

FRHS College Office Newsletter

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From the College Office

I would like to thank all of the students who have applied to College. I hope that all of you get your first choice or are at least happy with the school that selects you.

For the rest of the students, I hope that you take time over the vacation to apply to at least one college. I would like to see some “new” faces in the college office. Please stop by the College office, room 127 to find out more about college and future planning options.

As for Far Rockaway’s juniors, I have scheduled a free PSAT workshop for you from Princeton Review. This will occur on January 9th @ 6PM in the auditorium. My goal is to have all of you take advantage of this once in a life time opportunity and learn about your next steps for planning for your future.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the students who have been coming into the

College office to fill out your College applications. You don’t realize the big step you have taken in doing so. As for the rest of you, and you know who you are, all I have to ask is what are you waiting for? The earlier you register the better chance you have to attend the College of your choice. Keep in mind, Far Rockaway High School isn’t the only institution with College bound students. Please come in and get your free application today. The next deadline for the CUNY and SUNY application is January 2nd 2008. Please don’t wait for the last minute.

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Up Coming Events

- ◆ SAT Exam for Juniors
- ◆ PSAT Results workshop

Scholarship Information

One thing to keep in mind when filling out a scholarship form is the deadline. Many of the scholarships I have handed out have a December deadline. For instance, the UFT scholarship has a December 22nd deadline. If you have not completed or mailed out the scholarship as of today, you need to hurry up! This is free money, money that will greatly reduce the financial burden.

Please be aware of the deadlines and be responsible for submitting your application on time. If you haven’t looked for or obtained a

scholarship, please come to the College office. We have a lot of resources who want to give you money for College. All you have to do is be dedicated and want it. It’s not too late for other opportunities so please don’t delay. Also, the new 2007-08 scholarship book is available in the college office. Come by and pick one up.

Financial Aid



Let's talk turkey! Okay, let's talk money. As many of you already know financial aid is right around the corner. Applications for financial aid can be submitted as early as January 1st 2006. This year, however, the only way to apply is on line. Please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to fill out the free application. One thing you need to keep in mind when applying is this, if you don't have a social security number, you can not apply. This is the only restriction that the Government has as far as financial aid is concerned.

As a reminder, the application is free. Don't get caught in the scams that are occurring on the web that say you have to pay for

the application. All financial aid forms are free. The deadline for this form is May 1st, 2006. You will also need a pin, personal identification number, which acts like an electronic signature. Pins are available at www.pin.ed.gov. Please stop by the office for more details.

"I suppose it is because nearly all children go to school nowadays, and have things arranged for them, that they seem so forlornly unable to produce their own ideas."

-Agatha Christie

Important FAFSA Tips

I'm including a few tips on the FAFSA form that you need to be aware about. Please read carefully:

1. Must apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. You must answer question (31). If you don't, your application will not be processed
3. You must use your parents **2005-2006** income tax return forms.
4. If you are unsure about any of the questions, please see and bring a copy of the tax returns with you.
5. Sign, date, and photo copy everything you fill out.

SAT TESTING DATES

Here are the remaining testing dates for the SAT exam.

TEST DATE
January 26th
March 1st
May 3rd
June 7th

REGISTRATION DATE
December 26th
January 29th
April 1st
May 6th

College Visits

Many Colleges from around the tri-state area have been visiting our school; Berkley, Catherine Gibbs, Devry, SUNY just to name a few. When the representative visits, please feel free to ask them any questions you may have about their institutions. Some things you should be aware of and ask are:

1. Are you accredited?
2. What programs are available?
3. Are there dorms, how is traveling to and from your institution?
4. What scholarships do you offer? How can I apply?
5. What is the financial price of attending?
6. What is the minority ratio of your school?

7. Do you have job placement and if so, do you place us? What's the guarantee?
8. What support is available to students to help increase our chances of success?

If you don't ask, they might not tell you. Why go somewhere you don't know much about?



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