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Angela G. Jones Secretary Dear Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations! You and your child have made it to the senior year of high school! This is an exciting time of year, and a lot of information will be coming your way to help prepare your child for post-graduation. One very important upcoming task is applying to college -- and figuring out how to pay for your child's post-secondary education.

If you haven't already begun the conversation with your child about their plans after graduation, now is the time! One of the major concerns for students who are thinking about college is financial aid. If the financial aid process is handled correctly, college can be more affordable and attainable then you think.

Counselors at Erie High School will be hosting a series of workshops and webinars to assist students and parents in completing all financial aid paperwork in a timely manner.

This busy time of year for you and your senior can be overwhelming, but the counselors at Erie High, along with a new program the Erie School District is piloting, MyReadinessCoach, and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) are ready to make the financial aid process more manageable.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

We invite and encourage you to attend these webinars to assist you and your child complete and submit all financial aid paperwork on time.

Students will participate in the webinar(s) below during the school day. Parents may participate in the webinars on any of the dates and times listed below.

Erie High School Parent Webinar:

The first of many webinars: Creating a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) will be held at Erie High on the following dates and times:

9/23/2022- 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 9/26/2022- 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. 9/272022- 5:00p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Erie's Public Schools 148 West 21st Street Erie, PA 16502-2834 P: 814.874.6000 F: 814.874.6049 www.eriesd.org Due to limited seats each session, please use the following link to sign up for your preferred day and time. All reservations will be honored before walk-ins, so please reserve your space early. Access this letter and link using either the Erie's Public Schools website, the Erie High School website, or the Erie High School Facebook page for easy access.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLHt9NoVwLax2SZiFEfTicvyVnKR2tKqi lqPTqq6ZbwoENQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

What is a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID? FSA ID is a username and password combination used by students and parents to access online systems provided by the Department of Education (ED). The FSA ID is the student's and parent's legal signature, so it should only be used by the student and parent. For the lifetime of federal financial aid and student loans, the FSA ID will be used every year to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®).

To participate in this webinar, students and parents will need to bring a copy of their Social Security card and provide a mobile phone number and/or email address.

Sincerely,

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