

MEMO

To: Seniors
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Re: Important Info

1. Remember you should have begun your FAFSA any time after October 1st using 2016 taxes. The website is <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. You have to apply for a FSA log in for yourself and your parent has to have one. If you have siblings already filling out FAFSA, your parent should already have a pin or id. Even if you have not finished taxes you can start. This is how you receive TOPS, Pell Grants, Student Loans, etc. even if going to a Technical College or CTC. Chastity Southern can help and will be working with you. Parents are welcome.
2. In order to graduate this year students MUST fill out the FAFSA and we have to have proof (the Student Aid Report) OR sign a waiver that you will not be filling the FAFSA out.
3. Seniors can take the ACT until June to try and get TOPS. The rule is that if you have not earned a 20 you can get it in June and lose one semester at the end of your college time. You can take the ACT thru April to up your TOPS level. December is the last ACT you can take for college academic scholarships, not TOPS. They also have added a July ACT test but I will have to find out how that will work with TOPS.
4. After Christmas a representative for Louisiana Educational Authority (LELA) will be here all day in the Computer Lab to help students and parents work on FAFSA and other things.
5. I have a scholarship link on the FPHS website under students. Please check this regularly for updates and deadlines. **This time of year many scholarships are for FP students only.** Website = <http://announcements.fpsb.us/scholarships/scholarships.htm>
6. You should be (or already have) enrolled in your school of choice. Check your school of choice website for scholarships they give out. (Example: ULM opens their foundation scholarships from February 1-28) .Currently enrolled ULM dual enrolled students DO NOT need to reapply to ULM. They will automatically send you an acceptance letter or what they need. If they do not by November, we need to call. Also you could receive a letter about your ULM scholarship. Accept it. Delta dual enrolled students that plan to go there after graduation will need to DO a first time freshman application. There is no fee but you must apply.
7. If you have earned credits from one school and are going to another **you must request** them to send your transcript so you can get credit for what you have taken.
8. Other things to take care of: registering for prep or orientation at your school, if dual enrolled then must change major from undeclared to something, **housing**, again look at your school's website.
9. If you have any questions please come ask the Guidance Office.