

Putnam County High School Counseling Department

December Senior Newsletter

As we approach the final stretch of your high school journey, it is essential to stay focused, prepared, and proactive. Here are key reminders and resources to help you finish strong and prepare for your future!

1. FAFSA is open now! 💰

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is open. Completing your FAFSA early increases your chances of receiving financial aid, including grants, work-study opportunities, and loans.

Need help?

- **Lake Oconee Youth Alliance (LOYA) volunteers** are available to assist with FAFSA completion, scholarship applications, and essay writing. Text 513-376-1379 to schedule an appointment to meet at school. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student.

2. College Applications – It's Time to Apply! 🎓

If you did not take advantage of No Fee November it is not too late! Whether you are aiming for a **4-year university, community college, or technical college**, here is your guide to success:

- **4-Year Universities:** Apply now if you have not already. Double-check deadlines for early action, early decision, and regular admissions.
- **Community & Technical Colleges:** These institutions often have rolling admissions, but do not delay! Some programs have limited spots.

Need assistance? We are here to help review your applications and essays.

3. Enlisting in the Military s

If you are considering the military, make sure to:

- Meet with a recruiter to explore options.
- Study for and take the **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) if you have not already.
- Inform your counselor of your enlistment plans to ensure you meet all graduation requirements.

4. Entering the Workforce

If you are planning to enter the workforce after graduation:

- Prepare your **résumé** and **cover letter**.
- Attend **job fairs** and **networking events**.
- Consider enrolling in **certification programs** to boost your employability.

5. Stay Focused on Grades & Graduation Requirements

Senior year is busy, but your grades still matter!

- **Monitor your progress:** Stay on top of your assignments and keep track of your GPA.
- **Graduation requirements:** Ensure all courses are completed, including any online or credit recovery courses.
- **Community service hours:** Submit any remaining hours as needed.
- **Graduation application:** Complete your application and make sure it is signed by a parent.

Counselor Contact Information

If you have any questions or need support, do not hesitate to reach out. We are here to help you every step of the way!

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