*FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE…*

The Counseling office has new codes for the Counseling Goggle classroom to keep all students informed on scholarships, important deadlines, college/technical careers, and job opportunities during the year. Each grade has a specific code. Please encourage your student to register via Gmail:

* **SENIORS: d32ew6**
* **JUNIORS:  p61i92f**
* **SOPHOMORES: lv2m49**
* **FRESHMAN: q01uhx**

**THE 2018 STATE OF JOBS CONFERENCE**

**If you a sophomore and want to learn more about what jobs, careers, and education tracks are offered in our community register to attend the 2018 State of Jobs Conference on October 30th, 2018 at Robarts Arena. The conference will kick off promptly at 8:45AM and will conclude at 1:15PM. Transportation & lunch provided. Register in the Counseling office to attend. Permission slip must be signed by parent/guardian. You may select the track you want to learn about:**

* **Engineering/High-Tech Manufacturing attending. This year, there are six tracks to select from including:**
* **Healthcare *Sponsored by Plymouth Harbor***
* **Hospitality/Tourism *Sponsored by Visit Sarasota***
* **Business/Entrepreneurship**
* **Information Technology**
* **Art/Design *Sponsored by Ringling College of Art & Design***

**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP**

This year’s theme is **“A Celebration of Innovative Hispanic-American Leaders."**
Open to **Grades 9-12**. **Write your essay** about a Hispanic scientist, inventor, scholar or educator and their influence on Florida. Deadline:  **Monday, October 15, 2018. \*\***Winners will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan Scholarship\*\*

For information & submission:

[**https://hispanicheritage.wufoo.com/forms/2018-hispanic-heritage-month-student-essay-contest/**](https://hispanicheritage.wufoo.com/forms/2018-hispanic-heritage-month-student-essay-contest/)

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD:

$1,000 and other prizes!!
Open to 5th-2th grade students with high number of community service hours. Complete application and submit to our Head of School, Fred Fout, by November 6th, 2018.
<https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply>

**Join us for the COLLEGE READINESS CONFERENCE!**

**All parents and students 9th-12th grade are welcome to attend interactive breakout sessions pertaining to college preparedness, financial aid 101, creating a standout application, preparing for your career, as well as experience the various colleges and organizations that will be represented on site.**

**When: October 6th, 8:30am-1:15pm**

**Where: Bayside Community Church, East Bradenton Campus, 15800 SR 64 E, Bradenton, FL 34212**

**Register here:** [**http://mybayside.church/collegereadiness/**](http://mybayside.church/collegereadiness/)

START YOUR CAREER, COLLEGE SEARCH EARLY

Explore the new site for CAREER & COLLEGE Resources from Sarasota County: Scholarships, Career discovery, Tests prep, and more.
<https://launchyourplan.com/>

ESSAY CONTEST

Open to United States high school students in grades 9th -12th.
Essays must describe an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born. The official may have addressed an issue at the local, state, or national level. The deadline is January 18, 2019.
<https://www.jfklibrary.org/Education/Profile-in-Courage-Essay-Contest/Eligibility-and-Requirements.aspx>

BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS (BF): Opens October 1st, 2018

In order to be evaluated to receive the scholarship, students must select at least one state university. Check out the link below for more information.

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/pdf/nm4c_brochure.pdf>

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID (FAFSA): Opens October 1st. Click below to learn the documents needed to apply & locations to receive free assistance with application. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

ASALH: Association for the Study of African American Life and History Scholarship program for African American seniors pursuing post-secondary education. The application is in the Counseling office. Deadline, February 15th, 2019

SUN TRUST:

How about $500 for college from the SunTrust College Scholarship Program? 2 winners will be chosen every 2 weeks from October 29th until May 13th, 2019. Enter now:

<https://offtocollegesweepstakes.suntrust.com/?cid=va-offtocollege>

**THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY offers scholarships to senior students who are members of (NHS). Check out the link for the deadline:**

<https://www.nhs.us/advisers/the-nhs-scholarship/>

HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP: Up to $25,000 for college!!

For students demonstrating Financial Need.

