
*Estero High School
Class of 2010
Senior Newsletter*

Special Thanks to Jina Browder for putting the Senior Newsletter together!!

Please check out <http://www.fastweb.com/> for more information regarding

Scholarships!!



How to avoid STRESS!

Senior Organizational Hints

Career Planning

What do you like to do? Discover your interests and listen to yourself.

What path is right for you; college, the military, technical training? The possibilities are endless. Some people simply have “jobs” while others have “careers”.

What’s the difference? With a career, the kind of work you do is based on your interests. It’s a path you have **chosen**. Take time to explore your interests by checking out the websites listed on the following pages.

College Application Process

- Pay attention to application deadlines. Most colleges require applications by early fall. Check your specific college for their requirements.
- Please notify the guidance department if you are applying online.
- If references are required give teachers plenty of notice.
- Pick up a transcript release form in guidance or career center.
- Make sure all tests are taken (SAT/ACT packets are available in the career center). **Estero High School code – 100444**
- **Estero H.S. is a test site and the code is-227800**
- Please let us know by marking the appropriate box if you have applied online or have a paper application. Hand in paper application, application fee with your social security number on the check, references (if required), transcript release form, and \$1 to guidance so everything can be mailed together (allow plenty of time in order to meet college application deadlines).
- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch you are allowed a fee waiver for state college application fees.

Scholarship Application Process

- Use computer programs in the career center, such as www.fastweb.com, FACTS.org, www.college.gov. See **Mrs. Waterhouse** for complete details and updates on scholarships.

- Ask for letters of reference far in advance of scholarship due date. Use the *Student Information for Letters of Recommendation* form (attached). Please remember to follow up with a **thank-you** to the person who writes the letter.
- If scholarship requires an official transcript, bring application, transcript release form and \$1 to guidance for mailing.
- If scholarship does not require official transcript, send application to the address indicated. **PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS, THIS IS THE MAJOR REASON SCHOLARSHIP MONEY IS NOT AWARDED.**

Financial Aid Application Process

- Financial aid workshops will be available throughout the district for you and your parents to attend (watch for dates and times).
- Mid December the FAFSA, Free Application Form for Student Aid will be available in the career center or go on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply.
- Forms cannot be completed until Jan. 1st after you and your parents file income tax.
- Contact university/college financial aid office to see if an institutional financial aid application is required.
- When student aid report is received send it to the financial aid office of the college of your choice (you may want to contact the financial aid offices of the schools to which you have been accepted to get an idea of a tentative award package).

Student Athlete Application Process

- Any student who plans to participate in Division I or II athletics in college needs to submit an NCAA Clearing House form (this should have been done at the end of your junior year)
- Online applications are recommended at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Test Information

- If you have taken the SAT or ACT as recommended in your junior year and want to improve your scores you may retake it in your senior year.
- If you are planning to go to college and you have **not** taken the SAT, ACT or CPT you need to talk to your guidance counselor or career specialist **as soon as possible. Failure to do so will prolong the process of your application and notification of acceptance.**
- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch you can receive a fee waiver-See Mrs. Burrell.
- CPT, College Placement Test, is used by community colleges
- Indicate schools to receive scores on registration form.
- You may want to take both SAT and ACT, since many students do better on one than on the other. (see..."When to do What")

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

- It is your responsibility to know and meet the requirements before high school graduation.
- Talk with your guidance counselor to make sure you are on track.
- We will make time available for you to submit your application online at www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org. This will allow the Department of Education to evaluate your eligibility and officially notify you of your award status PRIOR to graduation.
- You can go online to www.FACTS.org to check your progress towards meeting requirements for graduation, Bright Futures scholarships and state university admissions.

Start Saving

- Your senior year can be very **expensive**, college applications, testing fees, senior pictures, graduation announcements, cap & gown, prom, grad-bash and the list goes on & on. PLAN WISELY!
- Don't forget, if you qualify for free or reduced lunch you may also qualify for a fee waiver.

STAY ON TRACK

- **Even if you get accepted to a college or university, your admission is pending your final grades in June.**
- Visit the career center, you can explore career possibilities and examine educational options and training programs. Take an interest inventory, and sign up for the ASVAB. Test date is scheduled for November 17, 2009.
- Talk to military recruiters and college representatives.
- Keep up with test dates, presentations and other important dates by reading your senior newsletter and watching the WILD4 News.

ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2009

Last years class should be commended for their outstanding scholarship, leadership, and community service. This is reflected in this partial list of college acceptances, military enlistments and over two million dollars in scholarship awards!

We are proud of the Wildcat Class of 2009

Catawba College, North Carolina
Edison State College, Fl
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Fl
Florida Atlantic University, Fl
Florida Gulf Coast University, Fl
Florida State University, Fl
Fort Myers Fire Academy, Fl
Jacksonville University, Fl
Lee County High Tech, Fl
Palm Beach Community College, Fl
Saint Leo University, Fl
Southeastern University, Fl
Sunstate Academy, Fl
United States Army

United States Marines
United States Navy
Universal Technical Institute, Fl
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of South Florida
Valencia Community College, Fl
Webber International College, Fl
Wesley College, Delaware
Westminster College, Utah



Seniors-Class of 2010

Important Dates to Remember

College Night Sept. 23rd 7pm at Harborside Convention Center

Meeting with Herff Jones rep. regarding graduation
announcement orders, cap & gown-Oct. 5th

Orders will be taken during lunch the following week

SAT-October 10, 2009

ACT-October 24, 2009

Senior Photos-November 3

Panoramic-November 5 at 7:30

SAT-November 7, 2009

ASVAB-Nov. 17th

Blood Drive sign-up Nov. 20 & Blood Drive 11/24

SAT-12/5 and ACT-12/12

SAT-Jan. 23, 2010

ACT-Feb. 6, 2010

Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce Career Fair-tba

Grad-Bash-April 24th

SAT-May 1

AP Exams, May 3-14th

Prom- May 8th

SAT-6/5

ACT-6/12

Renaissance Rally - Senior Awards-Senior Exams- tba

Senior breakfast, video and graduation practice-tba

Graduation -. tba

Various colleges, military and other organizations will visit our campus periodically.

Please watch for dates and times!

Please share this information with your family!!

