

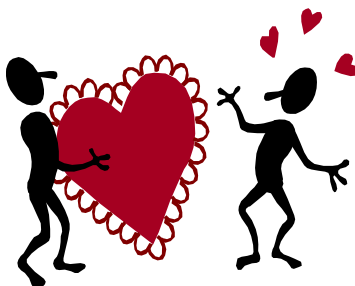
Senior News

February

A Note From Your Counselor—Mrs. Correll

Your February Checklist

- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and, if necessary, PROFILE®.
- Mail or send electronically any remaining applications and financial aid forms.
- Watch your deadlines. Every college sets their own deadlines. Don't miss out on scholarships, housing and more because you forgot a deadline!
- Keep your eyes and ears open for scholarship opportunities. Apply! Apply! Apply!
- Mid year grades...I don't send them unless you request them. Stop into my office if your college(s) asked for these grades.
- Work hard on your graduation project presentation!
- Study and do your homework until June.
- Those who met with Career Link, make sure you follow up with their services.



You're Invited...

to 3 FAFSA Completion Workshops:

- * Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. in SWAHS library
- * Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. @ Penn College
- * Tuesday, April 7, 4:30 -7 p.m. @ Penn College

You must preregister; seating is limited.
For the SWAHS session, preregister with Mrs. Correll.
For the Penn College sessions, preregister by emailing finaid@pct.edu or calling 327-4766.

Before the workshop apply for your PIN number through this website: <https://pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp> and fill in the FAFSA worksheet. This can be obtained by going to this site: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1415/pdf/fafsaws14c.pdf>. In addition, each student and parent should bring copies of their 2014 taxes, 2014 W-2's, and SSN's for all household members. Also, take advantage of the IRS Retrieval Process if you have submitted your 2014 income taxes.

Students should attend with their parents.

Did You Get Accepted??

Stop by guidance and let me know when you get that important notice in the mail.



A Word about Scholarships...

If you are applying for scholarships and need recommendations or information from the guidance office, please give plenty of advance notice. I cannot be responsible for a postmark date if I don't have the information at least one week in advance. Please do not procrastinate!!!

Military Visits

Feb. 5 -- U. S. Air Force
Feb. 19 – U. S. Army National Guard

Employment

** Civil Service Jobs—contact 717-783-3058 or www.scsc.state.pa.us
** Career Link—contact Stacie Snyder at 570-205-7868 or www.cwds.state.pa.us

Thank You!



Don't forget to thank those who have helped you along the way. It may have been that first grade teacher who inspired you, or your parents who pushed when you needed to be pushed. Take a few minutes and write them a simple thank you. And, don't forget to thank all those who are writing recommendation letters for college applications and scholarships.

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February 13—Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers Scholarship If your parents are members of the PACB, see me.

February 18—Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship Program Students should submit original photo, art or graphics, only 1 entry per person, to be used as a greeting card. For official scholarship rules see www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm.

February 27—PSECU Scholarships If your parents are a member of the PSECU, check out www.psecu.com/scholarships for one of six \$8000 scholarships.

February 27—Big 33 Scholarships (General and Nursing) provide financial assistance to seniors who exhibit excellence in a well-rounded educational and extracurricular program, have a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale for grades 10 and 11, and plan to continue education in an accredited institution of higher education or technical school. Go to www.big33.org

February 27 – Buick Achievers Scholarship Program is for seniors planning to major in Engineering/Technology or select Design and Business-related programs of study (see list of eligible majors) with an interest in pursuing a career in automotive or related industries. Go to www.buickachievers.com for more information.

February 28—The Carl E. Stotz Little League Baseball Scholarships This award is for a senior from a Lycoming County High School in good standing and academically in the upper twenty-five percent of his or her class and whose spirit exemplifies effort, determination and persistence in attempting to reach a goal.

February 28—PA State Society Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring 3 scholarships (1-any major, 2-nursing, 3-history) Go to www.pssdar.org/

March 1—Dean Stroop Scholarship Fund is a new award for \$1500 to be given to a senior planning to pursue a career in dance, music or theatre. See Mrs. Correll for an application.

March 1—The Hermine Solt Student Scholarship The PA Association of Educational Office Professionals awards \$500 to a student who will be furthering their education in the field of business (i.e. secretarial, office technology, accounting, business, business teacher). www.paeop.com

March 1 – PA Restaurant available to High School been accepted in a



Scholarship is Seniors who have hospitality or

culinary arts program at an accredited post-secondary institution. Student must be a Pennsylvania resident. To apply, download an application form at www.prla.org.

March 13—Budd Memorial Scholarship This \$1500 scholarship is sponsored by the Williamsport Music Club and is awarded to a Lycoming County senior who plans to pursue an education in music. For more information see Mrs. Correll for a paper application.

