



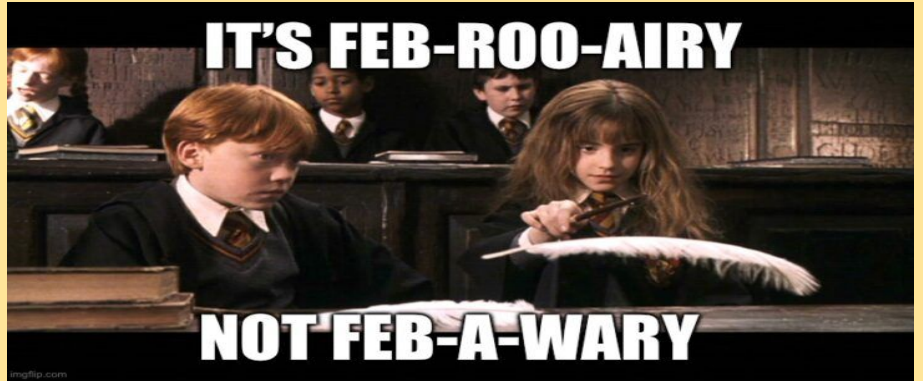
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EVENTS:

Weds Feb. 7th	AHS Cash for College Workshop for Seniors <u>What to Bring</u> - Create your <u>FSA ID</u> before you come! - Laptop or Chromebook	5:30-8:00 pm Media Center
Sat. 2/10	CSU East Bay Education Summit 2024 <u>Register</u>	9:00 - 12:30 pm
Sat 2/17	Black College Expo Oakland Marriott <u>Click here to Register</u>	Sat. 10 am - 5:00 pm
Sat. 2/24	EBRPD - Youth Job Fair In-person <u>Information link</u>	10:00 - 1:00 pm
Weds. March 20th	AUSD Cash for College Workshop @ District Office 2060 Challenger Drive <u>What to Bring</u> -Create your <u>FSA ID</u> before you come! -Laptop or Chromebook	3:30 - 6:30 pm



SENIORS:

- Some CSUs may want “Mid-Year Transcripts” with your 1st semester grades. Please make sure all of your colleges are listed in the “APPLIED” column in SCOIR and email or message Ms. Gwen which schools are requesting transcripts. (ALL Common App schools will receive them through the Common App)
 - Cal Grant eligibility deadline - you must submit your FAFSA or CADAA by **April 2nd**. Need help? Come to the AHS Cash for College Workshop on 2/7 details in the “EVENTS” column. I will have financial aid helpers on hand to assist you.
- What to Bring
- Create your FSA ID before you come!
 - Laptop or Chromebook
- **Community College enrollment will begin in March/April. I will advertise the dates so be on the lookout.**

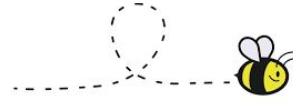
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SCHOLARSHIPS:

There are thousands of scholarships out there for students. You need to make an effort to search for scholarships that you qualify for. They will not fall in your lap.

That means you need to:

- Follow @hornet_huzzahs - I am sharing scholarships in my story everyday!
- Here is “Ms. Gwen’s Giant List of Scholarships” [LINK](#) please note that I am updating this list every week. If the deadline is for 2023, I have not gotten an updated deadline for 2024 yet. I will be updating the AHS scholarship soon.
- Get organized! Stay on-top of deadlines. [Spreadsheet link](#)
- Join a couple of Scholarship databases: (examples: [Fastweb](#), [BOLD.org](#), [Studentscholarship.org](#)) you will create profile and you will start receiving emails with scholarships that fit your profile.
- Try Googling!! E.g. Search up “scholarships for high school seniors who want to study Data Science”, “scholarships for students with asthma”. There is a scholarship for everyone. Search by gender, ethnicity, interest/ intended major, affiliation (parent is member or a union or faith based).

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JUNIORS: How to begin your College Search?

For those Juniors who missed my January presentation in your English class, here is a video of my presentation - [LINK](#)

Finish Strong! Your 2nd semester grades matter.

Will schools continue being test optional for the class of 2024? **YOU** have to do your research & understand the admission requirements are for each of the schools you are interested in applying.

Note: **UCs & CSUs** are [TEST BLIND](#)

Who needs to take the SAT or ACT this spring?

- Students who might want to apply internationally
- Students who want to apply to one of our U.S. Service Academies (e.g. West Point)
- Strong test takers who think a test can add value to their application to a selective admissions school
- Who is requiring a test? So far, MIT & Georgetown and some public universities like Florida & Tennessee.

Fee waivers for the SAT and ACT are available for students who qualify. Please email gmeyer@alamedaunified.org if you want more information.

Parents: Paying for College on your mind?

Calculating cost at all of these colleges - How do I figure it out?

- Every college website has a Financial Aid page. It is often found on the college's Admissions page. Look for their ["Net-Price Calculator"](#) or ["MyinTution"](#) calculator. This is the tool that you can use to plug in your income and other information and you can get an estimate of the possible cost to attend that school.
- **Freshman, Sophomore & Junior Parents:** Now is the time to start this process, not after your child falls in love with [USC](#) which has a pretty steep price-tag.
- Financial Aid Tips for families: [Beth Koblner videos](#)

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