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TETON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT: *Mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend TETON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd at 6:45 p.m. in the JHHS Auditorium! A representative from the Wyoming Student Loan Corporation and the University of Wyoming will discuss federal financial aid programs, the importance of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form, and the Wyoming Hathaway Scholarship. In addition, the Teton County local scholarship offerings will be presented. It's a great informational evening; one that parents of ALL seniors should not miss! **Parents of juniors:** Given the high cost of a college education, this is a recommended workshop to start you thinking about the entire gamut of financial aid and scholarship. A copy of this years Scholarship Booklet will be available that night and following in the counseling office.*

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING VISIT: Also on Thursday, December 3rd, from 8:30-1:30, Tamara Lehner, our UW representative, will speak with students individually by appointment. If a student has not yet applied to UW, they can bring in a completed application and fee, we will provide transcripts and ACT scores (if available), and Tamara will tell a student whether they are accepted AND for which level of Hathaway he or she qualifies (if they qualify as of this date.) This is a great opportunity for students to meet Tamara and to apply to the University. If a student has already applied to UW, they are welcome to make an appointment with Tamara if they have additional questions! Sign-up with Julie Stayner.

PRACTICE ACT and SAT: The Teton County Library, in conjunction with the Teton Literacy Program, will be offering a free, full length practice ACT and SAT with an optional writing portion on Saturday November 21st from 1-5pm for all high school juniors and seniors. The tests will be given in the Ordway Auditorium and the conference room at the Teton County Library and will follow official rules and timing for both tests. Students will be allowed to choose which test to take and may register for either (but not both) tests by calling the Information Desk at 733-2164 ext.106. Registration will begin on November 1st. Thanks to The Dragicevich Foundation for supporting this and other library programs.

NOVEMBER COLLEGE COFFEE: Four times per year Julie Stayner hosts a College Coffee for parents of students at all grade levels. The next coffee will take place on Friday, **November 13th in the JHHS Counseling Office from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** The topic will be: **Testing: SAT, ACT, PSAT, Early Decision/Early Action programs**, but discussion and questions on other topics are always welcome. Please r.s.v.p. to Lauren at 732-3709. Bring your own coffee; we supply the treats!

COLLEGE 101: Two sessions remain for this years College 101 series:
November 4: Timelines, Testing, and College Visits and Interviews
November 11: Applying to Selective Colleges and Universities

College 101 Seminars meet in JHHS front office conference room #1 from 3:30-4:30 on Wednesdays. Even if you've never come before, this is a great way to learn to navigate the intricacies of college application and interact with other parents. Hope to see you there!

JUNIORS: Any junior who is interested in leadership opportunities, see Kelli Clay.

COLLEGE VISITS TO JHHS: In the past month we have had several colleges visit Jackson Hole High School. This is an excellent way for students to begin checking out options. Even if you think you might not be interested in a particular college, it's a good way to see what they might have to offer to students. All representatives are announced, and all juniors and seniors are invited to attend with permission from teachers. Scheduled college visits for November include:

October 30:	University of Puget Sound (10:30 a.m.)
November 5:	Montana State, Bozeman (2:00 p.m.)
November 9:	Tufts University (TBA)

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS: SENIORS!! PLEASE CALL OR SEE JULIE STAYNER IMMEDIATELY TO VERIFY HOW YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR NAME TO APPEAR ON YOUR DIPLOMA. DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1st.

SPEAKING OF THE SAT AND ACT: If you need to take either test on a **WALK-IN** basis, you **MUST** bring a completed, sealed registration packet to the test. This includes the appropriate fee. Students are **NOT** allowed to complete any part of the registration packet after the test has begun. **STUDENTS CAN BE DENIED ADMISSION TO THE TEST IF REGISTRATION MATERIALS ARE NOT COMPLETED AND SEALED AND READY TO HAND IN TO THE TESTING SUPERVISOR.**

SENIORS: By now you should have decided where you want to apply to college and be working on your applications. These should **ALL** be sent in by December 1st in order to free you up to focus on scholarship applications. In Mrs. Stayner's office there is a map of the US where students put up a pin when they are accepted to a college. Pins (with or without names) have begun to dot the map – come view it and put on pins as you get accepted into college!

JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES: On October 14th, 285 sophomores and juniors from JHHS took the PSAT! PSAT results will be returned to students in mid-December.

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

ACT *December 12 - Deadline to sign up is November 6*
February 6 – Deadline to sign up January 5
SAT *December 5 – Deadline to sign up is October 30*
January 23 – Deadline to sign up is December 15

HAVE A GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!!!



SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

6:45 P.M.

**JACKSON HOLE HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

Join Tamara Lehner from Admissions at the University of Wyoming, Julie Stayner, and a representative from Financial Aid Services for this informative presentation on Federal Financial Aid, the Hathaway Scholarship requirements, and the presentation of the Teton County Scholarships for the Class of 2009 in this informative evening.