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A Message to Students

Students,

Happy Michigan College Month! In the Packer Post you will find information about college, upcoming events, and more. The content is meant specifically for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The seniors have their own newsletter called the Senior Scoop and I thought, why shouldn't the other students have their very own newsletter?! I hope you all enjoy this special edition Michigan College Month issue. If you have not yet met Ms. Grenan (me), come say hi! I am in the main office. Ask me about college, high school, or life after high school.

During Michigan College Month we will learn about college and have celebrations throughout the entire month.

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Hello: Katie Grenan!

Katie Grenan is the college adviser for Fremont High School. Ms. Grenan is a recent graduate from Michigan State University. She has a degree in psychology and educational studies. She grew up in Grand Haven, MI, about an hour south of Fremont.

Ms. Grenan will help:

- Lead workshops on college admissions, personal statements, and financial aid
- Organize school and community events related to college preparation
- Assist students and families with financial aid and scholarships
- Arrange visits to college campuses
- Guide students in the admission process.

What do we mean by the word "College"?

College is not just 4-year public and private universities, College is any form of certifiable education after high school that helps you obtain professional credentials: Also known as- Community Colleges,

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College Month

Michigan College Month is a statewide initiative that FHS takes part in. The goal of MCM is to provide every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college and for financial aid.

FHS Senior Goals:

1. 100% Seniors complete one college application
2. 100% FAFSA Completion

Throughout the month, FHS will take part in learning about college and celebrating the seniors' accomplishments! We will have a spirit week at the end of the month. Every Wednesday during this month is Wear College Gear Wednesday!

MCM Spirit Week *Oct. 30-Nov. 3*

Monday-*Woke up late for my 8am (PJ Day)*

Tuesday-*Future So Bright (Neon and Sunglasses Day)*

Wednesday-*Extreme College Gear Day (College colors, shirts, and hats)*

Thursday-Future Career Day

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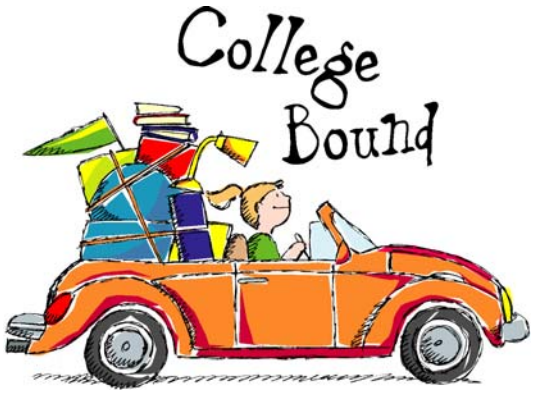
Aka : Community Colleges, Trade Schools, Beauty Schools, the military to get certified,

College Opportunities at FHS

1. Rep Visits
Juniors and Seniors can attend rep visits throughout the year. This is where representatives from colleges and universities visit Fremont High School. You can sign up for these in the main office. Your College Adviser will then write you a pass to attend the visit that day. Juniors, check the front window calendar!

2. Campus Tours
A campus tour is where we take a school bus and visit a college campus for the day. We usually listen to a presentation, take a walking tour, and then eat lunch. You must turn in a signed permission slip and be passing all of your classes to be eligible to attend a campus tour.

3. College Open Houses/Tours
Sometimes students want to visit a college campus on their own or with their families. Colleges will have "open



Public Universities and Colleges in Michigan

1. Central Michigan University (Mt Pleasant)
2. Delta College (University Center)
3. Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti)
4. Ferris State University (Big Rapids)
5. Grand Valley University (Allendale/Grand Rapids)
6. Grand Rapids Community College
7. Lake Michigan College (Benton Harbor)
8. Lake Superior State University (Sault Ste. Marie)
9. Michigan State University (East Lansing)
10. Michigan Technological University (Houghton)
11. Muskegon Community College
12. Northern Michigan University (Marquette)
13. Northwestern Michigan College (Traverse City)
14. Oakland University (Rochester)
15. Saginaw Valley State University (Saginaw Valley)
16. Schoolcraft College (Livonia)
17. University of Michigan –Ann Arbor
18. University of Michigan– Dearborn
19. University of Michigan—Flint
20. Wayne State University (Detroit)
21. Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo)
22. West Shore Community College (Scottville)

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Fremont University Application for Admission

Full Name: _____

Address: _____City: _____ ___State:_____ ZIP:_____

Gender:_____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age:_____

County of Residence:_____

Email Address:_____ Phone Number:_____

Last school attended (high school):_____

SAT Score_____ GPA_____

Extracurricular Activities (Clubs, sports, etc.)

1.
2.
3.

Employment Information

(List any jobs, internships, and volunteer positions with a brief description of responsibilities.)

1.
2.
3.

Intended field of study_____

This is an example of some things you might see on a college application. Complete this worksheet and show it to Ms. Grenan to receive some college swag!

