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Dear Parents of seniors

As the new calendar year begins, your student's high school career is only months from ending. The last four years have surely been challenging and rewarding as your student has progressed academically and personally toward graduation day. Hopefully, your student's higher education plans will provide exciting new experiences and opportunities.

With the stresses of the college application process behind you, you and your student are most likely in the midst of playing the waiting game. You are waiting to hear back from schools, waiting to hear back from scholarships or recruiters and possibly trying to figure out how to afford it all.

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** is the most important form to complete in order to qualify for almost all types of financial aid. Federal, state, local and private entities use the FAFSA information to determine eligibility for grants and scholarships.

The FAFSA was available October 1 for the upcoming academic year. Families should complete and file the form as soon as possible, as deadlines vary by school, state and more.

Please visit fafsa.gov to access the online application and for many helpful tips on financing your student's choice of higher education.

Upcoming FAFSA Completion Events:

- FAFSA Pin Cafes (held during lunch periods) – students create their pins allowing them to electronically sign their FAFSA forms.
- FAFSA Completion Night – Q & A session as well as personal assistance completing the form
 - Wed. Jan. 10th, Session #1 – 4:00 – 5:15 and Session #2, 5:30-7:00
 - You are encouraged to contact your student's school counselor to reserve a space.