

# Seton Guidance Corner

May 2, 2024

## Growing in Faith and Fellowship while in College

As many seniors prepare for college, they are encouraged to start thinking about how their faith will grow and deepen over the next four years. One great opportunity to achieve this is for seniors to attend one of the Associates of St. John Bosco's upcoming College Nights which will be held this summer at five locations in Northern Virginia.

**July 2nd** - St. Mark (Vienna)

**July 11th** - St. Theresa (Ashburn)

**July 16th** - Holy Trinity (Gainesville)

**July 23rd** - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)

**July 30th** - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

The evening includes a panel of upper-class students giving their personal tips about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life, small groups divided by university, and a bundle of free books called the "Bosco Bundle." These connections and free resources will help students deepen their faith while away at college. The event is free and includes a pizza dinner. Student volunteers represent colleges all across Virginia and the country. To register, visit [www.asjb.org/student-registration](http://www.asjb.org/student-registration). For a video invitation, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mv8nUiVVIY8>.

## Navigating FAFSA Challenges - Tips for Seniors

- 1. Stay Informed:** Regularly check your email and college portals for any updates regarding your financial aid status, your application status, or any additional documents required.
- 2. Don't Panic:** Don't feel pressured to commit to a school before seeing your aid package, especially if you're unsure about affording it. If possible, wait for decision deadlines to ensure you have all the necessary information to make an informed choice based on your financial situation.
- 3. Consider All Options for Reducing Cost:** If you're really in a bind waiting for a financial aid decision, explore ways to reduce educational expenses. Enrolling in community college, finding more affordable housing, or adjusting meal plans can all reduce costs.
- 4. Explore Additional Funding Sources:** Continue applying for scholarships and grants.
- 5. Communicate with Financial Aid Offices:** Reach out to the financial aid offices of the colleges you've applied to regarding your application status, or any changes in your financial situation that may impact your eligibility for need-based aid. ([goingmerry.com](http://goingmerry.com))

## Free Virtual FAFSA Assistance

The Virginia College Advising Corps is offering free virtual appointments through June 28 to help high school seniors complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to see what financial aid they may be eligible for. Click [here](#) for more information and to set up an appointment.

## Online & At-Home Assessments for 3rd – 8th Graders

The Classic Learning Test (CLT) offers assessments providing a meaningful metric of students' abilities. The CLT 3-8 exams assess language arts and mathematics with content designed to engage students' imaginations and problem-solving skills. These standardized exams equip parents with in-depth analytics to better understand how to meet their students' needs and maximize their potential. For more information, visit <https://www.cltxam.com/tests/clt3-8/>.

## Senior Exit Interviews Continue

Senior Exit Interviews with Mr. Geary began last week and will continue over the next couple of weeks. The schedule has been posted on the senior bulletin board outside Mrs. Carroll's classroom. Seniors, please arrive on time for your meeting with your completed questionnaire, and if you have any conflicts, try and switch with a senior that is scheduled the same day.

## Requesting a High School Transcript

Seniors, if you would like to request a copy of your high school transcript, please email Mrs. McIntyre at [tmcintyre@setonschool.net](mailto:tmcintyre@setonschool.net).

## CLT, SAT, and ACT Registration Deadlines Coming Up

**CLT Test Date – June 20** (Remotely Proctored)

Registration Deadline – June 7

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for CLT's free practice test.

**Digital SAT Test Date – June 1**

Registration Deadline – May 16

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free SAT practice test.

**ACT Test Date – June 8 \*\***

Registration Deadline – May 3

Click [here](#) to register.

[Signup](#) for free ACT test prep.

## Scholarship Opportunities

### Women in Trades Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: June 12, 2024

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/18997/women-in-trades-scholarship>

### Navigate Your Future Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: June 28, 2024

For seniors in high school planning a career in the general aviation field

[https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16220/navigate\\_your\\_future\\_scholarship](https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16220/navigate_your_future_scholarship)

### CIA Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Amount: \$25,000

Deadline: June 30, 2024

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9529/cia-undergraduate-scholarship-program>

### Automotive Hall of Fame Scholarship

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: June 30, 2024

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/9506/automotive-hall-of-fame-scholarships>

*\*Please note, opportunities in the Guidance Corner are not endorsements of the programs. They are shared as options for students and parents to carefully consider.*