

The FHS Senior Newsletter – December 2017

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SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

REMINDER: Federal (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and State (<http://riseupms.com/financial#3>) financial aid applications are available and should be completed as soon as possible. HELP Grant applications are due by March 31.

REMINDER – Win “A” Scholarship by The Citizens Bank: Each “A” earned allows you a separate chance to enter a drawing for a \$1000 scholarship at the end of the year. Take your report card to the bank to register *after each nine weeks*.

REMINDER – The AXA Achievement Scholarship: Winners demonstrate ambition and self-drive with outstanding achievement in school, community, or work-related activities. Apply online at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/> by *Dec. 15*.

REMINDER – ACT Student Champion Award: One student in each state will receive a \$500 scholarship. You must have at least a 22 composite ACT score, a 3.0 GPA, and have overcome challenges and can articulate education and career actions. Apply online at www.act.org/readinesschampions by *Dec. 31*.

REMINDER – GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program: Up to \$40,000 per recipient! Must have at least a 3.0 GPA, be a U.S. citizen, and demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Apply online at <https://www.scholarsapply.org/ge-reagan> by *Jan. 4*.

REMINDER – JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest: \$10,000 first-place prize and more! Describe and analyze an act of political courage by a US elected official. More details at jfklibrary.org/essaycontest. *Submission deadline is Jan. 4*.

***NEW – WoodmenLife Focus Forward Scholarship:** Does your family have Woodmen of the World Life Insurance? You may be eligible to apply for the WoodmenLife scholarships! They will award more than 600 scholarships of up to \$25,000! Go to WoodmenLife.org, click Scholarships, click “Get Started Now”, and enter graduate. *Deadline is Feb. 28*.

***NEW – Mississippi Association of Supervisors County Employee Scholarship Program:** Up to two \$500 scholarships per county!

Applicants must have an immediate family member currently working for or retired from a Mississippi County to be eligible to apply. Relatives of elected county officials are not eligible. Pick up an application from Mrs. Kenna’s office or visit www.mssupervisors.org/scholarship-program. Must be received at the MAS office *by Mar. 1*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention 18-Year-Old Men

Under federal law, all men (including non-citizen immigrant males 18-25 residing in the U.S.) must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of your 18th birthday. To register, go to the post office or visit www.sss.gov.

Transcripts

As you apply to colleges and scholarship organizations, you will often need to send in your official partial transcript (it’s not a “final” transcript until you graduate). To send transcripts, give Ms. Kenna the letter or computer print-out requesting your transcript with the address of where to send it. Sign and date the request.



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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 9: ACT

Dec. 19: T2 Exams – 1st, 3rd, & 7th

Dec. 20: T2 Exams – 2nd & 4th; Powder Puff Game – 1:20

Dec. 21: T2 Exams – 5th & 6th; 60% Day

Dec. 22-Jan. 5: Christmas Holidays

COLLEGE & CAREER WEBSITES

www.scholarships.com

www.NextStepU.com

collegescorecard.ed.gov

www.collegeappmap.org

www.fastweb.com

www.get2college.org

www.riseupms.com

www.knowhow2go.org

www.mymajors.com

College Information

Excused College Days: Seniors may visit any college on their own twice during their senior year to conduct college visits/tryouts, etc. The visits must be validated by a note from a college official. Seniors taking their college day must secure a form from Ms. Kenna, complete the form with teacher and administrative signatures indicating the date the senior will be absent, and return the form to Ms. Kenna at least two working days before the planned college day.

Blue Mountain College:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is April 1.

Delta State University:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 1.

East Central Community College: www.eccc.edu

- Orientation for Dual Credit students is April 6.

Hinds Community College:

- Scholarship deadline is Feb. 15.

Jackson State University:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 15.

Mississippi Valley State University:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 1.

Mississippi University for Women:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is May 1.

Rust College:

- Preview Day is Feb. 23 @ 10:30 a.m.

Tougaloo College:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Feb. 1.

University of Mississippi:

- Priority Scholarship Deadline is Jan. 5.

William Carey University: www.wmcarey.edu

- Campus tours available M-F 8:00-4:00.

ACT INFORMATION

- Register online at www.actstudent.org.
- See Ms. Kenna to apply for an ACT fee waiver.
- Get2College is hosting free ACT Prep Workshops in Jackson on Jan. 27, Mar. 31, and June 2. Register at <https://get2college.org/act-workshop-registration/>.
- The FHS 2018 STAR Student will be the senior with the highest ACT (minimum 25) as of December who also has a 93 or above overall average in core courses.
- 2017-2018 ACT Test Dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>(Late Fee Required)</u>
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018