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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is Thursday @ 11:00 a.m.

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Christ – Above All Things

Happy Friday SF families,

WE are well underway with second semester and I encourage you all to keep an eye on Pinnacle and stay up to date with grades/missing assignments, etc. This is a wonderful resource to help keep everyone on track. Monday is an in-service day for you so this would be a good time to get caught up on any missing assignments or doing some extra credit...never too early to start with extra credit.

PINNACLE is a pickle! Lynn Mead has been diligently working with the powers that be to get grades right on transcripts and report cards. We had hoped to have GPA's and RANKINGS available by Monday of this week but Pinnacle has put up some road blocks. Please know we are working as hard as we can to try to remedy the problem. Hang in there...I believe we are nearing a solution soon.

Course selection should begin the week of February 22nd. (Of course I need Pinnacle to be right before we can do this, but I am HOPEFUL!) I will be meeting with everyone in grades 9-11th to discuss new class options, graduation requirements and the course selection process. THERE ARE MANY NEW ELECTIVES we would like to offer next year, but we need you to sign up. If only one or two students select the class, we cannot offer it...so talk with your friends and sign up for some new electives.

REMEMBER...JUNIORS...NO FREE PERIODS next year. Many of you don't have room in your schedule for a free period, but also colleges/universities are looking for rigor of course work during your senior year. There is a direct correlation on the success of a freshman in college and the course that was taken during the students' senior year in high school. More and more college reps are saying....rigor, rigor, rigor. ☺ Good news...OPEN campus will still be available to you as a senior, so it is not all bad! ☺

The scholarship list has been updated so please take a look at the attached document. ONE SIGNIFICANT CHANGE...there has been an extension to the Munson Healthcare Scholarship. The deadline has been moved from February 26th to March 6th. Remember, this scholarship is for anyone pursuing a "health related field." This could be social

work, psychology, speech pathology, nursing, etc. Start applying today! Other deadlines are fast approaching so spend some time on Monday filling out applications.

MORE SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Notre Dame Summer Programs (precollege.nd.edu)

Penn State Pre-College Programs (sas.upenn.edu/summer/students/highschool)

Loyola Pre-Collegiate Summer Scholars (LUC.edu/summerscholars) **NEW!!!**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

****** THIS Sunday, February 14th** – NMC will be hosting the College Goal Sunday where they will help you complete your FAFSA information FREE! This is a great opportunity to get the FAFSA form completed with the help of a financial aid specialist. They will also be giving away prizes! ☺ Last year they were giving away a way a lap top computer! Good luck. Stop by the Beckett Building room 146/147 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Monday, February 22nd – Friday, February 26th – I plan to be in classes to discuss course selection sheets for next year. Please don't forget to take a good look at the curriculum book and don't forget to have parents sign the course selection sheet before turning it in. REMEMBER NO FREE PERIODS NEXT YEAR!!!

Wednesday, February 24th – 8th Grade Parent Orientation in Kohler Auditorium

Friday, February 26th – 8th Grade VISIT and course selection sheet distribution

Tuesday – Thursday, March 9-11 – MME or the Michigan Merit Exam will be held at the K of C Hall. ALL JUNIORS will be taking this test. Remember, this test includes the ACT+ Writing, ACT Work Keys and three MI subject tests. Keep you eye out for more information as the date approaches.

One of my greatest joys working here is spending time in Adoration on Wednesday and praying for you during early a.m. prayer with other SF teachers and staff. Please know we lift you all up in prayer and if you have any specific worries or concerns that you would like me to pray for, please share them with me and I promise to be on my knees in the chapel for YOU! ☺

Lost & Found

We have found a Motorola flip phone in our bathroom. Is anyone missing one?

Attention all AP students

It's time to register for the Advanced Placement tests. Students taking multiple tests may submit a single check payable to: GTACS. The cost is \$86 per test and checks may be given to any AP teacher. **If a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, the test fee will be waived.** Deadline for submitting payment is Friday, Feb. 26.

Band Solo/Ensemble Festival Results

We had five band members who received Division "1" ratings at last Saturday's District Band Festival in Grayling. Congratulations to Taylor Bartlette for her French horn solo and the flute quartet of Michael Russell, Anna Wheatley, Danielle Bott, and Madalyn Popp!

Students leaving for appointments

A reminder to please let us know in advance if at all possible that your student has an appointment, either by a phone call or a note in the AM of the appointment. THANK YOU.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

2/15 (Monday) No School – Inservice

2/19 (Friday) Jean Day to benefit RIGHT TO LIFE

2/19, 20 & 21st HS Musical Bye Bye Birdie

2/24 (Wednesday) Parent Meeting for Incoming 9th graders (Kohler) 6:00 PM

2/26 (Friday) Incoming 9th graders come to visit

2/24 (Wednesday) 8th Grade Orientation

2/26 (Friday) 8th Grade Visitation

2/27 (Saturday) Snowcoming Dance @ IC 8-11 PM Tickets: \$15.00

3/3 (Wednesday) Open House perspective students

3/9 11th MME Testing for all Juniors at K of C Hall

3/26 Spring Break Begins