

## Senior Class of 2017

### *November Monthly Memo*

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** - Early Action/Decision deadline for some schools. \*\* (I will not be at school on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> so please come see me the week before if you need anything to meet this deadline)

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** - ASVAB test results and Interpretation for students who took the test, 7:30 am

#### Reminders:

- If you have applied on the common application or plan on applying, you will need to turn in your brag sheet to me so I can write a letter of recommendation for you. Please allow enough time for myself and teachers to do this for you.
- Make sure you add my email as your counselor, under recommender on the common app.
- **Please keep track of your deadlines.** There were many last minute requests / issues meeting the November 1<sup>st</sup> early deadline. I am happy to help you but need to know beforehand so I can get everything done for all of you!!
- Make sure you understand the difference between early action/decision and regular when applying. If you are unsure, refer to [www.tjhs counseling.com](http://www.tjhs counseling.com), or come see me.
- If you have not completed the FAFSA, you should do so as soon as possible. The FAFSA is also your application to TOPS. The application became available on October 1<sup>st</sup> and the earlier you do it the more money you could be offered. We had our FAFSA & Financial Aid meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. If you or a parent did not attend and you have questions, please come see me or refer to the website. Also, a detailed explanation about what to do can be found on the October Monthly memo that was given to you. A copy of this is also on the website for you.
- To create an FSA Id and complete the FAFSA: <https://fafsa.gov/>
- **Lela's FAFSA help line for assistance: (844) 463-2372**
- Continue working on college and scholarship applications. Take the time to fill out and search for scholarship opportunities. Even if it seems like a small amount, money is money and you are going to need it. If you need assistance with any of this please come see me and I am happy to help you. On the website, I have links to many scholarships for you. It does require time and effort on your part but in the end it will be worth it!
- **Transcript requests forms** can be found in the scholarship binder located in the office - \$1 per school
- **Make sure your ACT scores are sent to the colleges you are applying to.** You may need to log in to your account and pay to have your scores sent to the college. When you register for ACT, make sure you are listing colleges and TOPS (ACT code= 1595, SAT code = 9019), so your scores will be sent for FREE. You have 4 free slots, so make sure you use them! Check admissions requirements on college websites and see how they want scores sent.
- If you have applied to LSU, make sure you send your ACT scores. LSU is still missing ACT scores for some students who have already applied. Must come from the ACT site.
- Keep your grades up! Don't give up-you have come this far already! Colleges will want to see midyear and final transcripts. They want to see that you are working hard in your classes your entire senior year. Finish strong!
- **Please turn in college acceptance letters and any scholarship offers you receive to me** (we can make a copy in the office)
- **If you are unsure about your admission status and/or application materials - call the admissions office** at those colleges/universities. They can let you know what you need to do and tell you what you are missing.

**TOPS update:** The projected amounts of TOPS money that is going to be awarded to students this Winter/Spring is decreasing. Anticipated: 67.44 % in winter; 41.8% in spring. We cannot predict for sure what the future of TOPS will look like but students are not receiving the full amount. **It is so important to seek outside and private scholarships. You cannot fully rely on TOPS, if you plan on going to a public university in Louisiana.**

If you have any questions, please come see me.

Thanks,

Mrs. Luxhoj