

PHHS SENIOR NEWSLETTER

December 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

November 27-Stadium Picture

December 1-Virginia Tech Application

December 8-Last Day of Elite Learning Courses

December 19-Early Dismissal

December 20-January 2: Christmas break

January 3-Second Semester

January 13 @10 am-Financial Aid workshop at VHCC

SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRANSCRIPTS

For scholarship applications that are available in the guidance office, you may email Mrs. Baker to let her know your interest and a copy will be ready for you by the end of the school day. Some scholarships will have a link to the necessary website and the scholarship application will be filled out online. Please be sure to include my name and email address for those scholarships that ask for school verification.

You will need to send both your high school transcript and college transcript when applying for college. Please come by guidance for a VHCC Transcript Request Form. I will be happy to fax this to VHCC. Students attending Emory and Henry will need to request their transcripts from E&H when grades are posted at the end of the Fall Semester.

GOALS AND PLANS

This month your focus needs to be divided between the college application process and filling out scholarship applications. Create a calendar with application due dates and make note of when you submit the application. Some colleges want you to fill out the Common Application while others have their own online application. Do NOT try to rush through the application process. Some require essays-please ask someone to proof read them for you. This is the first and possibly only impression the college or scholarship committee will have of you.

Please do not wait until the last minute to ask for letters of recommendation. Ask us to provide your teacher/administrator with a copy of your Senior Activity Page. If you have not completed one, I highly encourage you to do so. Stop by guidance for a form. Also, provide the name of the college/university you are applying or description of the college to your recommender.

Financial Aid

Financial aid helps students and families pay for college. You must fill out your FAFSA by college set **Priority Deadlines**. Go to www.fafsa.gov to fill out your FAFSA. This is a free service. Even if you and your family do not think you will receive financial aid, it is still important for you to complete the FAFSA. Some scholarships and loans ask for your EFC number (Expected Family Contribution) on the applications.



SCHOLARSHIPS

AXA Achievement Scholarship

Due Date: December 15

Students have the opportunity to receive a \$2500, \$10000, or \$25000 scholarship. They are looking for a student with ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, respect for self, family and community, and have the ability to succeed in college. Apply online at www.us.axa/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html.

Burger King McLamore Foundation Scholarship

Due Date: December 15

The Burger King Scholars program helps Burger King Employees and high school seniors continue their education. This \$1000 scholarship values students with integrity, high standards, entrepreneurial spirit, good citizenship and education. The scholarship portal will open on October 15, 2017 and close December 15, 2017. Apply online at www.scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars.

Foot Locker Scholarship

Due Date: December 15

Student athletes and those who are interested in athletics are encourage to apply for this \$20,000 scholarship. You must be planning to go to a four year college or university. Apply online at www.footlockerathletes.com.

JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest

Due Date: January 4

Students are encouraged to write an essay describing an act of political courage by a U. S. elected official who served during or after 1917. This scholarship offers between \$10,000-\$20,000 for college expenses. Please visit www.jfklibrary.org for official requirements.

GE-Regan Foundation Scholarship Program

Due Date: January 4

Each year, 20 college bound students who excel in leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are selected to receive a renewable \$10,000 scholarship. Apply online at www.reganfoundation.org/scholarships.

VA JCI Senate Scholarship

Due Date: January 5

This \$1000 grant may be awarded for the pursuit of higher education. Students who hold leadership positions in the school and community are encouraged to apply. Applications may be filled out online at www.usjcisenate.org/index/php/programs/scholarship or a paper copy is available in the guidance office.

2017 BBB Student of Integrity Scholarship Awards

Due Date: January 31

The Better Business Bureau of Western Virginia offers a \$1000 scholarship for college costs. Students who are leaders in their school and participate in extracurricular activities are encouraged to apply. Students interested will complete an application online at www.bbbstudentofintegrity.org.

