PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents of Seniors: March 2018

Now that we are in the final quarter of senior year, we hope your son or daughter is that much closer to making his/her college decision. Mailing in housing contracts, completing financial aid papers, and arranging final visits to campuses should all be taking place. We hope your son's or daughter's last quarter in high school will be both enjoyable and profitable.

THINGS SENIORS SHOULD BE DOING IN MARCH

1. Be sure any necessary financial aid forms have been filed.
2. If planning on attending Joliet Junior College or Moraine Valley, make sure to apply. Have your transcript sent and make arrangements to take your Placement Test.
3. If possible, visit the school of your choice again to make sure it is right for you.
4. Make sure housing contracts have been completed and mailed in.
5. Contact financial aid offices at the college or university of your choice to find out if any scholarships exist for which you may apply.
6. If your decision's made, contact schools where you were accepted to tell them if you will or will not be attending there in the fall. This should be done by May 1.

COLLEGE DAYS

Seniors planning on taking a college day to visit a college or university of their choice must do so before May 1. A note or email from a parent must be given to Mr. Murphy or Mr. Palmasani one week prior to the planned visit for approval.

FINANCIAL AID SEARCH THROUGH THE WEB

The Internet's largest free scholarship search can be accessed by either typing in www.fastweb.com or www.scholarships.com. Here you can set up a personalized profile that will match your student's specific skills, abilities and interests to a database of college scholarships and grants worth over $19 billion. Just a few simple steps need to be completed to get immediate results online.
Through these sites you can access some of the best collections of free student financial aid information on the internet. Students are connected with tools to aid in researching and finding financial aid for college. Information can be found here about education tax benefits, grants and loans as well as financial aid tips from experts. Also found here is a constantly expanding library of resources to cover all aspects of college life.

FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION CENTER

The Federal Student Aid Information Center offers assistance in completing the federal student financial aid application, information about whether a school participates in federal student aid programs and the school's default rate, federal student aid eligibility requirements, and federal student aid publications. The phone number is 1-800-4-FEDAID (1-800-433-3243).

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Currently in addition to federal student aid, you may also be eligible for a tax credit which you claim when you file your taxes. For more information on these tax credits and the U.S. Department of Education's student aid programs, go to https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/tax-benefits or call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight EST or on Saturday between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm EST.

SELECTIVE SERVICE AND FINANCIAL AID

For many years now, there has been a requirement in the State of Illinois that young men are to be registered with Selective Service to be eligible to receive state student financial aid or to seek employment in Illinois. These laws are similar to federal legislation which links registration to federal student aid and federal employment. Young men must register within 30 days of turning 18. The two most common ways to register are online at www.sss.gov or by answering question #22 on the FAFSA form. They can also sign up at the post office and fill out a simple card. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to $250,000 and/or up to five years in prison.

UPCOMING TEST DATES

TEST	DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE (additional fee required)
ACT	**April 14***	**March 9**	**March 23**
ACT	June 9	May 4	May 18
ACT	July 14	June 15	June 22
***Providence is a Test Center for this date.**			
SAT	May 5	April 6	April 25
SAT	June 2	May 3	May 23

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES COMING TO PROVIDENCE

March 27	St. Ambrose University at 9:35 am (period 2)
April 10	Purdue and Ohio State at 12:45 pm (period 5) – co-presentation

Students should check the calendar in the Counseling hallway and listen to the all-school announcements for any additions. You may also check Naviance Family Connection under the "Colleges" tab. Seniors and juniors wishing to see a college representative should obtain a pass from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office at least two days before the representative's visit. The student then takes the pass to the teacher of the class that will be missed. The teacher has the option of signing the pass to excuse the student from class.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Information and/or applications for the following scholarships may be found in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or by clicking on the links below. Paper applications for scholarships that are not "apply online only" may also be obtained from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office or printed from Naviance.

Community Services Council of Will County Scholarship – (2) $500 - Based on community service, extra-curricular activities, and work experience. Essay and two references required. Applications

available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline March 19.**

Founding Fathers Scholarship – up to $2000 – Offered by the Irish American Society of County Will – Open to all students who reside in Will County. May attend 4 year or 2 year college or trade school. Based on strong character, community service, and minimum GPA of 2.5. Two essays and two letters of recommendation required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline April 23.**

Great Clips Scholarship - $250-$1500 - Open to students planning to pursue a cosmetology career. Apply online only at http://jobs.greatclips.com/page/show/schools-scholarships. **Deadline March 31.**

Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans Joseph Cardinal Bernadin Scholarship - $2000 - Open to male students who are of full or 50% Italian ancestry with minimum GPA of 3.75. Two letters of recommendation required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline June 24.**

Joliet Civic Committee of Italian Americans Women's Division Scholarship - $2000 - Open to female students only with at least one parent of Italian decent. Must have minimum GPA of 3.0. Based on academics, extra-curricular activities, community service and financial need. Essay and two letters of recommendation are required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline April 9.**

Joliet Junior Woman's Club Alisha & Ava Bromfield Memorial Scholarship - $2500 - Open to female students who demonstrate strong academic character, make significant volunteer contributions to her community, have a strong character, and are well-rounded. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Essay and two letters of recommendation are required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline March 23.**

Manhattan Fire Department Todd Burke Memorial Scholarship - $500 - Student must be a full time resident of the Manhattan Fire Protection District. Must plan to pursue a degree in Fire Science or Medical Field. Based on minimum GPA of 2.5 and financial need. Essay required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline March 17.**

Marianjoy Scholarship - $2500 - Open to students with a permanent physical disability which may include: brain injury, musculoskeletal impairments, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, spinal cord injury or stroke. Student may plan to attend a full-time or half-time course of study at a 2-year or 4-year college or university. Based on academics, financial need, impact of disability on the educational process, educational and career goals, leadership and school or community involvement. Two or more letters of recommendation required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline March 30.**

Materials Handling & Management Society Chicagoland Chapter Scholarship – (3) $1000, (2) $1500 - Open to students who are interested in the materials handling or supply chain related field (i.e. logistics). Must have membership in MHMS Chicagoland Chapter. Membership is free. See application for sign up link. Essay and one letter of rec required. See Mrs. Brassil for an application. **Deadline April 30.**

Mokena Burros Scholarship – (2) $500 – One male and one female student will receive this award. Must have minimum of 3 years participation in the Mokena Burros football or cheerleading program. Must also be a current high school athlete or Mokena Burros Assistant or Junior coach. Essay required. Applications available in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. **Deadline March 26.**

Village of Tinley Park Youth Community Service Scholarship – (5) $1000 – Must reside within the village boundaries of Tinley Park. Based on outstanding service to the community and strong scholastic record. Essay and two evaluations required. Application packet is available in the Counseling Office. Completed packets must be returned to the Counseling Office and should NOT be mailed by the student. **Deadline March 23.**

The following scholarships are set up specifically for the benefit of Providence students:
Information and/or applications for the following scholarships may be found in the "Scholarship List" on Naviance Family Connection or from Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. All applications must be returned to Mr. Murphy, Mr. Palmasani or Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office.

A.J. Felman Scholarship – $1000 per year for two years – The Albert J. Felman Scholarship is awarded to a Providence Catholic senior planning to attend an accredited college or university. Applicants should meet the following criteria: be in good academic standing, demonstrate financial need, have an indicated potential in science/math. Students wishing to apply must submit letters of application from their parents and themselves detailing why the student fulfills the above criteria. **Deadline May 1.**

Berman & Sons Accounting Scholarship - $1000 - The Berman and Sons Accounting Scholarship is awarded annually to a Providence Catholic High School graduating senior who has excelled in accounting. Applicants must be accepted at and enrolled at a college or university and take at least one accounting class freshman year in college. **Deadline May 1.**

The Cleveland Family Scholarship – approximately $1100 - Open to students who have been a multi-sport athlete while in high school and plan to participate in athletics at the college level. Student must submit a letter explaining how he/she benefited from participating in athletics and why they deserve consideration. A letter of recommendation from an adult (not a parent) is also required. **Deadline April 1.**

Ed Karnas Memorial Scholarship - $1000 – The Ed Karnas Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one Providence Catholic senior who is or has been a member of the Providence Catholic Bass Fishing team or has a love of fishing. (Priority will be given to a past or present member of the Bass fishing team.) Applicants must also demonstrate financial need. Students wishing to apply for this scholarship must submit a letter from themselves describing how they demonstrate these qualities and why they deserve consideration for this scholarship. **Deadline May 1.**

Dr. Kelly E. Ludwig Memorial Scholarship - $500 – This scholarship is in memory of Dr. Kelly E. Ludwig, a Providence Catholic parent, alumnus and high school administrator. Applicants should meet the following criteria: minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, recognized for good moral character in the daily living of Christian life, demonstrate financial need, and plan to attend a four year college or university. Student should submit a letter from themselves demonstrating the above qualities and explaining why they deserve this scholarship. A letter of recommendation from an adult (not a parent) is also required. **Deadline May 1.**

