



Dear Students and Parents,

I know that many of you have concerns about how to make a college education more affordable. Through a new program called RaiseMe, students can guarantee scholarships from 250+ colleges as early as 9th grade, making it easier to plan financially for school. RaiseMe has proven to be a great tool to motivate students in high schools throughout the U.S.

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!

Elyria Catholic High 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. We will be creating accounts with your student at school to encourage the use of this tool. If you have concerns about your student using it please let us know. Here are a couple of easy ways to support your students in using this unique tool:

- 1) Ensure that your student has created an account at [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me).
- 2) Encourage your student to regularly add good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her RaiseMe Portfolio to earn micro-scholarships from colleges.
- 3) Visit [www.raise.me/parents](http://www.raise.me/parents) for more information.

We hope using RaiseMe will make your student's path to college both more fun and affordable. If you have questions, I encourage you to contact the counseling department or send an email to [support@raise.me](mailto:support@raise.me).

Sincerely,

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