*FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE…*

DRUG FREE YOUTH (D-FY) Dodge Ball Tournament on Tuesday Aril 23rd, 5:45pm-9:00pm for students who took the drug free pledge. There are only 30 spots available. SMA will compete with the other Sarasota county high schools for a trophy. Free dinner & entrance.

D-FY will be at SMA during lunch April 8th if you want to pledge to be drug free and attend the tournament FLYER!!

PAIDINTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY for seniors

Communications Authority offers a paid internship, can be full-time or part-time as entry-level technician apprentice position, training provided. The candidate would need reliable transportation, good oral and written communication and also have good deductive reasoning skills. After the probationary 90 day period, the job pays 15.00/hour to start. The opening is at the Bradenton office on State Road 64. One of our employee benefits is paid tuition, so for the right candidate it could help them through college as well long-term.

Please contact Mike Ray for information 941 600-0207

<http://www.commauthority.com>

NEWS FROM WEST POINT

Attend the U.S. Military Academy admissions briefing scheduled for Wednesday evening, 10 April 2019 at 6:00pm in the ROTC Building located at the University of South Florida (Tampa Campus).

The Southeast Regional Commander, Major Timothy Light, will host this briefing.

This briefing will provide attendees with a broad information on the admissions and nomination processes students will navigate during and throughout the application cycle. FLYER ATTACHED

Attention SENIORS!!

If you are planning on staying at SCF to pursue an AA after high school graduation, Click below:  
<http://www.scf.edu/StudentServices/Registrar/EarlyCollege/default.asp>  
Go all the way down on the right side where it says:  
  
\*DE students graduating from High School:  
\*Schedule a meeting with an SCF advisor to register for summer/fall courses: Deadline is MAY 15th, for both Summer & Fall

OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AN OUT of STATE COLLEGE FOR FREE:

Discover SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania: our all-expenses-paid overnight program for high-achieving high school raising seniors. Admissions pays for all transportation, meals, and on-campus housing expenses for students selected to attend one of these programs. Attendees experience Swarthmore firsthand as they attend classes, stay with current students in our residence halls, eat in the dining hall, and go to campus events.

All interested rising high school seniors (U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and undocumented/ DACA students living in the United States) are welcome to apply to Discover Swarthmore.

<https://www.swarthmore.edu/admissions-aid/discover-swarthmore-fly-program>

NEWS FROM STATE COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

Interested in dual enrollment to earn college credits while in high school at SCF? If you have a cumulative GPA: 3.0 and qualifying PERT. ACT or SAT scores, please see Dr. Maria Clapp in Counseling to start the process. Deadline is May 15h, for both summer (seniors only) and fall.

***HOPELINE Text Line serves anyone in any type of situation, providing them access to free, 24/7 emotional support and information they need via the medium they already use and trust: text.  
Someone texts into HOPELINE — 741741 — anywhere, anytime, about any type of challenge or struggle.  
A live, trained specialist receives the text and responds quickly.  
Each person that text in is important to us and we care about what they are dealing with.***

The Counseling office has new codes for the Counseling Goggle classroom to keep all students informed on academic requirements, 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**

MAJORS, CAREERS & COLLEGE SEARCH

* Explore the new site for CAREER & COLLEGE Resources from Sarasota County: Scholarships, Career discovery, Tests prep, and more.  
  <https://launchyourplan.com/>
* **Don't know what Major you are interested in yet? Discover your strengths, who you are and what you can accomplish in college and in a future career.**

**Take 20 minutes to find out what college majors are a natural fit based on your unique strengths. You'll also receive recommended colleges based on your ideal majors. https://pages.collegefactual.com/find-my-major/**

**SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

The College Board (SAT) is investing $25 million in a new scholarship program, with students earning $5 million in scholarships each year, beginning with the class of 2020 (Current Juniors). You can get a scholarship for practicing for the SAT on Khan Academy, making a list of colleges to attend, raising your tests scores and more...

Register now to be notified! <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

**ACT NEWS:**

**One lucky student will win a $40,000 Scholarship + a bonus $5,000 Tech Package:** Eligible sophomores and juniors that register for the April, June, or July, 2019 US national test date (and opt-in to the giveaway during registration) has a chance to win the scholarship. Register now: <http://www.act.org/>

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

[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.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS ONLY:

\*\*Packets are available in the Counseling office (Scholarship Binder) \*\*

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/>

Additional FAFSA resources: <http://www.futuremakerscoalition.com/fafsafirst/>

**ROTARY FUTURES CENTER: VENICE HIGH SCHOOL**

**The Rotary Futures College Resource Center is an innovative approach to post-secondary decision-making that utilizes a resource center with 13 Internet computers, numerous printed materials, and willing volunteers to assist students, parents, and community members with linking education, career, and life opportunities. Contact for an appointment to access all the scholarships available.**

<http://rotaryfutures.org/>

**Address: 1 Indian Ave, Venice, FL 34285**

**Phone: (941) 480-3178**

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>

BROOK LAW GROUP SCHOLARSHIP: Applicants must be a high school senior or current undergraduate student, be enrolled in or planning to attend a U.S. college or university and submit their application, with all components, by the deadline, May 3rd, 2019

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

\*\*Packets are available in the Counseling office (Scholarship Binder) \*\*

**RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

* Attention parents/guardians, there is a concern about an online character surfacing on several channels called Momo Challenge. Please read below:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

* 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>

* High School Students Progression Plan provides information on how to create a successful educational experience for students toward graduation.  Details pertaining to progression from grade to grade, acceleration, and graduation are included.

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/curriculum/default.aspx?id=10092>

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

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

* 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/>