**Guidance News**

**Steinbrenner High School**

**December 2017**

**Parents & Students –** Here is the latest news from Steinbrenner Guidance. We will be providing updates from the guidance department on a regular basis through our emails and entries on the Guidance, College & Career Edsby Group Page and on the Steinbrenner website under “Resources” “Guidance”.

**AP/Dual Enrollment/Curriculum Fair – December 4, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.** – The Guidance Department will be presenting on the advantages of AP courses and Dual Enrollment.  In addition, visit elective course teachers to help you decide your choices for the 2018-2019 school year! Counselors will be available to answer any questions you might have with planning for the next school year.  Don’t miss this important opportunity.

**Dual Enrollment -** Students who currently have an unweighted GPA of 3.0, qualifying test scores, and are currently enrolled in dual enrollment HCC courses must submit a new form B and cumulative summary to HCC in order to enroll in classes for the spring.  Registration at HCC for dual enrollment students opened on Nov. 20.  It is our recommendation that students send in their form B and cumulative summary at least 2 weeks prior to this date to ensure course selections and receive books in time for the start of the new HCC semester, which is Jan. 8, 2018.  Students must see their Steinbrenner High School Counselor to obtain a form B and cumulative summary.

**Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarships – Due January 9, 2017 – Grades 9-12.** Don’t miss this great opportunity for all students to apply for full tuition and cash scholarships.  These are only for Hillsborough County School students so there is a great chance of winning a scholarship!

**PSAT Scores** will be distributed to all students in December or January.  Students may also access their scores on their College Board Accounts after December 13.  The PSAT review is excellent practice for the SAT. Students will receive their scores and booklets with all answers indicating their correct and incorrect answers.  In addition, codes will be provided for Khan Academy, an online practice program tied to College Board based on the students’ individual PSAT results.

**Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluations and Applications – Apply Now -** All seniors have been given a copy of their most recent Bright Futures evaluations and instructions on the application procedure.  Evaluations are also available at [www.MyFloridaShines.org](http://www.MyFloridaShines.org) Please review the evaluations to insure all requirements have been met or will be met by the end of the school year. The application opened **October 1** for seniors to apply for Bright Futures and other State of Florida Scholarships at [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org). All students should apply by **December 15**, however, may continue to meet the SAT/ACT, and GPA requirements through June.  Community service hours must be completed and turned in before graduation.

**Financial Aid – Apply Now! -** Seniors and parents should be completing the financial aid process to apply for assistance in paying for college.  This is a big change from previous years when students applied after January 1. There are several organizations that charge fees for completing the form so be sure to only use the official website – [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)  The application allows students to obtain free money through grants, work study and scholarships.  Students may also be offered student loans through this process.

**Financial Aid Night – December 5 – Gaither High School** - These district events take place at area high schools to assist students and their parents in the financial aid process.  The events begin at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.  Additional information is available on the Edsby Guidance website.

**St. Leo University – Instant Decision Day – January 23 –** Seniors interested in applying to St. Leo University will be able to apply here at Steinbrenner.  The admissions representative will meet individually with all interested students and give them an immediate decision.  This application process is free and there is no commitment to attend St. Leo. Students should see Mrs. Pressley to sign up for an appointment and learn more about the application.

**Community Service –** All Bright Futures scholarships require that students have community service hours approved, logged, and entered on their transcript before graduation.  Students should complete a proposal and have their counselor or college counselor approve them before beginning any project.  Log sheets are returned to the guidance office for documentation.  Summer projects should be turned in as soon as possible. All forms are available in the guidance office, Success Center, on the school website and on the Edsby Guidance Page.

**Scholarship Bulletin –** Scholarship bulletins are available in the guidance office, on the school website and on the Guidance Group Page.  New scholarship information will be posted as it becomes available. There are scholarship opportunities for all grade level students.  Some of the local scholarships include the Hillsborough Education Foundation, Burger King, Tampa Police and Project Weather.

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