and Personal Finance Course through Longwood College credit before 8th grade!!

An exciting opportunity has become available to students at RCHS. A partnership with Longwood University will allow for high school students

requirement for both the economics and personal finance course and virtual course, as well as provide students to earn three

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”

~Socrates

to take an online summer course to earn college credit. As many of you know, new Virginia state regulations require that all students in high school must take at least one virtual course as well as an economics and personal finance course in order to graduate.

Longwood University has agreed to offer a four week Economics and Personal Finance online course that will not only count for high school graduation credit, it will fulfill the graduation

official college credits. Better yet, if students opt to attend Longwood upon graduation, an additional three credits will be applied as a scholarship. Thus, one student can earn up to six college credits in four weeks.

This course is self-paced interface. This is a very viable option for gifted students looking to take a high school credit over the summer that will fulfill two graduation requirements in one. The course is entirely

Enrichment Opportunity

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We have an opportunity to nominate current sophomores and juniors for three different programs through the Virginia Space Grant Consortium.

Sophomores can attend the Virginia Space Coast Scholars program

<http://vsocs.spacegrant.org/>

Juniors can attend the Virginia Aerospace and Technology Scholars program.

<http://vasts.spacegrant.org/>

Sophomores and Juniors-Virginia Earth Systems Science Scholars

<http://vsgc.odu.edu/VESSS>

There is no cost for either of these program is students are accepted. They include some online courses from December-May and a summer academy run by NASA.

Questions? Please contact Lilo Wolfe or Michelle Papa.

online, however, students will need to come to Longwood's campus to take their final exam, including the WISE credentialing exam for financial literacy. The final day at Longwood will be complete with a lunch, campus tour, and fun activities, all part of the course tuition. Parents are welcome to attend the final day at Longwood. Cost of the course is \$400, however, we are looking for ways to offset the cost if we have enough interest. Also, we are willing to provide transportation to Longwood on the final day.

In order to take part in this program, we must have a good idea as to numbers. I am willing to open this course to

motivated, hardworking current 7th graders, as long as they have a strong math background. If interested, please contact either Shannon Grimsley or Michelle Papa.

Red Ribbon Week SADD and MADD

RCPS Students Against Destructive Decisions and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, teamed up this week to promote awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Red Ribbon Week is a national event that recognizes the efforts of the late DEA agent, Kiki Camarena, who was killed while conducting an investigation of a major drug trafficking regime. Kim McKiernan, the founder of the

local chapter of MADD has partnered with the schools, and has enlisted the help of SADD sponsor, Joy Sours. This week, the high school was decorated in red, with posters, balloons, ribbons, and signs, all showing support for students making good choices. Students were also decorated in newly procured wristbands, with the winning SADD contest slogan by Cassia Gainer, warning, "Bad Decisions Today, No Decisions Tomorrow."



Important Events/Dates

(Please also check the RCPS Website and Calendar for more!!!)

- Fall Back!! Set your clocks back an hour on Halloween night!
- Nov. 5th Workplace Readiness Testing
- Nov. 7th SRGS and FLA intent to apply due to guidance
- Nov. 9th Rep from LFCC at lunch to speak with interested students
- Nov. 11 PRIDE Day at RCHS & Veteran's Day
- Nov. 11th STEM Festival in Clarke County begins at 5:15 P.M.
- Nov. 17 at 9:00 AM MVGS Guidance Counselor to RCHS for info session
- Nov. 18 Career Day at RCHS

For more information about Student Projects, visit Lilo's Gifted Classroom Page here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/rappahannockschools.us/classroom-news/student-projects>

Want to see something featured? Questions? Send your feedback to:

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