

Senior Newsletter

January 2012



We're Almost There!

Test Dates

ACT

Feb. 11, 2011
Late Deadline-Jan. 13

April 14, 2011

Deadline-March 9, 2012

*****Begin Financial Aid*****

- 2nd Financial Aid Workshop-Thursday, Jan.19,2012
6:30pm -8:00pm in the Media Center
- Graduation- Sunday May 20, 2012
- Reserve dorm rooms by committing to your college
- Members of the class of 2012 can take a class for free at Prairie State College.

Please see your Counselor for more details.

Things to think about when selecting a college:

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- Do I meet the requirements for this school?
- Is this school too close or too far from home?
- Is this school too large or too small?
- Does this school offer the classes or programs **I** want?
- Does this school have activities that meet my interest?
- Can I afford this school?



CLASS OF 2012



Hey,
You Need
Money?

*Refer to
RC's
'website
for
Scholarship
Updates*



*See your
Counselor
ASAP*

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

PLEASE don't assume you can't afford a particular college or university. Financial Aid often makes it possible for students to attend colleges you might consider too expensive. Based on the need, you could receive any of the following; **Grants, Scholarships, Loans and Work Study**.

NOW you can apply using the **FAFSA** form. Your Counselors have forms, or you can apply online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

FAFSA– Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Relax, this is how it works,

- Your parents should prepare income tax forms for the previous year since tax info is reported on the FAFSA.
- Attend Financial Aid workshop with your parents.
- Complete, electronically submit or sign and mail the FAFSA after January 1st, but before the priority date for the college and Illinois MAP and IIA grants.
- 2-6 weeks after FAFSA is filed, you will receive a (SAR) Student Aid Report. This report reflects all the info you submitted on the FAFSA
- Between March and Summer, you will receive a financial aid award letter from the college that outlines the different programs and awards you are eligible to receive from that college.
- Compare financial aid packages and other factors and select the college you will attend.
- Accept all or part of the financial aid offered.
- If required, sign and return the award letter to the college in a timely manner.

That's It!!!