Guidance News
Steinbrenner High School
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Parents & Students – Here is the latest news from Steinbrenner Guidance. We will continue to provide 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”.

Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarships – Due January 10, 2018 – Grades 9&12.  Don’t miss this great opportunity for 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 on January 9th.  Students may also access their scores on their College Board Accounts.  The PSAT review is excellent practice for the SAT. Students will receive their scores and question booklets with all answers indicating their correct and incorrect answers.  We encourage students to link their PSAT scores to 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 January 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. 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.

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.

HCC – Application Day at Steinbrenner – January 25 – Seniors apply for HCC with assistance from HCC Admissions Representative.  See Mrs. Pressley to participate.

Future Plans Career Exploration – All 10th grade students will be taking a career assessment through their World History Classes in January.  Students not in World History class on campus will also take the assessment. (These students should see Mrs. Pressley in Guidance for additional details and instructions.) This is a very detailed and comprehensive program to give students guidelines when determining the best career for them to pursue.  Results will be available for students to share with parents.

Programming and Success Center Activities will take place January 22 through February 8 for grades 9-11.  Counselors will meet with students to finalize the selection process for their classes for next school year.  Students will also work in the Success Center to explore careers, colleges, scholarships and learn more about their PSAT scores.  Be sure to ask your student to tell you about the items we went over with them.  Each student will receive a copy of their course requests for the 2018- 2019 school year when they leave the meeting with their counselor. Parents, ask to see it and review it with your son/daughter.

Juniors will take a free SAT during the school day – March 7 – Through our partnership with College Board, all juniors will take this free test.  Students will automatically be signed up for the test, however, addition instructions will be given to students during programming.  All juniors will need to access their College Board account or create an account if they do not already have one.  It is important that students have ONLY one account.  If students have duplicate accounts, they should contact College Board customer service to have the two accounts merged into one. The toll free number is 1-866-756-7346

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. 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, Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla, HCC & UT, and Project Weather.

9th – 11th grade students – Earn scholarship money beginning in 9th grade for over 180 different colleges. Check out the Raise.Me website for scholarships NOW!  [https://www.raise.me](https://www.raise.me/)

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