

The Shiner Spotlight

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Parents and Students,

Recently at RSHS, there has been a lot of talk about scholarships and about paying for college. For any student wanting to attend college, it is important to start thinking about how you are going to pay for college. There are many scholarship opportunities at RSHS. Even if students are not a senior, it is never too late to start thinking about this. The Future Generation Scholarship is available to any RSHS student who completes community service hours over the course of their high school career. The Future Generations Scholarship amount is \$10,000 (\$2,000 a year for 5 years). The number of hours a student must volunteer is:

2017 RSHS graduates = 70 hours
2018 RSHS graduates = 80 hours
2019 RSHS graduates = 80 hours
2020 RSHS graduates = 80 hours

Parents and students should look into the specific scholarship criteria for the Future Generations scholarship. With spring and summer right around the corner, now is the time to start looking for approved places to complete community service projects and report hours to OCCF. There is a list of approved organizations to complete the community service projects located at the Ohio County Community Foundation. If you have questions about these scholarships please contact the OCCF 812-438-9401.

Have a great quarter!
Carrie Jones
RSHS School Counselor



Information for Seniors

MAKE SURE YOU APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA): The deadline to file the FAFSA is **March 10, 2017**. Seniors are required to file the FAFSA in order to be eligible for Financial Aid. Anyone who has questions about the FAFSA can contact Mrs. Jones in the Guidance Office. **ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM.** You may choose any of these three methods for filing a FAFSA:

- 1) Apply online at www.FAFSA.gov
- 2) Complete a PDF FAFSA (found at www.fafsa.gov under filing options)
- 3) Request a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: A new list of local scholarships will continue to be posted for all seniors as they are received in the Guidance Office. Most of these scholarships are due in March or April. It is recommended, however, that students turn in applications as soon as possible due to the large number of scholarship opportunities.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications for local scholarships are available in the Front Office. Mrs. Jones has already posted information about the following scholarships:

- Dearborn Savings Bank Scholarship
- John E. Bakes Scholarship
- Zimmer Tractor Scholarship
- Rising Sun Regional Foundation Scholarship
- Southeastern Indiana Recycling District Scholarship
- Voiture 40 & 8 Scholarship
- Indiana Sheriff's Association
- Ohio County Farm Bureau Scholarship
- Ohio Valley River Cats Catfish Scholarship
- Tom Cochran Memorial Scholarship
- Francis & Naomi Dibble Scholarship
- Cass-Union Scholarship
- Michael D. Hayes Scholarship
- Rising Sun Alumni Scholarship
- Paul Scudder Memorial Scholarship (Lion's Club)

- Rising Sun Rotary Club Scholarship
- Friendship State Bank Wilke S. and James W. Lemon Scholarship
- SEI Communications Data Scholarship
- SEI Telecommunications Scholarship
- Rising Sun Public School Endowment Scholarship
- American Legion Auxiliary Post#59 Scholarship
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All of these scholarships have deadlines that are printed on the applications. It is the student's responsibility to pick up these applications in the office as well as to see that the applications are turned in on time.

FUTURE GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP: Make sure you are getting your community service hours completed and turned into the Ohio County Community Foundation if you plan to attend a four year educational institution. 2017 graduates need to complete 70 hours to be eligible for the scholarship. Contact the OCCF at 438-9401 with questions.

COMMUNITY /JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
Is administered through the Ohio County Community Foundation. This scholarship is for students planning to attend a 2-year college. Contact the OCCF at 438-9401 for information.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships through the Community Foundation will be made available online in the middle of February. These Scholarships include:

- Brinson Williamson Memorial Scholarship
- Charles & Hazel Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- Dana Lee Ballard Scholarship
- Denise Ann Beyer Scholarship Application
- Donald Bowman Memorial Scholarship
- Edward & Grace Gray Memorial Scholarship
- Gary Green Scholarship
- IEO & Elizabeth Vaughn Pursuing Their Dreams
- Lois C. Mora & Gertrude Schockley Keller
- Ohio County 4-H Scholarship
- Ohio County Community Foundation Board of Directors
- Ohio County Joint Community Scholarship
- Phyllis A. Brown Memorial Scholarship
- Randy & Debbie Eaglin Scholarship
- Rising Sun Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship
- Steven W. McHenry Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas A. & John S. Cooper Memorial Scholarship
- Wilma Lohide Scholarship

LILLY SCHOLARSHIP: Congratulations to Jessica Koons who was named the 2017 Lilly Endowment Scholarship winner for Ohio County! Finalists for the Lilly Endowment Scholarship were:

- Claire Poling
- Jacqueline Stapleton
- Scott Webb
- Kyla Willhite

Finalists were named as Community Foundation Scholars and will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. Congratulations to everyone!



