

**UPDATE
FROM THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
2018**

OCTOBER 5

**MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING IS
AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:**

PSAT's will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, October 10, during school hours. PSAT registration forms/information was given to Sophomores and Juniors last week. Any interested sophomore or junior, please inform the Guidance Office. Cost is \$21. Deadline is Monday, October 8.

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School will host a **College Fair** on Tuesday, October 9th, at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria for grades 9 through 12. Approximately 25 - 30 colleges will be at the fair. Parents are invited to attend.

Bucknell University will be hosting **College Night** (College Fair) at Gerhard Field House on Monday, October 8th at 6:00 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend.

Who is Thrivent Student Resources?

Thrivent Student Resources is part of Thrivent, a not-for-profit financial services organization that helps Christians on their Wise With Money Journey to attain a life of contentment, confidence and generosity. They understand everyone's journey is unique, so they become experts in listening and helping those they serve. They are a one-stop destination for students, parents and student enthusiasts to understand the process of paying for college while avoiding the student debt trap.

ThriventStudentResources.com is an online hub that provides tools for high school students, college students, parents and recent grads to help plan and pay for college while avoiding the student debt trap.

Contact Nancy Harvey at nancy.harvey@thrivent.com or call 1-412-916-5921 for more information.

ATTENTION: SENIORS AND PARENTS

FAFSA WORKSHOP **2018**

There will be a FAFSA Workshop at Lourdes on Wednesday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Computer Lab, Room 208.

Complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA after October 1, 2018.
To complete the FAFSA go to fafsa.ed.gov.

- **Parent and Student** will need to apply for an FSA ID at fafsa.ed.gov
Click FSA ID (blue box) at top under Federal Student Aid

**** NOTE: If one parent and student do not have an FSA ID the night of the FAFSA workshop, the FAFSA form cannot be completed. We will not be completing them during this event.**

You **MUST** bring the following financial information from 2017 for **Parent(s) and Students (hard copies)**:

- Social Security Numbers (bring cards to insure accuracy)
- Birth Dates
- Date of Marriage (Parents)
- Date of Divorce, if applies (Parents)
- 2017 W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- 2017 1099 Form
- 2017 Federal Income Tax Return
 1. IRS 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ
 2. Foreign Tax Return (if applies)
- 2017 Federal Income Tax return - **Parent and Student** (If employed in 2017)
- 2017 untaxed income records:
 1. Veterans benefits records
 2. Workers' Compensation
 3. Child Support
 4. Payments to tax deferred pension and savings plan
- Current bank statements (checking and savings)
- Current business assets(only if you employ more than 100 employees)
- Current farm asset (unless you live on the farm)
- Current stocks, bonds, and other investment records

- **Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)**
- **Value of 529 Plans for all children**

Please call 644-0375 – Guidance Office to register for the FAFSA Workshop or if you have any questions.

Seniors attained an **FSA ID (Federal Student Aid)** on Friday, September 7th with the assistance of Mrs. Marla Kane, Assistant Regional Director, PHEAA. One Senior parent will be required to obtain an FSA ID also in order to complete the FAFSA after October 1.

This is a great video that goes through the process of creating an FSA ID for the FAFSA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7ihhGk8mCY&feature=youtu.be>

Seniors were provided folders containing forms, informational handouts regarding scholarships, and instructions for completing **college applications**. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, November 2nd.

NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association – Many college athletic programs are regulated by the NCAA, which has established rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. If a student is planning to enroll in college as a freshman and wishes to participate in Division I or II athletics, he or she must be certified by the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. The process of certification should begin at the end of the Junior year in high school. NCAA requests that students apply online at www.eligibilitycenter.org. It is necessary to send ACT or SAT scores to the Clearinghouse directly from the testing agencies. The code for NCAA is 9999.

SAT

TEST DATES

October 6

November 3

December 1

March 9

May 4

June 1

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 7

October 5

November 2

February 8

April 5

May 3

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

TEST DATES

October 28
December 9
February 10
April 14
June 9
July 14

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 22
November 3
January 12
March 9
May 4
June 15

www.actstudent.org

SCHOLARSHIPS

Receive up to \$25,000 for college with the **Horatio Alger Scholarship**. If integrity, determination and courage describe your child, he or she may have what it takes to be a Horatio Alger Scholar. Horatio Alger Scholarships reward students who possess the character to succeed in life, and helps students overcome the financial barriers of pursuing higher education. To qualify, students must have at least a 2.0 GPA and require financial assistance to go to college. To learn more and apply, visit scholars.horatioalger.org. Deadline is October 25, 2018.

The **Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** were created in 1995 to recognize students in grades 5 through 12 who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service. Students may apply at spirit.prudential.com **or** nassp.org/spirit. Application deadline is November 6, 2018 in the Guidance Office.

OPEN HOUSES:

OCTOBER

8	Lock Haven University	Instant Decision Day
8	Messiah College	
14	Seton Hall University	
20	Lock Haven University	
21	Mount Aloysius College	

21 University of Scranton
27 Messiah College

NOVEMBER

4 University of Scranton
10& 17 Lock Haven University
12 Mount Aloysius College
18 Seton Hall University

PLEASE BE SURE TO REGISTER WITH COLLEGES BEFORE ATTENDING.