

**UPDATE  
FROM THE  
GUIDANCE OFFICE  
2016**

**SEPTEMBER 16**

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

**NEW**

Through a new program called [raise.me](http://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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> grade until midway through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 3) Visit [www.raise.me/parents](http://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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> SAT is Friday, October 7th.**

Students, please make sure that Our Lady of Lourdes School Code 394-483, is included on your registration form. 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](http://www.collegeboard.com).

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

**Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School** will host a **College Fair** on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

**PSATs** will be administered Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at **Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School**. Registration for Juniors will be Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sophomores on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://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.

### **NEW**

**Penn State University** will be hosting **College of Communications Open House** on October 29. Students can learn about the largest accredited communications

program in the country, hear from a panel of current students on their experiences with internships, meet with faculty and staff across the college and tour state-of-the-art facilities. The College offers five undergraduate majors: Advertising/Public Relations, Film-Video, Journalism, Media Studies and Telecommunications. Registration fills up quickly, so reserve your spot ASAP. To register go to <http://comm.psu.edu/about/open-house> and click “RSVP for Open House.

### **NEW**

**TELOS SAT PREP COURSE** – This 8-session power course is a great way to prepare for the SAT without adding more stress to your life. Telos expert instructor offers direct instruction and guided practice to help improve scores for each section of the exam. Pre and post practice exams will be administered to help students become familiar with the test format and time restraints, as well as to measure their growth. Telos SAT Prep Course includes: (8) 2.5 hour sessions, one time a week. Come join us and improve your score.

2016 Dates:           October 9 – November 27

2017 Dates:           January 8 – February 26 and March 5 – April 30

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### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **NEW**

Receive up to \$25,000 for college with the **Horatio Alger Scholarship**. If integrity, determination and courage describe your child, he or she may have what it takes to be a Horatio Alger Scholar. Horatio Alger Scholarships reward students who possess the character to succeed in life, and helps students overcome the financial barriers of pursuing higher education. To qualify, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and require financial assistance to go to college. To learn more and apply, visit [scholars.horatioalger.org](http://scholars.horatioalger.org). Deadline is October 25, 2016.

### **OPEN HOUSES:**

#### **NEW**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 24 Immaculata University
- 24 Mount Aloysius College
- 24 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design

## **OCTOBER**

- 2 Saint Joseph University
- 7 McCann School of Business and Technology – Career Day
- 8 Lock Haven University
- 12 Harrisburg Area Community College – all five campuses
- 15 Clarion University
- 15 Immaculata University – Information Session
- 16 Seton Hall University, NJ
- 23 Saint Joseph University
- 23 University of Scranton
- 24 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- 29 Lock Haven University
- 29 Penn State University – College of Communications
- 30 Mount Aloysius College

## **NOVEMBER**

- 6 University of Scranton
- 11 Mount Aloysius College
- 12 Clarion University
- 19 Immaculata
- 19 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
- 20 Seton Hall University, NJ
- 29 Lock Haven University

Clarion University Preview Visit Days:

September 23

October 7 - 10 - 21 – 28

November 28

December 2 - 9

**PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH COLLEGES BEFORE ATTENDING.**