Pamplin Leadership Award

Due Date: January 31

The Pamplin Leadership Award is a one-year, merit based \$5000 scholarship for a student who is planning to attend Virginia Tech. You must have at least a 3.8 GPA and be ranked in the top 10% of your class. **You must return your completed application to Mrs. Baker, as PH can only send one nominee.** The application may be found at www.honorscollege.vt.edu/current.html or a paper copy is available in the guidance office.

The Gloria Wille Bell & Carlos R. Bell Scholarship Program

Due Date: February 1

This scholarship is for the University of Michigan for Virginia residents. This scholarship provides up to \$80,000 for students who attend the University of Michigan. Apply online at www.bellscholarship.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED

Lee-Jackson Educational Foundation Scholarship Program

Due Date: February 2

Eighteen scholarships will be awarded to seniors submitting outstanding original, analytical essays on any aspect positive or negative of the career, character, or legacy of General Robert E. Lee and/or General "Stonewall" Jackson. The application and reporting forms are located at <http://www.lee-jackson.org>. Mrs. Baker also has copies of the application in the guidance office. **You will return the application packet to Mrs. Baker.**

VSGA-VIP Scholarship Foundation

Due Date: February 21

This scholarship was founded to help young Virginia high school students with an interest in golf continue their academic pursuits. Grants may range from \$2000-\$7000. Apply online at www.scholarships.VSGA.org or stop by guidance for a paper application.

John R. Lillard VAOC Scholarship Program

Due Date: March 9

Students who are planning a career in the field of aviation are encouraged to apply for this \$3000 scholarship. Please see Mrs. Baker for an application.

Kenneth R. Scott Scholarship

Due Date: March 9

Students who are planning a career in the field of aviation are encouraged to apply for this \$3000 scholarship. Please see Mrs. Baker for an application.

Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship

Due Date: March 9

This \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to a Virginia High School senior who is planning an aviation career in a non-engineering area. Scholarship applicants must have a GPA of 3.5. Please see Mrs. Baker for an application.

The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia

Due Date: March 16

Students are encouraged to write an essay on "The Westmoreland Resolution" to be eligible for a \$3,000 scholarship. You must be admitted to a four-year college or university in Virginia. The essay along with a completed application must be submitted by Friday, March 17. Applications are available in the guidance office.

Virginia Mayflower Society Scholarship

Due Date: March 19

To be considered for this scholarship you must meet one of the following criteria: A Virginia resident, related to a Virginia resident, and/or a member or related to a member of the Virginia mayflower Society. You must have at least a 3.0 GPA. For more information come by guidance or visit www.virginiamayflower.org.

Janice M. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund

Due Date: March 31

This \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to students who will attend a four year college/university. You must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and your family income cannot exceed \$50,000. You must complete an application packet, a copy of your Student Aid Report (FAFSA), senior picture, and an essay. You may get the application at www.jmsscottmemorialfund.org or see Mrs. Baker in the guidance office for a paper copy.

VABA Aviation Scholarship

Due Date: March 31

This \$2000 scholarship is awarded to a Virginia resident High School, Technical School senior or College/University Undergraduate who is pursuing an aviation related career in an accredited institution. Please see Mrs. Baker for an application.

SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUED

SunTrust Scholarship

Through May 14

The SunTrust \$500 Scholarship is open now to any senior. One winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 28-May 12. Students can enter once during each two week drawing online at www.suntrustededucation.com/scholarshipsweepstakes.



SAT AND ACT DATES

SAT sat.org/register **\$46 or with writing \$60**

Test Date	Registration Deadline
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December 2	November 2
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March 10	February 9
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May 5	April 6
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June 2	May 3
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Contact

CATHERINE BAKER, SCHOOL
COUNSELOR

cbaker@wcs.k12.va.us

ACT act.org **\$46 or with writing \$62.50**

Test Date	Registration Deadline
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December 9	November 3
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February 10	January 12
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April 14	March 9
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June 9	May 4
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July 14	June 15
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High School Code: 470948

****Male seniors within 18
years of age must register
with the selective service at**

www.sss.gov