

***UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
2017***

MARCH 10

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

NEW - ATTENTION: Students and Parents of Grades 9 through 12:

Many of you have concerns about how to make a college education more affordable. Through a new program called Raise.me, students can guarantee scholarships from 200+ colleges as early as 9th grade, making it easier to plan financially for school. Raise.me has proven to be a great tool to motivate students in high schools throughout the U.S., as the site immediately rewards students with scholarships for their hard work in and outside of high school.

As an example:

- 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 was launched with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges. Here are a couple of easy ways to support your students in using this unique tool:

- 1) Ensure that your student creates an account at www.raise.me.
- 2) Encourage your student to regularly add good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her raise.me “Portfolio” to earn “Micro-Scholarships” from colleges.
- 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 [name and contact information of school personnel] or send an email to support@raise.me.

***** Attention Juniors: The postmark deadline for taking the May 6 SAT is Friday, April 7.** 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.org.

For the first time, students will be able to take the **SAT and SAT Subject Tests in August**. Taking the exam in the summer is great news for juniors because it allows them time to meet early application deadlines and focus on classwork as they begin their senior year. Registration opens in late April for the August 26 SAT. Deadline is July 15.

The Advance College Experience (ACE) at Bloomsburg University is designed for college-bound high school juniors and seniors who seek to “jump start” their college career by earning college credits. Bloomsburg University offers a selection of courses intended to supplement high school offerings and to expose students to the academic environment at the college level. Students save 75% of the tuition. Typical offerings will include courses in exercise science, composition, psychology, history, public speaking, political science, language, music, biology, chemistry, mathematics, and geography. For more information call 570-389-4824 or visit www.bloomu.edu/ace.

NEW - Bloomsburg University will be offering S.A.T. Preparation Courses. Students taking the course should have completed or nearly completed one year of algebra and geometry. The required text is Barron's 28th edition SAT Book and **must** be purchased prior to the first class. Call Bloomsburg University Store at 389-4799 to reserve a copy or visit www.amazon.com. Cost of the course is \$109.00.

Bloomsburg University – Sunday's, March 26 - April 30, 12:30pm to 4:00pm

To register by phone, contact Division of Corporate and Continuing Education at (570) 389-4420 (Credit card payments only). Registration forms are available in the Guidance Office.

NEW - Cedar Crest College, Allentown, will be hosting the 15th Annual Forensic Science Symposium on Saturday, March 25 from 8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. To register go online at:

http://www.cedarcrest.edu/academics/forensic_science/symposium.shtm.

Geisinger Columbia Montour Hospice extends an invitation to children and teens ages 7-18 to attend **Camp Courage free** on May 19-21, 2017 or October 6-8, 2017. The camp is held at Camp Victory in Millville, PA. Children or teens who have experienced the death of a significant person(s) and have come to this weekend camp, have fun while learning how to deal with their grief in a safe and supportive environment. Camp weekend will find campers around the camp fire eating hot dogs and s'mores. Other activities include making a memory box, balloon release, anger management, music and/or art therapy sessions. Free time on Saturday afternoon can be spent cuddling pet therapy dogs, paddle boating, rock wall climbing, zip line, archery and fishing. Please call the Guidance Office for more information regarding Camp Courage. Deadlines are April 1 for the May camp and September 1 for the October camp.

Luzerne County Community College's Young Scholars Program - Qualified Juniors and Seniors can take college courses at Luzerne County Community College through the Young Scholars Program and take advantage of a reduced rate on tuition. Contact the Shamokin Campus at 648-2544 or the Guidance Office for more information regarding registration and courses.

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.

NEW - Penn State University Secondary Mathematics NOYCE Scholars Program is offering substantial Penn State (University Park) Scholarships for high school seniors (incoming first-year college students) who want to make a difference as mathematics teachers in high-need schools. Every year since 2006, at

least 40 states have identified shortages in the number of available secondary mathematics teachers. Nowhere is the shortage more acute than in our nation's high-need schools. Its scholarship program prepares highly qualified secondary mathematics teachers for positions in high-need rural or urban schools. For more information contact Dr. Gina Foletta at gmf17@psu.edu.

