



# SENIOR NEWSLETTER



You are one semester closer to graduation. Hopefully, you have taken care of business and passed all your classes this semester. We hope you enjoy your break and return focused to finish strong.

**MIDTERM GRADS:** Don't forget to get your sign out sheet completed and turned in by Friday Dec 22.

**TO GRADUATE, YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING THINGS:**

- FAFSA Completed or Parent Waiver Signed
- Consent Form for Information Release Signed
- Individual Graduation Plan Signed
- Workkeys taken at least 1 time
- CPR Training
- Fees paid

**APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID AND TOPS**

- Complete the **FREE** online FAFSA application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for the 2018-19 year.
- **STAY AWAY FROM THE WEBSITE FAFSA.COM.**
- Need the following items:
  - Social Security Number for you and parents
  - Information from your parents' 2016 income taxes, W-2s, and other records of money earned.
  - Records of bank statements, investments, and untaxed income (if applicable)
  - An FSA ID to sign electronically.
- Complete **FSA ID** (You and your parent) To set up a FSA ID or read more about this, go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. This ID is also used for signing forms for federal loans.

\*\*\*Once you have completed FAFSA, email your confirmation page to [gwen.mercer@gpsb.org](mailto:gwen.mercer@gpsb.org) or [asharbono@gpsb.org](mailto:asharbono@gpsb.org) so counselors can update your records.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE OR VO-TECH**

- Apply to colleges if you have not done so.
- Check base with colleges to see what need.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Retake ACT if need higher score.

**ACT** – Pick up ACT brochure for registration information in the counselor's office or go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). April test will be given at Grant (Testing Center Code 154700).

**Test Date**

February 10, 2018  
April 14, 2018  
June 9, 2018  
July 14, 2018

**Registration Deadline**

January 12, 2018  
March 9, 2018  
May 4, 2018  
June 15, 2018

- Cost – Basic \$46, Plus Writing \$62.50
- 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can use a total of 2 fee waivers
- Grant's School code is 190740 (Put this so ACT will send us your scores.)
- TOPS Code: 1595 (Use as one of your college choices to have your scores sent to TOPS.)
- The April test date is the last date for TOPS without a penalty.

**COUNSELOR ZONE REMIND 101** - Receive text messages on the latest updates from the counselors.

1. Open new text message
2. Enter 81010 or (318)787-0430
3. Text this message: @granthig.

**BE AWARE** – There are many scams that ask for money in exchange for scholarships and financial aid. Do not pay any companies to find you financial aid or scholarships. There are many free scholarships searches on the internet.

**COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION & TIPS** – Click on the Students and Parents tab on the following websites to learn more about preparing for college and receiving financial aid and scholarship.

[www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov)

[www.regents.louisiana.gov](http://www.regents.louisiana.gov)

[www.lela.org](http://www.lela.org)

**ASKLELA.ORG** – This website has an extensive list of scholarships and deadlines. Click on For Students and Parents Tab, then on Scholarships.

**THE SOUTHEASTERN PRIORITY SCHOLARSHIP** - For any student who plans to attend Southeastern. Must apply to Southeastern by January 15, 2018.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD** - For seniors who are Catholic and are active in their church. Go to <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/> for more information and to apply. Due January 25, 2018 to the local council.

**LOUISIANA COLLEGE SMITH SCHOLARSHIP** - Any student with an ACT of 28 or higher who is interested in attending Louisiana College. Apply to Louisiana College ASAP. The Smith Scholarship competition will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018. This is a full paid scholarship for 4 years.

**LOUISIANA FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION LINDA & WAYNE ZAUNBRECHER SCHOLARSHIP** - Seniors who are members of Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation and are planning to pursue a degree related to agriculture at a Louisiana college/university . Must have at least a 2.5 GPA. Due February 28, 2018 to parish Farm Bureau office. See counselors for application.

**NATIONAL BETA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - Senior BETA students with academic excellence, demonstrated leadership, commendable character, school & community service, participation in National Beta Activities. For information, visit <https://www.betaclub.org/scholarship>. Deadline is January 25, 2018

**VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIP LINKS FOUND ON LELA WEBSITE:**

Due 12/31/17

<https://www.mswoods.com/scholarship.htm>

<http://www.kcarplaw.com/scholarship/>

<https://www.tablegsonline.com/tloblog/the-future-entrepreneurs-of-america-scholarship/>

<https://www.stylewe.com/scholarship>

<https://studysoup.com/scholarships/first-in-family>

<https://smiletutor.sg/scholarship/>

Due 1/1/18

<http://slickdeals.net/scholarships/>

Due 1/15/18

<http://www.providianmedical.com/providian-medical-scholarship/>

Due 1/20/18

<http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/technology-addiction-awareness-scholarship>