Notes to Juniors

JUNIOR CHALLENGE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM-
Back in December, the Junior class attended a Junior Challenge Leadership program put on by Ted Wiese of Wiese Training and Development. This full-day program promotes students to make positive choices, understand how one person can make a difference in a community, overcoming the fear of failure, accepting ownership of actions and increase self-esteem. Thanks to the Ohio County Community Foundation, the leadership program was funded through a grant. The Juniors thoroughly enjoyed the excellent presentation.

ASVAB: Nathaniel Grandberry with the ASVAB Career Exploration Program came to Rising Sun High School to meet with Juniors back in January to interpret their ASVAB scores and explore potential career options based on those scores.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMS: It's that time of year when college-bound juniors need to start registering for the SAT and/or ACT tests! Four-year colleges and many two-year colleges require students to submit results from at least one of these tests before a final decision on admission is made. Registration materials for both tests are online. Both the SAT and ACT websites have practice test materials available to review prior to taking the tests. *In addition, there are practice exams available in the library in book form and on the computer.* Students should take advantage of these services to help improve their scores.

PSAT TEST SCORES: PSAT test scores will be distributed to those who took the test in October. Each student will be given a copy of his or her score reports as well as their test booklet to review. Remember that the PSAT is a practice test for the SAT. An excellent way to study for the SAT is by reviewing the test and correcting answers. A web-site is also available to help juniors review the PSAT and prepare for the SAT. That web address is www.collegeboard.com.

ACCUPLACER TESTING: Some Juniors will be taking the Accuplacer this semester per the Indiana Department of Education requirements. This tests assesses students' college and career readiness. Students are being tested in Reading and Math. PSAT scores are looked at to see if students are required to take the test.

HOOSIER GIRLS AND BOYS STATE DELEGATES WANTED: Attention Rising Sun High School Junior Class—The American Legion Auxiliary is currently taking applications for Hoosier Girls and Hoosier Boys State Delegates. Delegates with these designations show outstanding leadership qualities and achievements, loyalty and respect, community participation and patriotism. Delegates **will be required** to attend the Hoosier Girls and Boys State programs held in mid to late June at Trine University in Angola, Indiana. This is a one week program. Delegates will join approximately 700 other delegates for this government program designed to educate leaders of tomorrow in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Young men and women that attend Hoosier Girls and Hoosier Boys State are afforded the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills by attending specialized schools of Speech, Law, Legislation and Broadcasting taught by staff members from these respective fields. The session of government and practical politics is non-partisan and non-political. Juniors are selected by the American Legion Auxiliary and will be notified if they are selected.

Just for Sophomores

PSAT RESULTS: Sophomores took the PSAT this year in October. Please refer to the "Notes to Juniors" for more information about test result distribution.



SOUTHEASTERN CAREER CENTER: A representative from the Southeastern Career Center came to RSHS in January to talk about the many programs offered at SCC. Sophomores also visited SCC to see its facilities in January. For those wanting to attend the Career Center next year, they should turn in their applications to the Guidance Office as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that students will be accepted into the program they choose, but SCC and RSHS make every effort to accommodate students.



Freshmen News

HAVE YOU STARTED THINKING ABOUT CAREERS YET? If you have, the Occupational Outlook Handbook is a great resource. This guide is created by the government and has up-to-date information on thousands of careers. You can find out the average salary of a plumber, a typical day for a botanist, or the future demand for engineers. The guide is available on-line at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>.

LEARN MORE RESOURCE CENTER has a great web-site, www.learnmoreindiana.org, which allows parents and students to learn more about education in Indiana. It provides information on Indiana's academic standards, college fair dates, career profiles, and much more. Students and parents are encouraged to visit this web-site.



Additional Info.

SPRING INTERSESSION: Spring intersession at the high school will be the SECOND WEEK of Spring break this year. These dates are March 27th-31st. Students who receive a failing grade in any subject during the third quarter may attend and complete the required work in order to get their grade up to a 60% D-. Letters will be sent home notifying eligible students and parents about intersession and available transportation on March 18th.