March 15—Hugh Carcella Scholarships If you are a son or daughter of the United Steelworkers

SCHOLARSHIPS Continued...

of America, District 10 Union, apply for the Hugh Carcella Scholarships. Six, four-year scholarships, each \$4,000 will be awarded. Contact your local union for an application.

March 15—PA Masonic Youth Foundation Scholarships are available to members or have a relative who is a member of the PA Masons, have a 3.0 or higher GPA, and have financial need. Go to www.pmyf.org/scholar/app.

March 13—The Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) \$500 scholarships will be awarded to six worthy high school students who plan to pursue a career in a communications field (i.e. journalism, English, public relations, advertising, graphic arts, etc.). Entry form & contest rules are available at www.penspra.org/ScholarshipInfo.aspx

March 31—Horizon Federal Credit Union Scholarship Two \$500 scholarships are available to

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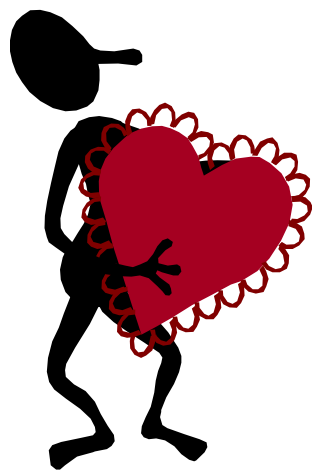
April 30—PALCO Federal Credit Union sponsors a \$500 "Members Helping Members" scholarship. To apply, you must be a PALCO member, write an essay, complete an application, and submit a recommendation letter. See Mrs. Correll or go to www.palcofcu.org for an application.

June 1—Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship for students pursuing a fashion degree. Go to www.fashion-schools.org

June 1—Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship for students pursuing an animation career path. Go to www.animationcareerreview.com

Scholarship and Financial Aid Websites

www.finaid.org/nasfaa
www.fastweb.com
www.fafsa.ed.gov
www.collegequest.com
www.college-scholarships.com
www.wellsfargo.com/collegesteps
www.collegenet.com/mach25
www.scholarship.com
www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.campusdoor.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.pct.edu/scholarships
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www.petersons.com
www.findtuition.com
www.collegedata.com
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www.princetonreview.com



Tips for Avoiding Senioritis

The symptoms show up every year. High school seniors try to balance extracurricular activities, a social life, college admission and perhaps a part-time job. Somewhere along the way, home work begins to seem less important and spending time with friends becomes the top priority. Then, they get accepted to college, and after that, high school seems even less important. School work begins to slide, and so do their grades. The diagnosis? Senioritis.

Senioritis can be defined as a "sickness" that strikes high school seniors. Symptoms include: laziness, an over-excessive wearing of track pants, old athletic shirts, sweatpants, athletic shorts, and sweatshirts. Also features a lack of studying, repeated absences, and a generally dismissive attitude. The only known cure is a phenomenon known as graduation. Senioritis is easy to catch and hard to get rid of. It can also be dangerous to your plans for the future. Every year, colleges take back their offers of admission, put students on academic probation, or change financial aid packages because of it. For example, Wilkes University (PA) gives merit-based financial aid based in part on class rank. "Four [students] this year were awarded one merit level based on their class rank at the point of application, but [their] final transcripts showed that their class rank had fallen to such a level that they no longer qualified for the original merit level," says the dean of enrollment



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Then, map out what you have to do. To complete that English paper, when should you begin working on it? If the big game is the night before the due date, plan to finish the paper a few days ahead of time. You won't have time to get it done the night before because you'll be leading the team to victory!

Don't obsess. It's easy to get caught up in the college admission process and forget about the here and now.

"Don't spend the whole senior year obsessing about college admission," says the director of admission at Oberlin College (OH). "Going about the business of being a good student and good citizen, making choices for the betterment of your brain, body and spirit, often offers more benefit for college admission than some plan crafted to impress college admission officers." *So don't get involved in some activity just to impress colleges.* You don't have time for that. Instead, do the things you love, and drop activities that you're just not that committed to. (That doesn't include academics, though!)

Talk about it. Senior year can be sad and exhilarating at the same time. You and your friends catalog all the "lasts"—the last first day of school, the last football game, the last prom. But you're also looking forward to graduating and starting college.

"Remember in The Wizard of Oz when Scarecrow said 'part of me is over there and part of me is over here'?" says a representative from Westmont College (CA). "That's how seniors feel." She advises seniors to talk about their feelings—which can range from fear of leaving high school to stress about college admission to anticipation of the new experiences college will bring. Useful people to talk to are your friends (who are going through the same things you are), your parents, your guidance counselor and other adults whom you respect.

Have fun. "I always encourage seniors to celebrate their senior year," says the representative from Westmont. "They have worked a long time to get to this point and should do all they can to enjoy it."

www.nacacnet.org/studentinfo/articles/Pages/Senioritis.aspx