Pennsylvania American Legion - Keystone Boys State

Open to any male student who has completed their junior year and resides in Pennsylvania. KBS students practice and operate fictitious cities, four counties and one state, based on the statutes and codes of the State of Pennsylvania. The program takes place from June 18 - 24 at Shippensburg University. Local legion posts will sponsor the students to attend.

Pennsylvania American Legion – State Police Youth Week

Open to any male or female student who is 15-17 years old and resides in Pennsylvania. The student should be in good health and physically fit. This camp is run like a boot camp, to introduce students interested in law enforcement or a branch of the armed forces. Cadets march in platoons, do physical training and have instructional time. The program takes place from June 11 - 17 at York College of Pennsylvania. Local legion posts will sponsor the student to attend. Deadline is May 19, 2017.

For 38 years, over 40,000 students have embarked on the internationally acclaimed **Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW)** experience. Any 10th or 11th grade student in good standing with their school is eligible to apply. Every student accepted will be awarded a full scholarship to attend PFEW. The Early Bird application deadline is March 3 and the Final Deadline is April 7, 2017. Students may apply directly at www.pfew.org. Those applications received by March 3rd will receive preferential treatment in the awarding of scholarships and the week assignment in which students will participate. Lycoming College and Pennsylvania College of Technology will offer scholarships to all PFEW graduates who register and are accepted to those colleges. Lycoming College offers a total of \$20,000 (\$5,000/year over 4 years) and Pennsylvania College of Technology offers \$8,000 (\$2000/year over 4 years). The PFEW 2017 dates are Week I, July 2-8; Week II, July 9-15; Week III, July 23-29; and Week IV, July 30-August 5 (2 sessions).

NEW - Susquehanna University – Summer Writers Workshop – July 9 – 15

An exciting weeklong experience now in its 30th summer, the Summer Writers Workshop provides America's most talented high school writers with the opportunity to work in intensive, small-group workshops headed by nationally

recognized authors. One of only 27 programs selected by Early College Programs as a Best Value in Summer College Programs for High School Students, and chosen as one of the 500 best summer programs in the world by Princeton Review Press, the Writers Workshop features workshops in fiction, memoir and poetry.

The Summer Writers Workshop is open to experienced writers entering 11th or 12th grade in the fall of 2017. Applicants must submit a portfolio consisting of 5-6 poems or 6-8 pages of fiction or creative nonfiction. Writers Workshop attendees are selected based on teacher or counselor recommendations and the quality of their portfolio submission. Cost is \$770 if applications are submitted online or postmarked on or before April 15 or \$810 if applications are submitted online or postmarked after April 15. Go to www.susqu.edu/writers to complete the application form and submit your portfolio and teacher or counselor recommendations.

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.

2017 Dates: March 5 – April 30

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The **2017 Epilepsy Foundation Western/Central Pennsylvania scholarship program** for students who have epilepsy/seizure disorder will be awarding eight scholarships, totaling \$10,000, this year. Awards will be based on the quality of the student's application determined through a competitive scoring system that balances need with achievement. Application deadline is March 17, 2017.

Evangelical Community Hospital Nursing Scholarship – for any student pursuing a career in nursing. Deadline is April 1, 2017.

Mid Penn Bank “Anna Woodside Scholarship” – This program will reward two high school seniors each with \$1000 for college tuition costs. To be considered, applicants must prove dedication to achieving educational goals, achieving future career goals, and serving the community. Deadline is March 17.

Pennsylvania American Legion Scholarships:

- **Joseph P. Gavenonis Scholarship** – Open to any Pennsylvania high school senior who is child/grandchild of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire. The student needs to be seeking a four year degree in a Pennsylvania college or university. Deadline is May 31, 2017.
- **Robert W. Valimont Endowment** – Open to any Pennsylvania high school senior who is a child/grandchild of a Pennsylvania Legionnaire. The student needs to be seeking a two year career-oriented education or training in a less-than-four-year program in a Pennsylvania school. Deadline is May 31, 2017.

For more information go to: <http://pa-legion.com/programs/student-programs/>

Ralpho Township Business Association Scholarship Grant – a \$500 scholarship grant will be awarded to a Ralpho Township student pursuing a degree in Business or a Business related field. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline is March 14.

OPEN HOUSES:

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| 1 | University of Pittsburgh |
| 8 | Lock Haven University |
| 8 | Messiah College |
| 21 | Messiah College |
| 22 | Clarion University |
| 22 | Immaculata University |