

SENIOR NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Guardian and Member of the Class of 2018:

This is the first of many “Senior Newsletters” that will be published throughout the year. **Future copies will be available in the COUNSELING OFFICE, SCHOOL LIBRARY, STUDENT UNION, AND POSTED ON THE HANDLEY COUNSELING WEB PAGE.** The frequency of the distribution will depend on how much information we receive. Early in the year, the distribution may be weekly and less frequent as the year progresses. Each edition, including this one, may contain information regarding colleges, **scholarships**, financial aid, the military, the work force, and job opportunities.

ATTENTION PARENTS AND SENIORS!

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED INFORMATION ABOUT TWO FALL WORKSHOPS.

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT REQUESTS FOR TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY THE DATES SPECIFIED BELOW:**

November Deadlines: Due in Guidance by Friday, October 6, 2017

December Deadlines: Due in Guidance by Friday, October 27, 2017 (Guidance is closed during Thanksgiving.)

January Deadlines: Due in Guidance by Friday, November 17, 2017 (Guidance is closed during winter break.)

February Deadlines: Due in Guidance by Friday, January 5, 2018

PINK TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE. PARENT/STUDENT SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED.

SENIORS WILL BE MEETING WITH COUNSELORS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS THE COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS.

We look forward to working with each of you and your Senior as we plan for “life after Handley.”

COLLEGE NIGHT!!

The Shenandoah Valley College Fair will be held this year on Wednesday, September 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Apple Blossom Mall in Winchester. Representatives from approximately 100 colleges and the armed services will be available to allow students the opportunity to learn about post-secondary opportunities. A list of the participating colleges will be posted on the JHHS webpage, and a map indicating the location of the schools will be available as you enter the mall. The college representatives will have brochures describing their institutions and programs, catalogs, and other items containing information that would be helpful to you in making your decisions about what you will do after high school. To maximize your time at the fair and avoid completing information cards at the representatives' tables, you may pre-register at www.gotocollegefairs.com. Once you have registered your information, you will be given a barcode which can be scanned by participating colleges.

Transcript requests for colleges with November deadlines are due in the Guidance Office by Friday, October 6th. Don't forget!!

COLLEGE REP VISITS

The following college representatives will be visiting Handley High School in the Commons Area during all three lunches on the dates and times listed below.

Sept. 28 – WVU Potomac State College-

**MEMORIZE
SCHOOL CODE:
472 435**

This number will be needed for SAT, ACT, college, and scholarship applications.

NCAA REGISTRATION

All Student-Athletes planning to play a Division I or II sport in college must register on-line with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org. BE SURE TO PRINT OUT THE TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORMS AND BRING TO GUIDANCE.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS TO ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE.

Local Scholarship Application

Visit www.wps.k12.va.us/jhhs and under the Guidance heading, click on Local Scholarship Application. This application makes students eligible for numerous scholarships within our school and community and are awarded at the Baccalaureate program in May. Every Senior should complete this application. There is a strict deadline of January 12, 2018 by 3:30 p.m. Don't delay! Students may also pick up an application in the Counseling Office.

AES ENGINEERS SCHOLARSHIP

AES Engineers is sponsoring an essay contest. "Scholarships are intended for our future leaders across a wide spectrum of fields of study. This award is available to high school seniors and all students attending a post secondary educational facility." You are not required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. Students must write an essay of no more than 1000

words in answer to a question posted on the AES website:

www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm. *The award amount is \$500.00 and the deadline is October 6, 2017.*

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS

This program is open to all high school seniors in the US. Coca-Cola scholars come from all 50 states and more than one-third are minorities. The Scholars represent a cross section of outstanding young people, characterized by their educational excellence, leadership in their schools and commitment to their communities. You are encouraged to apply for the Coca Cola Scholarship on-line at www.coca-colascholars.org before **October 31, 2017**.

ELKS "MOST VALUABLE STUDENT" SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications will be available online beginning September 1st at www.elks.org/enf/scholars for students who wish to compete in the Elks National Foundation's annual "Most Valuable Student" scholarship contest. Amounts range from \$1,000 to \$15,000 yearly. In addition, the Local and State Lodges offer scholarships. Contact your local Elks Lodge by visiting www.elks.org/lodges. Applicants will be judged on financial need, leadership, and scholarship. Students must be a US citizen, a high school senior, and have taken SAT's or ACT's prior to November 4, 2017. **A high school transcript is also required and must be requested from the Counseling Office at least two weeks before the application deadline. Applications must be submitted on-line NO LATER THAN Monday, November 27, 2017.**

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION Application available in September.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program will award up to \$30,000 to the

top high school seniors planning to attend the nation's best colleges and universities. Up to 40 applicants will be selected from a national pool. The scholarship can cover tuition, living expenses, books, and other required fees. Applicants must graduate from a US high school in the spring of 2018; intend to enroll in an accredited four-year college in the fall, 2018; earn a cumulated unweighted GPA of 3.5 or above; have a combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1200 or above and/or ACT composite score of 26 or above; demonstrate financial need (family income up to \$95,000 considered). **Additional information is available online at www.jkcf.org. The whole application process must be done online, including uploading an official transcript.** Please see your counselor for assistance to upload the transcript.

HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION STATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Horatio Alger Association State Scholarship is awarded to students who possess the character to succeed in life with the attributes of integrity, determination, and courage. To qualify for a state scholarship, students must have: U. S citizenship; a minimum average of 2.0 GPA; critical financial need (\$55,000 or less adjusted gross family income); involvement in co-curricular and community activities.