College Planning

There are some steps you can take as a 9th and 10th grader to make sure that you're on track for college. This list will help you navigate the college planning process.

9th grade

- Create a four-year high school plan. Think about what you'd like to accomplish in the next four years. Make sure you know which high school courses are required by colleges and that you're taking the right classes.
- Start thinking about your life after high school.
- Identify your interests, likes and dislikes-inside and outside of school.
- Talk to other people! Teachers, staff, family, friends about careers and college!
- Meet with your high school counselor.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Save for college.
- Explore summer opportunities-look for a job, internship, or volunteer opportunities.
- Get familiar with the PSAT-related

10th grade

- Meet with your high school counselor.
- Check into prerequisites for dual enrollment.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10
- Are you interested in attending a U.S. military academy?
- Along with your family, do some research about how to obtain financial aid.
- Attend college and career fairs.
- Participate in school activities or volunteer efforts.
- Talk to your counselor/college adviser!
- Tour college campuses.
- Explore the Career Tech Center.

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do to stay on track.

11th grade

Fall

- Start with you- make lists of your abilities, social, cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Learn about colleges!
- Meet with your counselor/ college adviser!
- Prepare for the SAT –it is in April!

Winter/Spring

- Begin a search for financial aid sources.
- With your family, make an appointment with your counselor/college adviser.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.
- Estimate your financial aid need.
- Think about dual enrollment.

Summer

- Start to gather documents for financial aid.
- Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility center if you are an athlete planning to continue to play in college.
- Find a full-time or part-time job or participate in a summer camp or summer college program.
- Visit colleges.
- Create a resume-a record of your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities and work experiences since you started high school.
- Download applications and look at requirements.

…Financial Aid…

So you've probably heard about the FAFSA. What is it? Why is it important? And why does Ms. Grenan talk about it ALL THE TIME?

FAFSA is a free application that helps you get money for college! Colleges use this form to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, scholarships, and work-study programs.

You might be worried about how to pay for your future education-that's why you file

FAFSA

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA and apply for scholarships!

...SAT...

The SAT is a standardized test that "measures" college readiness. All high school juniors take the SAT (for free) in April. Colleges look at this score during their admissions process (when you apply to that school).

Some of you may take the PSAT or have already taken it. The PSAT is a Practice SAT.

Some students choose to take the SAT multiples times because retaking the SAT and getting a higher score could mean the difference between getting into your #1 school and your #4. Getting a higher score could mean thousands of more dollars in financial aid/Scholarships. Colleges typically look at your highest score so there is little downside to retesting.

To register to take the SAT go to

Test Date	Registration Deadline	*(Late Fee Required)*
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 20, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

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SAT

...Packer 411...

The Newaygo Promise Zone

Availability: Last dollar scholarship. This means that you must file FAFSA first! Federal financial aid comes first and then the promise zone money will kick in.
Residency Requirement: Must graduate from a Newaygo County High School. More info to come*
GPA Requirement: 2.5 minimum
Level of Assistance Prorated. 100% of the scholarship if student attended grades 7-12. If you came after 7th grade, you can receive a percentage!
Eligible Colleges: Muskegon Community College and Baker College (Baker amount capped at MCC rate) *Not "free tuition" at Baker College*

Students, if you work hard you <u>can</u> and <u>will</u> go to college! The Promise Zone Scholarship is meant to help students get to college even if

...Advice from Seniors...

1. Get INVOLVED in school activities
2. Go to games and sit in the student section
3. Ask for help whether it's for depression or for studying with a tutor
4. Make Kahn Academy your best friend and study, study, study!
5. Don't procrastinate about retaking the SAT's
6. Don't be intimidated by the seniors, they were underclassmen once
7. Be nice to the office, custodians and kitchen staff, you may need their help or references
8. Don't focus so much on relationships with guys/girls, but [instead focus on] relationships with your friends. Get involved at school, don't let your high school career pass you by without doing something
9. Keep your grades up, it doesn't [seem to] matter now but it will later
10. Don't hang out with the wrong crowd
11. Don't take papers on senior lockers off of those lockers
12. Get you life together asap

...A Look Ahead...

Already looking forward to next month's issue? Here is a sneak peak at next month!

<u>November</u>

- Meet your counselors
- Meet the FHS College Ambassadors
- Where did the seniors apply?
- Map of independent and private colleges
- Campus Tours coming up
- Senior Advice
- College Visit Opportunities

COMING SOON: November 2017 issue will be out the first week of November

Michigan College Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Michigan Tech Rep Visit	3 GRCC Rep Visit	4 Saginaw Valley Rep Visit *College gear*	5 Hope College Rep Visit	6	7
8	9	10 Aquinas Rep Visit	11 MCC Rep Visit *College gear*	12 GVSU Campus Tour!	13	14
15	16	17	18 *College gear*	19 *Lab Time*	20	21
22	23	24	25 NMU Rep Visit *College gear*	26 Calvin Rep Visit	27 No School for Students	28
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