Good morning. If this is your first message, welcome. I hope to send a message at least once a month to keep you informed about what's happening at Kellam.

**UP-Coming Dates and Deadlines:**

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Kellam’s ACCESS Counselor is Mrs. Sara Gastler. She’ll be @ Kellam on Mondays, Tuesdays and alternating Fridays from 7:30 to 3 p.m. Her office is located upstairs in the C Learning community – C224. Stop by or send an email: sgastler@accesscollege.org.

The Office of Gifted Education’s newsletter, the *Gifted and Talented Bulletin*, is an electronic publication. We appreciate the support of our subscribers! If you haven't yet signed up, it's easy! Click on the blue button on the top right of the menu bar on the VBCPS home page (http://www.vbschools.com/) titled “sign up for email updates”. Scroll down to find the newsletter subscription area. Look for the *Gifted and Talented Bulletin* and subscribe. Once signed up, notification will be emailed to you announcing the posting of the latest issue. This year’s *Gifted and Talented Bulletin* will include links to a Blog and to parent resources sure to be of interest. Archived issues are also available through this link. Mailed versions of the most current issue are available upon request by contacting the Office of Gifted Education at 263-1405.

**Seniors:** If your colleges request semester grades, please stop by guidance and submit a mid-year request form. There is no additional charge for mid-year request transcripts.

Students are requested to submit **cash** to the Guidance office when requesting a transcript for colleges or scholarships. Unofficial transcripts are free. A parent signature is required for all requests. The form is available in the Guidance office and on the Kellam web site at http://www.kellamhs.vbschools.com/pages/students/guidance/content/transcript%20request.pdf

**REMINDER:** As you receive scholarship award letters and emails, please remember to bring a copy to Mrs. Calma or Mrs. Knight in the Guidance Office as soon as possible. This includes money offered to you from your future college/university as well as other schools that you have applied to. Thanks in advanced for keeping us informed and keep up the good work...let's try to beat last year's numbers!

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**Hampton Roads Community Foundation Scholarships**

Scholarship applications for 2015-2016 are available. Deadline to submit an application is March 1, 2015.

Application Process:

- [http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships/howToApplyUndergraduateScholarships.html](http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships/howToApplyUndergraduateScholarships.html)
- [http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships/availableUndergraduateScholarships.html](http://www.hamptonroadscf.org/scholarships/availableUndergraduateScholarships.html)

After submitting the general application, students may see a list of other recommended scholarship opportunities for which they may be eligible. Students must answer additional questions to be...
considered for these opportunities. Scholarships that require answering additional questions include those for students who are Greek, Chinese, Jewish, LGBT, or have ADHD or learning disabilities, as well as scholarships requiring participation in a specific club or activity.

One of the Hampton Roads Community Scholarships is the **Judge Floyd E. and Annie B. Kellam Scholarship** – For students graduating from Kellam High School who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in math, science or business at a community college or four-year college or university. Recipients must continue to major in math, science or business to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship.

This just for Kellam Seniors and is renewable all 4 years!

**Mark Your Calendars**

**Service Academy and ROTC Information Day South Hampton Roads**, Virginia Date: Saturday, 14 February 2015 Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Place: Norview High School, 6501 Chesapeake Boulevard Norfolk, Virginia 23513 Who Should Attend: 8th -11th grade students (and their parents) interested in pursuing an appointment to one of the nation’s service academies and/or an NROTC/ROTC Scholarship—all are welcome!

Program: Presentations by representatives starting at 10:00 AM, to be followed by an opportunity for individual questions & answers

Presenters: Representatives from South Hampton Roads Congressional Offices, Service Academies, and ROTC units

- **RSVP** your attendance to attend **Youth Career Center of Hampton Road's 3rd Annual Teen Summer Opportunity Fair** on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 5pm-8pm inside of Pembroke Mall. This event is free and job seekers are strongly encouraged to attend. Visit the Youth Career Center of Hampton Roads website, Youth Career Center, or call (757) 233-8686 to sign up.