Deadline: October 25th, 2018

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/about-our-scholarship-programs/national-scholarships/>

**BROOKS LAW GROUP SCHOLARSHIP**

**Essay requirement about law topic, demonstrating knowledge, integrity, and citizenship. The deadline is November 2nd, 2018**

<https://www.brookslawgroup.com/about/community/community-outreach/>

THE COOKE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. High school seniors with financial need can apply exclusively through The Common Application. The deadline is November 20, 2018 at 11:59 p.m.:

<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

NEXT MAGAZINE

Next, online magazine with information on college, technical schools, scholarships, and advice. **NEXT empowers students to make the most of the next two semesters as well as the years ahead:**

<http://www.pageturnpro.com/Florida-Trend/86208-Florida-Trends-NEXT-2018-2019/default.html?utm_source=Email_marketing&utm_campaign=NEXT_2018-2019_September_-_Student&cmp=1&utm_medium=ShareableEmail#page/16>

**Attention SENIORS!!**

**New Electrical and Instrumentation Technology Course at Manatee Technical College MTC). This is a course that offers education in to an extremely in demand field.  This is a technical field that has openings in the area for employees with salaries up to $39.00 per hour presently. If you want to attend a presentation from the teacher, register in the Counseling office:**

**Tuesday October 16th, 12:00pm in the Cafeteria.**

**ACT STUDENT CHAMPION AWARD**

**The ACT Student Champion Award recognizes one student in each state who is tenacious and persistent, no matter the challenge, and is prepared for life after high school with a goal in mind and plan in place.

ACT Student Champions receive a $500 non-renewable scholarship, certificate, and state-level recognition. Criteria to apply:
  \*   High school seniors who have overcome challenges and can articulate their education and/or career actions
  \*   At a minimum students must have a composite ACT score of 22 on a single test date OR a Gold ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificate®

Applications can be found** [**www.act.org/readinesschampions**](http://www.act.org/readinesschampions)**<**[**http://mkto-ab080206.com/Aj4L0yEZ00l9ohX00Z0O0tR**](http://mkto-ab080206.com/Aj4L0yEZ00l9ohX00Z0O0tR)**>. Applications are due October 31, 2018, and champions will be notified on or before January 31, 2019.**

$$$$ FREE SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH $$$$$

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com/)
In addition to registering for the SAT, you can investigate scholarship opportunities here.

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com/)
includes over 275,000 awards in the database.

[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org/)
Sponsored by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, this site provides a comprehensive guide to student financial aid, provides information regarding scholarship scams, and provides tools for estimating the family contribution.

[www.embark.com](http://www.embark.com/)
This site provides exploration of scholarships, careers, and majors/careers, internships and interviews with people from a range of career areas

COLLEGE VISITS TO SMA Cafeteria

Must register in the Counseling office

* UF: Tuesday 10/9, 12:00pm-12:30pm
* EMBRY RIDDLE, JROTC Program: 10/11, 11:45am-12:30pm
* FSU: Friday 10/12, 8:30 am- 9:00 am
* USF: Tuesday, 10/16, 9:00am

**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

* Parent Guides, Life after High School Graduation, Fastest Growing

Careers and more. <https://www.floridastudentsachieve.org/>

* Sarasota County Schools offers information on high school requirements, local scholarships, financial aid and more… Go to Featured resources, College and Financial Aid Heading:

<http://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/students.aspx>

* Explore Institutions, Discover Degrees & Certificate Programs

Find out what degrees and certificate programs are offered at each institution and what courses are required, Get Ready for College

Pay for College, Find the resources you need to pay for college, including scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs:

<https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/get-ready-for-college>

* Financial Literacy for middle & high school students:

(Banking, budgeting and saving, credit and debt, insurance and financial frauds and scams): <http://financeyourfuture.myfloridacfo.com/index.html>

* Florida Department of education site with info on high school graduation requirements, state assessments:

<http://www.fldoe.org/academics/graduation-requirements/>

* Florida University System: Honors programs, majors, financial aid, transfers: <http://www.flbog.edu/>
* Information on strategies to help our children deal with difficulty situations that may lead to trauma: National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH): <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/helping-children-and-adolescents-cope-with-violence-and-disasters-parents/index.shtml>
* School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA):

<http://www.sswaa.org/?page=252>

* The [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](http://ncbh.msgfocus.com/c/1lVGbVlfidEBYsXyT5Jsu9BQo) (1-800-273-TALK (8255)) is available 24/7 to provide confidential support for individuals in crisis, as well as concerned family and loved ones.
* <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>