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# COLLEGE-CAREER WEEKLY UPDATE

Week of May 11, 2015

**Thought for the Week:** "Fall seven times, stand up eight." ~Japanese Proverb

### **SAT – Important Dates:**

- June 6<sup>th</sup> - SAT not at RCHS

### **ACT – Important Dates:**

- June 13<sup>th</sup> - ACT not at RCHS

## **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The Woodrow Wilson Student Leadership Program – a wonderful opportunity for rising 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in a program to develop and hone leadership skills, global policy-making and experience. Please see Ms. van Ravenswaay for more information or go to [www.woodrowwilson.org](http://www.woodrowwilson.org)

**Everyone Welcome!** - Please stop by to see the resources that are available to *all* students and parents in the new and improved **College and Career Center**, located right next door to the Guidance Office! We have reference books on college majors and careers; we have information on financial aid and scholarships. We will have computers available soon for students to use to research colleges and register for standardized testing. The Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Please stop by and see Ms. van Ravenswaay for a tour.

***August 19, 2015 - The Virginia Film Festival*** encourages students to pursue their passion for filmmaking and create an entry for ACTION! The VFF's High School Director Competition. Open to rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are current residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, ACTION! will award three (3) prizes to three best director or directing teams to support the winning student(s)'s continued film education. The Grand Prize is \$1,000, and two (2) Runner-Up Prizes are \$500 each. Submissions are due Wednesday, August 19, 2015 through our electronic entry form which includes a video link to the film. [www.virginiafilmfestival.org/action](http://www.virginiafilmfestival.org/action)

## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Colleges and employers highly value student community volunteer involvement. When you volunteer, it says a great deal about your character.

**COLLEGE AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS AT RCHS**  
**(You must sign up in the Guidance Office to meet with the representatives.)**

**USMC – Tuesday, May 12, 2015 all three lunches**

**OPEN HOUSES 2014-2015**

Most colleges require you to register for their open houses. Please go to the college websites for detailed information. For colleges not listed, please check for information online or see Ms. van Ravenswaay in the Guidance Office.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

All scholarship applications are available in the Guidance Office. Please see Ms. van Ravenswaay for assistance. All **new** scholarships will be highlighted in **bold** below. **Scholarships are arranged by due date.**

***May 11, 2015 - Floyd S. Kay Scholarship*** – This \$500 scholarship is offered to a RCHS senior who will be attending a community or four year college, nursing program or any two-year program relating to vocational study. All programs must be in the Commonwealth of Virginia. You must have completed a two year career & technical education program administered by Floyd S Kay Technical Center (CTE). You must have demonstrated abilities in technical and academic educational programs. Transcript and two letters of recommendation from teachers are required. **Applications are available in the Guidance Office and are due by May 11, 2015.**

***May 12, 2015 - The Jane P. Steinheimer Memorial Scholarship*** - This \$1500 scholarship, sponsored by the Stonewall Jackson Hospital Auxiliary, is available to a graduating senior planning to enter any health-related field as a career. Applications are available in the Guidance Office and are due to Ms. van Ravenswaay by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

***May 14, 2015 - The Lexington Moose Lodge 1700 Scholarship*** - This \$1000 scholarship is offered to a graduating senior from the class of 2015. Criteria are: a desire to go to college, demonstrated financial need, and good grades. **Applications are available in the Guidance Office and are due to Ms. van Ravenswaay by May 14, 2015.**

***May 15, 2015 - Mountain View Elementary School PTA Scholarship*** – This scholarship is offered to seniors who attended Mt. View Elementary School from kindergarten *through* grade five. Financial need and school involvement are considerations. **Applications are available in the Guidance Office.**

***May 15, 2015 - VFW Post 1499 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship*** – This \$1000 scholarship is offered to a female relative of a military member involved in a foreign war or conflict. The definition of "relative" means parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, stepparents and step brothers and sisters. Criteria are financial need and GPA, among others. As a winner, you may be eligible for a free one year membership to the VFW Post 1499 Ladies Auxiliary. **Applications are available in the Guidance Office and are due to Ms. van Ravenswaay by May 15, 2015.**

***May 16, 2015 - Virginia Tech Alumni Association Scholarship*** - The Rockbridge Chapter of the Virginia Tech Alumni Association would like to invite you to apply for our Scholarship which will go to a deserving senior who will attend Virginia Tech in the fall of 2015. Criteria for selecting the winner include academic achievement, participation in school and volunteer activities and financial need. A scholarship application is enclosed. **The application is available in the guidance department and is due by May 16, 2015.**

**May 18, 2015 - Lexington Rotary Club Scholarship - This is a \$2000 scholarship presented by the Lexington Rotary Club to a graduating senior from RCHS. The scholarship criteria are community involvement, financial need, and academic merit. An essay and letters of recommendation are required. Please pick up an application in the Guidance Office and return it to Ms. van Ravenswaay no later than May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

**May 20, 2015 - RCHS Wildcat Club Scholarship - A \$1000 award and certificate will go to a male and female athlete who wins this scholarship. Criteria are: leadership (on and off the field), loyalty to the athletic program, dedication as exemplified by constant work ethic and effort and perseverance, as exemplified by the desire to continue steadfastly in the face of adversity. An essay, two letters of recommendation (one from a coach) and an application are required. Application is available in the Guidance Office and is due to Ms. van Ravenswaay by May 20, 2015.**

## **RESOURCES**

Here is a great site if you are looking at colleges and wondering what your chances are of getting in. Simply plug in your grades, SAT/ACT scores and see what happens!

**See: <http://www.cappex.com>**