Cappex – Your College Decision Headquarters @ www.cappex.com is a free web site that allows students to:

**FIND YOUR COLLEGE**
Search more than 3,000 college profiles where you can quickly see admission facts, deadlines, majors and what campus life is like.

**READ STUDENT REVIEWS**
How to decide which college is right for you? Read what college students are saying in more than 600,000 reviews.

**GET SCHOLARSHIP MATCHES**
Discover which scholarships match your strengths and skills best.

The Virginia Tidewater Consortium’s Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) is conducting college financial aid briefings, “Funding a College Education,” at the following locations:

**Naval Station Norfolk:**
DATE: Monday 2 February 2015 @ 1130,
LOCATION: Navy College, building IE, downstairs in Navy College classroom # 8

**JEB Little Creek:**
DATE: Tuesday 3 March 2015 @ 1130,
LOCATION: Navy College, building 3016, upstairs in Navy College classroom 236-237

**Areas Covered:**
- College selection and application process
- Federal aid (grants, loans, work study)
- State aid programs – FAFSA
- Financial aid applications, procedures, & processing
- Scholarship 101—survive the scholarship search and application process
- Guest speakers—Local scholarship representatives
- Other various areas/items of concern &
- Question and Answer session

This program is FREE and open to:
- All military personnel (active or reserve) - Retirees - Family members - Other base employees/personnel, including contract and DOD civilian employees
Normal base access is required; no special base pass arrangements will be made for this program by the Navy College Office or the VTC/EOC representative.

One-on-one appointments can be scheduled with an EOC counselor following the presentation.

Please call or email Darryl Greenwell to reserve your seat(s)

Email: dgreenwell.eoc@edufind.org
Phone: 757-489-3329 or 757-363-3944

Sign up for free access to the SAT Online Prep Program from the College Board. The program offers 24/7 access— at school, at home, anywhere students have computer access. Featuring skill building sessions, diagnostic tools, essay and grammar usage lessons, printable vocabulary flashcards, and exam tips, the program allows students to customize their preparation to fit individual needs. Parents may also track student scores and progress. See English Teachers, Guidance, or Mrs. McCallister for more information.

Students may also plan to stay after school for tutoring sessions prior to a scheduled SAT test. The next sessions are Thursday March 5th and March 12th from 2:30 – 4:30 in Room C213.

24Hundred is again offering SAT and PSAT courses in the Hampton Roads area this fall. Several classes are starting up. Cost ranges from $80 to $249. Call 481-4189 for more information.

Sylvan Learning on Laskin Road is offering a Free Practice SAT test and a reduced price on their SAT Prep class (flyer attached)

The Virginia Council on Women has announced that the 4th annual STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Essay Contest is open for high school junior and senior girls. Applications and guidelines are available online at: http://www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/about/council-on-women/.

Entries must be submitted by February 25, 2015. Essays will be judged by a panel of Council members and women who hold a degree in or work in STEM fields.

Winners will be notified by March 24, 2015. The scholarship award(s) will be presented at a reception on Capitol Square in Richmond on April 15, 2015.

It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Programs!

Programs for the summer of 2015 are open, and it's time to search, find, and register for a summer program!

The 2015 TeenLife Guide to Overnight Summer Programs lists over 60 summer opportunities from around the world. Start planning your summer now! Control Click below to:

Read the Guide Today!

NASA has internships for high school students and for rising freshmen through doctoral students in STEM fields. A rising freshman is a high school student who has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning, i.e., a college or university, at the time of the internship. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for college and 3.0 for high school; however, applicants must understand that the competition for internships is keen. High school students must be at least sixteen years old at the time the internship begins.

Internships are available at all NASA centers nationwide. Students can submit a completed application whether they apply to a specific opportunity or not. However, applying to opportunities has the advantage of allowing applicants to be considered by mentors who work in disciplines of interest and at a particular center. Applicants may apply to as many as fifteen opportunities at http://intern.nasa.gov/ Spring, Fall and Year Long Sessions are available.
If you are currently in grade 10 or 11, spend your summer at The Duke Summer College for High School Students or the Duke Summer Academy. This program for personal enrichment offers courses with a global perspective: The Global Entrepreneur, The Global Leader, The Global Communicator, The Global Healer and The Global Environmentalist. Check out the website and blog, where you can read testimonials http://summersession.duke.edu/high-school-stu... Email summercollege@duke.edu or summeracademy@duke.edu with any questions.