REPORT CARDS: The grading period for the third quarter will end on March 18th. Report cards will be distributed to students during their 8th period class.

SPRING BREAK: Spring Break is scheduled for March 20th-24th.

SCHEDULING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR: Scheduling for next school year begins in February. Materials for course selections will be distributed to all

students. Mrs. Jones plans to meet with students to discuss their schedules. Schedules should be completed and brought home for a parent signature. They must be returned to the school office as soon as possible. Students should carefully consider their options for courses and decide which ones are best suited for them. Keep in mind which courses your child will need if he or she plans to go to college. If a student receives a "D" in English 10, for example, chances are that he or she will not be successful in Advanced Junior English. Please review the schedule carefully with your child and contact the Guidance Office with any questions. It is much easier to change a schedule now than in August. Please note on the schedule the number of credits your child will have by the end of the current school year. A student needs 8 credits to be considered a sophomore, 16 credits to be considered a junior, and 24 credits to be considered a senior. STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE 24 CREDITS BY THE BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR WILL NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE SENIOR ROSTER FOR NEXT YEAR. Students planning to attend the Southeastern Career Center next year will be given a separate application which must be completed and turned in along with the regular scheduling form.

STATE TESTING: The graduation exam for Juniors, and Seniors is the End of Course Assessments (ECA). Students must pass the Algebra I and English 10 ECA in order to graduate. The graduation qualifying exam for Sophomores is the ISTEP+ in English/Language Arts and Math. Freshmen enrolled in Biology will be taking the ISTEP+ in Science.

Testing for the ISTEP+ will be separated into two parts. Part I will take place February 28th-March 1st. Part II will take place in late April.

ECA testing will take place late April as well.

RSHS AFTER PROM:

When: Prom night (April 29th) beginning at 11:30pm. Students **MUST** be in the gym no later than 12:00 midnight. Once at the after prom, students may not leave until 4am unless a parent comes to get them.

Where: The gym at the Rising Sun Church of Christ
Who: RSHS Juniors and Seniors and their dates. (Juniors and Seniors may attend even if they did not go to prom).

****NO dates younger than the 9th grade

****NO dates over the age of 21

****If you are suspended or expelled from school, You may NOT attend the After Prom.

****Anyone who is not a Junior or Senior at RSHS must attend prom to attend the After Prom. (EX: Freshmen & Sophomores may not be signed in if they did not attend Prom).

COST: FREE!!!!!!

Donations are being accepted as well as volunteers for the After Prom event. You can send/drop off cash or gift card donations to:

Rising Sun Church of Christ
430 Fifth St
Rising Sun, IN 47040

Please write "AFTER Prom" in the memo.



Sports News

BOYS' BASKETBALL SECTIONAL: The boys' basketball sectional will be at South Decatur again this year. There will be no reserved seats. Sections of the gym will be designated for the teams who are playing that night. Corners of those sections will be for students and cheer blocks. High school and OCEMS students can purchase their tickets on Wednesday, February 24th in the afternoon. Adults and students may purchase their ticket during the day at the RSHS athletic office. Tickets will be on sale thru Friday, February 26th during the school day. Sectional ticket prices are \$10.00 and are good for the four tourney sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday (March 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th). Tickets that are not sold by participating schools will be returned to South Decatur and may be purchased at South Decatur. If session tickets are available, they will be sold at the door at South Decatur and will cost \$6.00 for each session.

PARENT APPRECIATION NIGHT: Parent Appreciation Night for the boys' team will be on Friday, February 17th when we host South Ripley.

BOYS BASKETBALL SECTIONAL: The IHSAA Boys Basketball Sectional #60 will be at South Decatur on February 28th, March 1st, 3rd, & 4th. The Sectional draw will be on Sunday, February 19th at 5 PM. The pairings show will be televised by Fox Sports Indiana and IHSAAtv.org

GIRLS BASKETBALL: The girls basketball team ended their season with a 54-44 loss to Southwestern (Shelby) in the Jac-Cen-Del sectional. The team finished their season 4-19.

O.R.V.C. AWARDS DINNER: The O.R.V.C. boys and girls all-conference members in basketball will be honored at a dinner on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:30pm at the Pines in Madison.

