

September 14, 2017

Dear Parents of Seniors,

This year is the second year parents and students can complete a FAFSA as early as October 1, 2017. Beginning October 1, 2017, the 2018/2019 FAFSA goes online and will require the taxes of the previous tax year of 2016 filed in 2017. We will be offering monthly FAFSA assistance evenings beginning in October and concluding in March. Students that attend any of those dates below will be entered into a scholarship contest to win an additional \$500. In addition to completed income taxes, please bring in your w2s along with social security #s for the parents and the student in question.

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 parents. Some students will qualify for a Pell Grant (free money). Others will qualify for work study (an on campus job) or low interest student loans. **If anyone would like greater clarification on the FAFSA , a power point presentation will be offered at 5:30pm in the 304 computer lab preceding our first event night at 6:00pm on October 11, 2017.**

In order to complete the FAFSA, every Student and parent must apply for a FSA ID#. This replaces what use to be called the pin #. This 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	11, 2017:	6:00pm BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Thursday	November	2, 2017:	6:00pm BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	December	6, 2017:	6:00pm Charley Y. Brown lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	January	17, 2018:	6:00pm BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Thursday	February	8, 2018:	6:00pm BHS 304 computer lab
FAFSA Night	Wednesday	February	28, 2017:	6:00pm BHS 304 computer lab

Priority FAFSA Deadline

San Juan College	March 1, 2018
University of New Mexico:	January 6, 2018
Central New Mexico	May 1, 2018
New Mexico Tech	March 1, 2018
New Mexico State	March 1, 2018
New Mexico Highlands	March 1, 2018
Fort Lewis College	November 15, 2017
Northern Arizona University	November 15, 2017
Arizona State University	January 1, 2018
Texas Tech	December 1, 2017