

Senior Parent Newsletter

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Transcript Requests

We use an online transcript request system through Parchment Exchange (parchment.com). The service provides the opportunity for students to request that transcripts be sent electronically to the college(s) of their choice. This expedites the process and is more reliable than mailing transcripts. To protect the privacy and confidentiality of transcript data, documents are sent through a secure transcript service in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Your student will create an account in the coming week. Through their accounts, students can request and track transcripts, explore colleges, and analyze admissions data. There is no cost for sending transcripts to any college in Illinois, but there is a charge for some out of state schools. We will be happy to mail transcripts to out of state schools to avoid having the students pay the fees.

Post-Secondary Planning

4-year Colleges & Universities

- Now is the time to apply for admission.
- Applications can be completed online on the individual college's website.
- Early application deadlines vary, but are usually on or before Dec 1st, check with the respective college for application deadlines.

Community College - Specifically Rend Lake College

- Heather Bauersachs will register our students usually starting in February. She is located at the RLC Murphy-Wall Campus in Pinckneyville.
- Students may need to take/retake the Asset/Compass test before they can register.

Military

- Recruiters from all branches of the Military regularly visit our campus and are always willing to meet with interested students.
- ASVAB study guides are available in the counseling office.

NCAA Eligibility Center

- If your student is planning to play Division I or II sports in College they need to register for the NCAA Eligibility Center at web1.ncaa.org

Staying Informed

- Like the PCHS Panthers FaceBook page.
- If you have not been receiving emails from us, make sure we have your email on file.
- Contact your students' counselor if you have questions or concerns.
- Sign up for Remind! Sending out texts is the most efficient way for us to relay information to your student. Send @2019remind to 81010 to sign up.

Miscellaneous Information

College Days

- Seniors are awarded two college days. A form must be completed and turned **TWO** days in advance of the planned absence. Forms are available in the Counseling office.

Scholarships

- Scholarships are listed in Naviance, this list is updated regularly. All students have Naviance account.
- Local Scholarships will be posted in Naviance on or before January 1st and be due February 28.
- Any student planning to attend RLC is recommended to complete the Rend Lake College Foundation Scholarship application; the new application will be available after the first of the year at www.rlc.edu.

FAFSA

- Financial Aid Information Night is scheduled for **August 29st** at 6:00 pm in the Media Center.
- 2019-2020 FAFSA applications can be completed starting October 1st.
- FAFSA Completion Night **October 17, 2018** at 6:00pm in the Media Center.