

SENIOR MEMO #1

September 8, 2008

The Senior Memo is available every six weeks. Seniors may get a copy of the memo from any of MEMO boxes located in both buildings or may read the memo posted on the counselors' web page. Visit www.gcssd.org Then go to Gibson County High School and then to the counselor page. Always check the bulletin board outside Mrs. Tucker's office for additional announcements and read the messages posted daily on the TV monitors.

You and your parents are invited to a Senior/Senior Parents meeting with the counselors on Tuesday, September 9, beginning immediately after the Parents Night program. (approx 6:45 p.m.) in the school cafeteria. This is a very important meeting for you to get vital information about your senior year.

--**The College and Career Fair** will be at Peabody this year on Sept. 16 (College) and Sept. 17 (Career). Students will be required to wear the official 2008 Proud To Be A Pioneer school shirt in order to attend. Also, students must turn in a permission form signed by a parent/guardian.

--Registration deadline for the **October ACT** is September 19. If you need to improve a previous score, this is the best test date especially for those trying to meet early admission deadlines. If you aren't sure whether you need to take the ACT, see a counselor. Remember if you are a first-time ACT tester, you must attend a workshop prior to registering. There have been two workshops already and there will be one more on Sept. 18 during club meetings. **ACT prefers you register online, but paper registration forms are available.**

--**UT Martin** is offering an ACT Prep course for high school juniors and seniors. The fee is \$50, and it is offered on Saturdays. See me to sign up ASAP!

--**As you begin applying for admission to college, please apply online whenever possible. Colleges/universities prefer online applications!**

--If you plan to take a dual enrollment class next semester, you have time to sign up. The TN Lottery will fund \$300 of the course cost.

--**ASVAB** will be given at GCHS for those juniors and seniors who would like to test. This is the test one must take prior to enlisting in any branch of the armed services. See me if you want to sign up for the test. There is no fee.

--Males who are 18 years old, have you registered with **Selective Service**? Remember, you must do so. You may register yourself online by going to www.sss.gov or by seeing a counselor who will register you.

--Seniors in Beta Club, the **National Beta Club Scholarship** applications will be available at the Beta Club meeting on September 11 or see Mrs. Tucker.

--**UT Knoxville**-bound seniors, deadlines this year are a bit different! The regular admissions application deadline is December 1, but November 1 is still the **priority** deadline. Also, the competitive scholarship and Chancellor's Honors Program deadline is November 1, as well. Don't delay! Go to <http://web.utk.edu/~finaid> and submit your completed application for admission. Request that your transcript be sent to UTK by signing the notebook in Mrs. Tucker's office.

--If you have made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1000 and a trip to Washington next May by applying for a **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**. Go to www.prudential.com/spirit to apply. Please see me for more info. Deadline is October 31. Only one student from GCHS can be nominated.

--The **youngARTS** competition is open to high school seniors who are artists in the performing, literary and visual arts. Go to www.nfaa.org to apply. See me for more info about the “huge” awards available.

--Band members, see me about the **Tennessee State Marching Band Scholarships** for students of schools that participate in the state competition this fall. Deadline is Oct. 1.

--**Sun Trust Off To College Scholarship Sweepstakes** provides \$1000-scholarships from October 31 through May 15. For details, visit offtocollege.info or suntrusteducation.com Every two weeks one winner will be chosen.

--If you are pursuing a career in the automotive industry, you may want to go to this website to apply for the **SEMA Memorial Scholarship**: www.sema.org/scholarship

--The **Gates Millennium Scholars Program** is available for African Americans, American Indians, Asian Pacific Islanders or Hispanic Americans who have significant financial need and demonstrated leadership skills. Those applying are highly encouraged to submit your application online at www.gmsp.org These scholarships are funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. See me for details.

--The **Council for America’s First Freedom** announces a national essay contest with scholarship awards for \$3000, \$1500, and \$750. Students may go to www.firstfreedom.org to register and submit their essays by Nov. 29.

--**Washington University in St. Louis** is hosting their admissions receptions in Nashville, Memphis, and Knoxville this month. Check the bulletin board for details.

--**Emory University** located in Atlanta is accepting nominations for their merit-based scholarship programs. If you are interested and have an exemplary academic record, see me. The deadline is Nov. 1.

--The **Horatio Alger Association** awards more than \$12 million in college scholarships to high school graduates who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Students may apply through October 30 at www.horatioalger.com/scholarships

--Go to www.coca-colascholars.org to apply for the **Coca Cola Scholars Scholarships**. Applications must be submitted by October 31. A minimum gpa of 3.0 is required to apply plus community service, leadership, extracurricular activities.

--**The Elks National Foundation Legacy Award** is a scholarship awarded to the children and grandchildren of active Elk members. Recipients of these scholarships must exhibit the values of integrity, knowledge, community, and charity. To apply go to www.elks.org/ENF/SCHOLARS/legacy.cfm This deadline is January 9, 2009. See me for application details.

--**The Most Valuable Student Scholarship** is awarded to **any** high school senior who has an outstanding record in academics, leadership, and extracurricular activities. Recipients must also demonstrate financial need. You may go to www.elks.org/enf/scholars to download an application or see me for an application. Please understand that ANY student can apply for this one. Your parents do not have to be members of the ELKS. The deadline for this is January 9, 2009, but normally, the application needs to be in the hands of the local Elks Lodge a few days prior to this. Please see me for suggestions about preparing your scholarship application packet of materials.

--January 10, 2009, is the deadline for submitting your essay for the **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest**. To learn more and submit your essay, go to www.jfklibrary.org

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