

1-10-08

Dear Senior Parents:

We have just finished our fourth senior meeting and your student has all the information needed to get through the final days of the senior year. Please have them share with you their information folders.

**College bound students should have completed the following:**

- Checked to see if graduation requirements are on target
- Sent in admission and scholarship applications to colleges
- Had Mrs. Hensley send his/her transcript to the college
- Taken the ACT if attending a 4 year school or the ECOMPASS if attending a two year school
- Had a campus visit to the college they are interested in attending. They get two excused days for visitations.
- Ordered announcements, cap, and gown
- Had senior pictures taken
- Completed the EducationQuest Scholarship Search
- Attended the career fair in Chadron
- Written their resume and essay
- Contacted two teachers, an administrator, and a community member for recommendations. Some applications ask for a recommendation from their pastor, minister, or priest.
- Registered for their Pin Number. Parents also need to register for their own Pin Number to be used as their FAFSA signature [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

**College bound students need to:**

- Attend the financial aid workshop **Wednesday, January 16 at 6:00 in the high school cafeteria.** Pizza and pop will be provided. **Parents please attend with your student.**
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). It should be sent in by March 1 if your student is interested in receiving a PELL grant. You can fill it out on the web: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (There is no charge!)
- Make final decision on college
- Look over the scholarship list from the November meeting. If your student lost his/her copy, it can be found on [www.grmustangs.org](http://www.grmustangs.org) under the counselor information. Highlight applications needed and obtain copies from Mrs. Hensley.

- Local scholarships can be burned on a R/W CD, copied to a USB, or printed off EducationQuest. I have gone to the classroom to teach students how to do this.
- Complete local scholarship applications and return to Mrs. Hensley before April 15. Remember to attach resume, essay, and recommendations to each application. Remember to **type** applications on the computer or borrow a typewriter from Mrs. Hensley.
  - Continue to use the website [www.necis.intocareer.org](http://www.necis.intocareer.org) for college, career, and scholarship information. User name: 07gorush Password: H0122
  - Keep track of all scholarships received and give the list to the guidance office, even the ones the student does not accept. We put all scholarships on the graduation program.
  - Turn in pictures for the slide show. We will need one baby and one senior picture.
  - Turn in the name to be use used on the graduation diploma. Due 1/14/08
  - Sign up for FAFSA COMPLETION DAY February 29th. See enclosed flier. You will need to call ahead of time to make your appointment. If there is not enough early response, they do not come to our site.

Senior letters and the 07-08 listing of scholarships can be found on the [www.grmustangs.org](http://www.grmustangs.org) website under *From the Guidance Counselor*.

I have enjoyed working with your senior this year. Please call or come see me if you have any questions about graduation, college, or financial aid.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hensley  
Guidance Counselor

*Class Colors: Black and Teal*

*Class Flower: White rose with teal tips*

*Class Motto: Life's a garden – dig it!*

*Graduation: May 11, 2008*

*1:30 P.M.*

*Gordon-Rushville High School Gymnasium*