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NEWSLETTER

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Freshmen

A nine week grading period has passed since you entered high school. How did your report card look? It is extremely important to get off to a good start with your grades. The semester grades you earn in ninth grade will be included in your final high school GPA and class rank. Post high school education might seem a long way off now, but grades really do count toward college admission and scholarships. Get involved in extracurricular activities both school and non-school sponsored. Many scholarships ask for community and/or school involvement. It is time to build up those volunteer hours.



Sophomores

Keep your grades up so you can have the highest GPA and class rank possible; however, the people who offer scholarships aren't looking just for grades. Get involved in activities outside the classroom. Work toward leadership positions in the activities that you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities. Presentations will be given discussing classes at the Elkhart Area Career Center and the SMC Academies to help you choose electives in your career pathway.

Sophomore students are encouraged to **job shadow** in one of the career pathway areas the student has identified as a possible career choice. Applications for job shadowing are available from the guidance office and you may shadow between now and April 1. If you have a family member involved in the chosen occupation, you may request to job shadow at that place of business by providing the name of the business and contact person on the application. Otherwise, we will work to place the student in the job shadowing experience through sources available

through the guidance office. Any business interested in participating in the Edwardsburg High School job shadowing program is encouraged to call 663-1025.

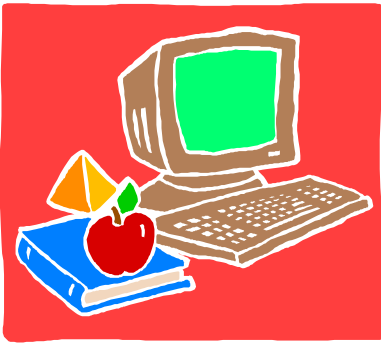
ALL SOPHOMORES ARE ELIGIBLE. Each year one Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership representative is selected to attend a Michigan college university in the spring to be involved in a state leadership seminar on a variety of critical and current topics. HOBY has helped to motivate thousands of young people to realize their leadership potential. Teachers are busy nominating students that fit the criteria. Mrs. Sherman will contact you if two or more teachers nominated you for this seminar. For more information go to www.hoby.org.

Juniors

Begin to take a long, hard look at why you want to continue your education after high school so you will be able to choose the best community college, trade school or university for your needs.

If you want to participate in Division I or Division II sports in college, start the certification process. Check with Mr. Tansey to make sure you are taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements.

Begin collecting information about college application procedures, entrance requirements, tuition and fees, room and board costs, student activities, course offerings, accreditation, and financial aid. The Internet is a good way to visit colleges and obtain this information.



You will take the ACT in March as a part of the MME. Visit college campuses during spring break or summer vacation.

Seniors



Those of you who are considering post high education should have taken the ACT. If you still need to take it, see your counselor immediately. All college applications should be handed in to the guidance office by Christmas vacation. If you apply on line, fill out the sheet in the guidance office asking for your transcript to

be sent to the college. Remember you have two college visitation days to visit your top college choices. The FAFSA will be distributed to seniors in December but cannot be mailed before January 1, 2008.

\$cholarship Opportunities

Applications are available in the Guidance office.

2008 Michigan Education Association Scholarship - Available to seniors who plan to attend a Michigan public community college, a four-year degree-granting institution, a vocational training institution that grants a degree, certification or license, or the few private institutions listed on the application. Must include a personal resume, two letters of recommendation and a short essay describing someone or something that has been a major influence in your life. Amount: \$1,500. **Deadline:** February 8, 2008.

Burger King Scholarship Must have a 2.5 grade point average, work an average of 15 hours per week, demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities, demonstrate financial need, and plans to enroll in a two or four year college or vocational-technical school in the fall of 2008. Amount: \$1,000. Applications are available at www.bk.com/scholars **Deadline:** February 15, 2008

NALS of Michigan Scholarship Award – Available to seniors planning to enroll in a school of advanced education pursuing a degree in the legal field. Must have at least a B average, be in need of financial assistance, plan to enroll in the fall term (2008), and write a one-page autobiographical statement. Amount: \$1,000. **Deadline:** January 15, 2008.

ELKS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - 2008 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition – Based on scholarship, employment and community service, leadership, participation in school activities, and financial need. Each applicant must choose and prepare one of three essays of 500 words or less. Amount: from \$4,000 to \$60,000. Applications and information are available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/downloadMVS.cfm or see Mrs. Sherman for a copy. **Deadline:** January 11, 2008

Check out scholarship opportunities for dependents of veterans at www.needalift.org or come to guidance and look through the Need A Lift financial aid handbook.

Juniors

Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarships – Juniors must have a 2.75 grade point average in the 9th and 10th grades. Students must have overcome obstacles, volunteered in their community and demonstrated leadership. Applications will be available for downloading in December at www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm.

American Legion Scholarships

The following scholarships are available: Oratorical scholarship, Boys State Program, Baseball Program, Eagle Scout of the Year, Wilson Scholarship and the Brewer Scholarship. Visit www.michiganlegion.org for applications and more information.

Review of Scholarships listed in the last two newsletters:

MAB Foundation Scholarship

Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA and be planning to study in a broadcast related field. They must also be accepted into a two or four year Michigan college, university or trade school. See Mrs. Sherman for an application

2008 SAE Engineering Scholarships

Applicants must intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science (math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, computer science) and meet minimum requirements with regard to grade point average, SAT and/or ACT scores. Undesignated scholarships range in value from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and University Sponsored Scholarships range in value from \$400 to full tuition. Deadline: December 1, 2007. Information (and applications) are available online at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm. (You can also see Mrs. Sherman in the guidance office if you do not have access to the internet.)

SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS

A legitimate scholarship sponsor or service sends information about awards when you request it, makes contact information available upon request, does not guarantee you will win an award, knows that financial aid information is free and readily available in financial aid offices, libraries and on the Internet. A scholarship scammer will offer an award for which you did not apply, does not release the company's contact information, guarantees you will win an award, requires personal financial information to verify or hold a scholarship. Never spend money on a fee-based matching service. The biggest and best award databases are available for free on the Internet. Find free college scholarships at www.fastweb.com.



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