



Seniors & Parents

Talking Points:

◆ **Accessing Information -**

- ◇ Prairie School Website - www.prairieschool.org > Students > Seniors
 - ⇒ National Testing Information
 - ⇒ College In Colorado Access
 - ⇒ Infinite Campus Access
 - ⇒ Scholarship Calendar
 - ⇒ FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Link
- ◇ Student's Email - If parents would like to receive the same emails their students are getting from the Career Coach, please let me know your address at spollart@prairieschool.org or complete attached form.
- ◇ Computer Lab Windows - College information, upcoming events, and testing dates will be posted here.
- ◇ Job Board - Above printer in main hallway across from library.

◆ **College Entrance Exams -**

All colleges require an entrance exam. The ACT that your student took as a Junior will suffice. Please check with the college of your choice to make sure they don't require the SAT or another entrance exam. Don't be surprised if the college you choose also requests that you take a placement exam on their campus.

◆ **Senior Capstone Course-**

Seniors can expect the following:

- ◇ Resume Writing/Fine Tuning
- ◇ Completing College Applications
- ◇ Completing Scholarship Applications
- ◇ College and Scholarship Application Essay Writing
- ◇ College/Employment Planning Check Lists
- ◇ Studying Career and Education Options
- ◇ Student Interest Inventories
- ◇ Explore College Costs & Payment Options
- ◇ FAFSA(Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Information
- ◇ Mock Scholarship/Job Interview

Parent Notes:

- ◆ Please keep in mind this class is designed to give your senior tools and time they can use to help with the post-secondary decision process. It will not replace the time and effort it takes for the student and family to make such an important life and financial decision.
- ◆ Check college websites early for any **free** application windows
- ◆ Help your student study scholarships from businesses you patron and specific colleges your senior is interested in.
- ◆ Communication regarding employment, college, and scholarship information. I send emails to students regarding all of these. If parents would like to receive the same emails, please let me have your email address.
- ◆ **FAFSA** applications are available **October 1** online. You will need income tax information to complete this. You will want your 2015 tax return to complete the application. If student has college chosen or a few narrowed down find out when their deadline is to receive your SAR (Student Aid Report- generated from your FAFSA application). Most all your options for financial aid hinge on this report. I will send any information via email as soon as I get it.
- ◆ **Official Transcript Release - All student fees, lunch bills, uniforms turned in, etc. must be taken care of before final transcripts will be released to colleges or employers.**
- ◆ Requests for Reference Letters - Parents as busy as your students may be...please encourage them to ask their reference writers. Also, please give the writer plenty of time to write a great letter of recommendation for your student applicant, instead of a mediocre one.

Parent Contact Information

Student Name: _____

Parent (1) Name: _____

Parent (1) Email: _____

Parent (2) Name: _____

Parent (2) Name: _____

I will always encourage your student to keep you in the loop, but sometimes it is nice for me to send financial information and deadlines to you directly. I understand that our seniors can get very busy and communication can be hard.