

Communicating with Students and Families

Social Media

✓ **Announcing the change in FASFA opening date**

The #FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) typically opens on October 1st of each year for the following academic school year. This year, the 2024-2025 FAFSA form is being revised and will not be available until sometime in December 2023. Stay tuned!

✓ **Offering Support to Students and Their Families**

Filling out the #FAFSA is important, but it can be confusing. Reach out to a counselor if you or your family have questions or need help.

✓ **Reminding Seniors to Complete FASFA**

College application deadlines are approaching but but don't forget to add the #FAFSA to your application checklist! Reach out to your counselor if you have questions or need help.

✓ **Announcing FASFA Is Open**

FAFSA is now open for the 2024-25 school year. High school seniors should complete ASAP. Many colleges and universities award aid on a first-come, first-served basis.

Letter to Families Encouraging them to Complete the FASFA

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s), Senior year is an incredibly exciting time as your student plans for their next steps beyond graduation. As your child considers their options for college and the associated costs, it is critical to plan ahead and take steps now.

A critical step to making sure your child is eligible to receive available financial assistance for college is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as you are able after the December release date. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for a variety of aid including federal, state, and school-based, as well as grants and scholarships.

The sooner you complete the FAFSA the better, as some aid is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to begin the FAFSA application. And, if you need assistance or have questions, please reach out to [INSERT NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER]. We are here to support you and your child through this important process. Thank you for your support and engagement, [INSERT NAME]