UVa Advance is a four-week summer residential program for highly-motivated, rising high school juniors and seniors at the University of Virginia. The program offers students an exceptional set of opportunities for intellectual and personal growth. Each student takes two undergraduate classes, participates in a series of academic prep workshops and engages in social activities organized by UVA Advance. Students live in an air-conditioned residence hall with a dedicated staff of community advisors. Classes are small and offered in an intensive format. This facilitates in-depth learning and collaboration with faculty and fellow students. Participants are introduced to University of Virginia academics and college life. They enjoy the high impact residential learning experience for which UVA is so well known.

When: July 12-August 7, 2015
Applications available: January 1, 2015
Application deadline: April 1, 2015
Costs: $4,960 (Costs include tuition for 2 three-credit courses, housing in a University residence hall, 60-meal dining plan, academic support workshops, activities, and access to services such as Student Health and athletic facilities.)
http://www.virginia.edu/summer/admission/UVaAdvance/index.html

Several Pre-College Programs are offered at the College of William and Mary – see website for more information:
http://www.wm.edu/academics/precollege/

Bank of America – Young Leaders:
The Bank of America Charitable Foundation’s Student Leaders® Program is accepting applications for the 2015 Student Leaders® program.

Since its inception in 2005, the Bank of America Student Leaders Program has recognized more than 2,000 exemplary high school juniors and seniors who have a passion for improving their communities. The program helps students gain a greater understanding of how nonprofits create impact in the community and helps develop them as the next generation of community leaders through two components:

• A summer eight-week paid internship with a nonprofit organization selected by the bank. This internship is designed to provide opportunities for the students to develop and apply leadership skills through hands-on work experience, while raising their awareness of community issues addressed by their Host Organization.

• A week-long, all-expense paid Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C. from July 12-17, 2015. Conducted in partnership with the Close Up Foundation, the Summit introduces students to aspects of civic, social and business leadership and provides them with knowledge and skills they will use throughout their life to create positive community change.

Students can apply for the program by going to http://www.bankofamerica.com/studentleaders
Deadline to submit is January 31, 2015.

Summer Enrichment Program -
http://curry.virginia.edu/community-programs/student-enrichment/srp/summer
Cost: $1300 – Financial Aid available
Deadline February 15
United States Department of Agriculture is sponsoring AgDiscovery---- an outreach program to help students explore careers in animal science, veterinary medicine, agribusiness, plant pathology, and much more. This 2-4 week program allows participants to live on a college campus and learn about agricultural science from university professors, practicing veterinarians, industry representatives, and professionals working for the U.S. government. Students who participate in AgDiscovery will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, field trips, and other group and team building activities. Get a copy of the AgDiscovery application here and view the AgDiscovery Brochure to learn more. These programs are “FREE” except for transportation costs and “spending money”.

Announcing the Law In Society Essay Competition sponsored by the Virginia State Bar and its Litigation Section and Communications Committee, in cooperation with the Virginia State Department of Education, to increase awareness and appreciation of our legal system among high school students. The criterion for the competition is an essay in response to a hypothetical situation entitled – “A Graduation Ruckus in Rocktown”. Awards go to students whose essays best demonstrate a superior understanding of the role and value of our legal system in our everyday lives.

Prize Amounts
1st Place $2,300
2nd Place $1,850
3rd Place $1,350
Honorable Mentions (5) $250
Entry deadline is Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 4 p.m. For application materials, visit:
http://www.vsb.org/site/public/law-in-society

The Kellam Gifted and Talented Blog site is now up and running and contains current information with links, blogs, calendars, etc. At this time, it’s still a work in progress; but, please, check out the following link
http://blogs.vbschools.com/kellamgifted/ for information related to the program.

If you have questions or concerns about how the gifted program at Kellam works, please feel free to contact me at Kellam (648-5400 ext. 63876). I am here as a resource for both you and your child and look forward to working with both of you.
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