

Rice High School Newsletter

JANUARY 2010

Message from Head of School

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January, 2010

Dear Rice High School Family Members,

A blessed new year to all of you and your loved ones!

The first Wednesday of the new year, January 6, our students will not have class as faculty/staff will have an intense day of workshops on 4 topics—New York State Regents' Exam protocol; Safe Environments training in regards to proper interaction with youth; CPR training and a session on cultural sensitivity. We are bringing 4 different presenters for these topics.

Through the efforts of Brother Tyrone Davis, Rice was able to receive 25 microscopes from Columbia University for nothing! Brother Davis resides in community at Rice while serving as chief administrator for the Office of Black Ministry for the Archdiocese of New York. Brother Davis also serves on the school board of directors.

We will begin Mid-Term and Regents Exams the last week

of January. A student must be up to date with tuition payments in order to qualify to take exams. A student will have a school validated "ticket" which he must display in order to sit for any/all exams. We are long past the time of promises as often an agreement is made and the school never receives any type of payment on the agreed upon date, let alone any contact from the pleading parties. Cash or credit card payment will assure a student's being permitted to sit for exams. Please contact Mr. Bulfamante in the financial office at extension 218 to make arrangements to pay. **A number of our students are on some sort of "scholarship" plan BUT no scholarship plan pays 100% of the tuition. In fact, in almost all cases, part of the qualification for a scholarship is that the family must be able to pay the remainder of the tuition.** Sooner or later, the claim that the student's scholarship will cover for him is going to run out—forearmed is forewarned.

Please do not make me send any student home for non-payment of tuition.

Did you know? Edmund Rice, namesake for our school was a husband, widower, father of a mentally challenged child, a businessman, a teacher, a promoter of social justice, and the founder of a religious community of Brothers? As an illustration of one of these points, Edmund Rice accompanied a number of men to the gallows and was with them in their last moments of life before execution. More in the months ahead...

Respectfully,

Brother Michael S. Segvich,
CFC

Head of School/Principal

MESSAGE FROM GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT.....

Attention 10th Grade Students

The 2010 Wallis Annenberg Scholars Program ,at the University of Southern California ,is offering a full scholarship to attend their summer program. The program is looking for average students, with averages between 75 and 88. Students must demonstrate academic ability, a commitment to values and principles, be focused and mature and have a social security number. The foundation pays for the round trip flight, program fees and a \$600 stipend upon successfully completing the program. Students earn up to 3 college credits. If the student is selected he will also return the following summer. Please call Ms. Rial for more information.

Attention Seniors/Parents/Guardians. On January 1st of 2010 the FAFSA form will be available. I highly suggest that you complete and submit this form ASAP. Please see the instructions below. If you have any questions please contact the Federal Student Information Center directly at 1800-4-FED-AID.

Before Beginning a FAFSA Overview

Time Saving Suggestions:

- A) Gather the documents you need– start with Social Security number, driver's license, income tax returns , etc.
- B) Print a FAFSA on the Web Worksheet– write in your answers and gather your parents' information
- C) Plan how to sign your FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov - Sign electronically with a Personal Identification Number (PIN) or by mailing in signature page.
- D) Apply for a PIN Now! go to www.fafsa.ed.gov
- E) Check your eligibility for federal student aid.
- F) Note important deadlines.
- G) To meet the Federal Student Aid deadline: Apply as early as possible beginning January 1st of each year. Schools and states have their own deadlines, Contact them for exact deadline dates.

OPTIONS Center for Educational and Career Choice Presents a Free Workshop.

Registration is required 212-873-6600 ext. 323 or email jstewart@goddard.org

Location: Goddard Riverside Community Center 593 Columbus Avenue (corner of 88th Street)

Thursday, January 7, 2010 6:00 pm-8:00pm

Provide an overview of financial aid process

Review the FAFSA

Review the CSS Profile

Explain how to apply for TAP

Answer your financial aid and college cost questions