Charles E. Murphy Scholarship to DePaul University - $2300 - The Charles E. Murphy Scholarship is provided by an area benefactor to assist a Providence Catholic graduating senior. All majors are eligible, but priority will be given to students who plan to attend the College of Commerce at DePaul University, which includes the School of Accountancy and Management Information Systems (SOA-MIS), Department of Economics, Department of Finance, School of Hospitality Leadership, Department of Management, Department of Marketing, Department of Real Estate. The student must be in good standing and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50. **Deadline May 1.**

Loretta Murphy Scholarship to Joliet Junior College– Amount to be determined by JJC in March or April. - The Loretta Murphy Scholarship to Joliet Junior College is provided by an area benefactor to encourage students to continue their education after high school at Joliet Junior College. The following criteria must be met: residence in the Joliet Junior College school district #525; meet the Joliet Junior College entrance requirements; have a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA. **Deadline May 1.**

Marquette Bank Education Foundation Scholarship - $2500 - The criteria for this scholarship is as follows (in order of importance): (1) financial need (evidence must be explained in parent letter), (2) community service (must surpass school's minimum requirement) and (3) scholastic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.0). Student and parent must each submit a letter explaining how the student meets the above criteria. **Deadline April 18.**

Matt "Laz" Lulinski Memorial Scholarship - $1000 – This scholarship is a memorial scholarship named for Matt "Laz" Lulinski from the Providence Catholic Class of 2012. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, be in good disciplinary standing, demonstrate service to the community above and beyond the school requirement and show financial need. Must have applied for financial aid through Facts Grant and Aid Assessment. Student must submit one paragraph on each of the following: ways you have shown service to school, community, and/or parish, ways you have shown leadership in and out of school and how this scholarship will benefit your family. **Deadline May 1.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt, Sr. and Minnie Kuhn Scholarship – (3) $1750 - The Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Schmidt, Sr., and Minnie Kuhn Scholarship is a memorial scholarship and is awarded to three Providence Catholic students who have excelled academically. Applicants should meet the following criteria: minimum cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher and demonstrate financial need. **Deadline May 1.**

Ronald Rob Memorial Scholarship - $1000 – The Ronald Rob Memorial Scholarship is awarded to one Providence Catholic High School senior each year. The scholarship is awarded in honor of an alumni parent and respected local businessman. Applicants must live in Will county, have demonstrated financial need, obtain admission to a two or four year college or university and be in good standing at Providence Catholic. Students wishing to apply for the scholarship must submit letters of application from their parents and themselves detailing why the student fulfills the above criteria. **Deadline May 1.**

Kristen Zastro Scholarship - $1700 - The Kristen Zastro Scholarship is awarded in honor of a Providence Catholic graduate who was outstanding for her service to others. Students, both male and female, who are graduating seniors of Providence Catholic High School may apply for the scholarship. Applicants must demonstrate a similar ability to serve others. They must possess the following qualifications: 2.75 or higher cumulative GPA; good moral character in the daily living of the Christian life; service to the community and/or financial need. **Deadline May 1.**

IMPORTANT: As your students learn of scholarships they have been awarded, please have them bring the award letter they received to Mrs. Brassil in the Counseling Office. We will then make a copy of the letter so that we may keep track of **all** scholarships that are awarded to our seniors. **We ask that you notify us of every scholarship that your student is offered even if you are not sure if they will be accepting them.** These letters are used for tracking purposes and for verification for the graduation program**. Due to our printing deadline, all documentation must be received by Friday, May 4 in order to be included in this program.**

Please note: Only accepted scholarships will be listed in this program.

In addition, we are tracking **all** college acceptances of our seniors. Because we are not notified by most colleges of your student's admission, **please have your student bring in a copy of their acceptance letters to our Counseling Office as well even if you are not sure where your son/daughter will be attending school.** Please also indicate on your Naviance account the colleges at which you have been accepted or denied acceptance.

Mr. Murphy will be available to parents by appointment Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. If you are interested in meeting about particular college questions, Mr. Murphy can be reached at kmurphy@providencecatholic.org or at 815-717-3187.

Mr. Palmasani will be available to parents by appointment Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm. If you are interested in meeting about particular college questions, Mr. Palmasani can be reached at fpalmasani@providencecatholic.org or at 815-717-3148.

The Counseling Department has additional information on our school website (www.providencecatholic.org). Go to "Resources for: Current Students" and then select "Counseling Department." Here you will be able to see past newsletters, contact information, test dates and much more. Check it out!

Sincerely,

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