Applications must be completed online and are available at:

www.horatioalger.org, then click on "Scholarships." **Transcript request forms are due in the Counseling office by Friday, October 6, 2017.** On-line application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

GRIM EDUCATIONAL FUND

Applications available online November 1, 2017.

Applicants who are high school seniors and residents of Winchester/Frederick and Clarke Counties may apply for this scholarship.

Other criteria are:

Must have financial need;

*Much have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale; Must attend an accredited college or university; Must provide a high school transcript. Applications will be available **online November 1, 2017** at: www.csascholars.com, click on Scholarships then click Grim Educational Fund.*

WASHINGTON CROSSING FOUNDATION

The Washington Crossing Foundation has national scholarships available for Seniors planning a career in government services. Amounts range from \$500.00 to \$5,000.00 Please visit their website www.gwcf.org for more information concerning these scholarships.

All documents, related materials, and a pink transcript request form must be brought to the Counseling Office by January 8, 2018 for processing and mailing to the scholarship organization by Monday, January 15, 2018.

Winners receive an all-expenses paid weekend, including transportation and housing, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania to attend the Scholarship Awards Ceremony. All winners must attend the Scholarship Awards Program on Saturday, April 28, 2018 in order to win their scholarship.

VA-MD-DE ASSOCIATION OF ELECTRIC COOPS SCHOLARSHIP

High school and home school seniors whose parents/guardians are customer-members of an electric cooperative in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware, and whose primary residence is served by the cooperative, are eligible to apply for college or technical school scholarships awarded by the VMDAEC Educational Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation Board selects scholarship recipients and scholarship amounts that are awarded based on three major criteria: financial need at 40%, academic achievement at 40%, and a personal statement at 20%. In 2018, scholarships in

the amount of \$1000 will be awarded and must be used for tuition, student fees, room and board, or for the purchase of books. Applications and additional information are available online at www.vmdaec.com, click on Community Resources. **Application Steps: Step 1: Complete the VMDAEC Scholarship application online. Step 2: Bring additional documents requested and pink transcript request form to the Counseling Office by Wednesday, January 31st. The Counseling office will mail these documents to the scholarship sponsor before February 9, 2018.**

TEST DATES AND OTHER INFORMATION
SAT REASONING AND SAT SUBJECT AREA TESTS 2017-2018

<u>Test Date</u>		<u>*Test Center</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 7	SAT (Both)	James Wood H.S.	September 8, 2017
November 4	SAT (Both)	James Wood H.S.	October 5, 2017
December 2	SAT (Both)	James Wood H.S.	November 2, 2017
January 21	SAT (Both)	James Wood H.S.	December 21, 2017
March 10	SAT Only	James Wood H.S.	February 9, 2018
May 5	SAT (Both)	Clarke Co. H.S.	April 6, 2018
June 2	SAT (Both)	James Wood H.S.	May 3, 2018

*Millbrook HS is also testing the same dates as JWHS. Clarke County is testing on all dates. You may choose any of these three schools for test center. However, it is recommended that you also choose one of them as a second choice test center.

REGISTER FOR THE SAT ONLINE AND TAKE A MINI SAT AT

www.sat.collegeboard.org

Fee waivers are available to those students who qualify. Please see your counselor.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS – May 7 thru May 18, 2018

ACT TESTS 2017-2018

<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018**	June 16-22, 2018

Register online at www.actstudent.org.

Fee waivers are available to those students who qualify. Please see your counselor.

ACT Test Centers in Virginia are at Millbrook High School, test center #221590 (not in June), and Clarke County High School, test center #223990, (not in July). **Fauquier High School, test center #202640, in Warrenton, VA for all test dates.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP – Date to be announced.

USEFUL APPLICATION INFORMATION

School Name and Address:	John Handley High School P.O. Box 910 Winchester, VA 22604
School Telephone:	(540) 662-3471
School CEEB Code Number:	472 435

SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY TABLE

SCHOLARSHIP	APPLICATION AVAILABLE	TRANSCRIPT REQUIRED	TRANSCRIPT REQUEST DATE	APPLICATION DUE DATE	APPLICATION IS RETURNED TO GUIDANCE
AES Engineers Scholarship	ON-LINE	NO	N/A	10/6/2017	¹ NO
Coca-Cola Scholars	ON-LINE	NO	N/A	10/31/2017	¹ NO
Elks Most Valuable Student	ON-LINE	YES	11/13/17	11/27/2017	¹ NO
Grim Educational Fund	³ ON-LINE November 1, 2017	YES	Two weeks before application deadline	To be Announced	³ Other Documents
Horatio Alger Foundation	ON-LINE	YES	10/6/2017	10/25/2017	¹ NO
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	ON-LINE Phase 1	YES			¹ NO
Local Scholarship Application	ON-LINE OR GUIDANCE	NO	N/A	***1/12/2018***	***YES***
Washington Crossing Foundation	ON-LINE	YES	*See NOTE below. 1/6/2018	1/15/2018	² YES by 1/6/2018

¹Application submitted on-line.

²The Counseling Office will collect applications and send to scholarship sponsor.

³Parts 1 & 2 are submitted online; other requested documents & transcript request must be submitted to Counseling Office two weeks before the application deadline. The Counseling Office will send other documents by the application deadline.

***NOTE: The Counseling Office will add transcript to application AND send all materials to scholarship organization.**

*****LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY 3:30 P.M. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENTS AND STUDENTS.*****