

September 1, 2016

Dear Parents of Seniors,

This year you will be able to complete your student's financial aid for college much earlier than previous years. Beginning October 1, 2016, the 2017/2018 FAFSA will require the previous tax year of 2015 filed in 2016. We will be offering monthly FAFSA assistance evenings beginning in October and concluding in March. Those dates are available below. In case you are not familiar with the FAFSA, the FAFSA is a free form that the federal government uses to provide students with financial aid. The determination is based on both the income of the student and his or her the parents. Some students will qualify for a Pell Grant. Others will qualify for work study or low interest student loans.

In addition to filling out the FAFSA there is a process we must navigate to complete the FAFSA which became effective May of 2015. Every Student and parent must apply for a FSA ID#. This replaces what use to be called the pin #. This new process is a bit tedious and requires a separate student and parent email address. The FSA ID# is your way of putting an official signature on a document that is filled out on a computer. Completing the FAFSA early will insure the best possible outcome in terms of financial aid.

Please note that all students should fill out the FAFSA regardless of circumstances. Some colleges will not release scholarship funds without a completed FAFSA. If you have any questions please call Mr. Dickson the college and career readiness advisor at 505-947-6946.

FAFSA Night	Wednesday	October	12, 2016:	6:00pm	BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	November	2, 2016:	6:00pm	BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	December	14, 2016:	6:00pm	BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	January	11, 2017:	6:00pm	BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Thursday	February	9, 2017:	6:00pm	BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	March	1, 2017:	6:00pm	BHS 304 computer lab

Respectfully,

Brandon Dickson

College and Career Readiness Advisor