

**UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
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**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING IS
AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:**

College Financial Aid Night will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday, September 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

It would be beneficial for Senior and Junior parents to attend in order to prepare to complete college financial aid forms.

NEW

Through a new program called raise.me, students can automatically earn scholarships from colleges each time he or she achieves any of the following goals in school:

- Get an A in a course (\$100 - \$1,000)
- Get a B in a course (\$50 - \$600)
- Participate in a school club or sport (\$25 - \$250)
- And much more

Our school is among the first in the country to take advantage of this opportunity, which is funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges.

Here is how you can best support your student to get the most from this opportunity:

- 1) Ensure that your student creates an account at www.raise.me.
- 2) Congratulate your student for regularly adding good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her raise.me "Portfolio" in order to earn "Micro-Scholarships" from colleges. Your student is eligible to receive scholarship money for each achievement from the start of 9th grade until midway through 12th grade.
- 3) Visit www.raise.me/parents for more information.

We hope using raise.me will make your student's path to college both more fun and affordable.

If you have questions, I encourage you to contact the Guidance Office at 570-644-0375 ext. 119, or send an email to support@raise.me. Increasing numbers of public and private colleges continue to join the

raise.me program. Colleges are added on a monthly basis and you can request colleges at any time. Your child will automatically get related Micro-Scholarships from all new colleges as they become available.

Attention Seniors and Juniors: The postmark deadline for taking the November 5th SAT is Friday, October 7th.

Students, please make sure that Our Lady of Lourdes School Code 394-483, is included on your registration form. Some students have omitted our school code; therefore, SAT scores are not sent to us and cannot be attached to your transcript now or in the future. Also remember it is suggested that students send scores to four colleges of your choice. There is no additional fee for this. Register today online at www.collegeboard.com.

Attention Seniors and Juniors: The postmark deadline for taking the October 22nd ACT is Friday, September 16th.

Seniors were provided folders containing forms, informational handouts regarding scholarships, and instructions for completing **college applications**. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, November 4th.

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School will host a **College Fair** on Tuesday, October 11th, in the cafeteria for grades 9 through 12. Approximately 30 colleges will be at the fair. Parents are invited to attend.

PACCAO – Pennsylvania Association of Catholic College Admissions Officers will be hosting a **Catholic College Fair** at Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, October 3, from 9:00 – 9:45a.m., in the cafeteria, for the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore classes. Parents are invited to attend.

Bucknell University will be hosting **College Night** (College Fair) at Gerhard Field House on Monday, October 10th, at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

PSATs will be administered Wednesday, October 19th, at **Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School**. Registration for Juniors will be Wednesday, October 5th, and Sophomores on Thursday, October 6th. Registration forms will be given to students at the end of September.

NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association – Many college athletic programs are regulated by the NCAA, which has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. If a student is planning to enroll in college as a freshman and wishes to participate in Division I or II athletics, he or she must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The process of certification should begin at the end of the Junior year in high school. NCAA requests that students apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is necessary to send ACT or SAT scores to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agencies. The code for NCAA is 9999.