

# FACS Crusaders Class of 2020

Monthly Newsletter for Juniors

December 1, 2018

## Important Dates

**January 11th:** Early registration deadline for February 9th ACT

EARNING A HIGHER ACT SCORE REQUIRES STUDY AND PRACTICE! DON'T DELAY. 20-30 MINUTES 3 TIMES PER WEEK WILL PAY OFF IN HIGH SCORES.

Need more ACT Practice and tutorials? Sign up for the ACT Academy. It is free!  
<https://academy.act.org/>

Looking for an ACT Tutor? Contact Mrs. Jauregui for local recommendations.  
[ajauregui@facsmemphis.org](mailto:ajauregui@facsmemphis.org)

ACT Book Recommendations:  
<https://blog.prepscholar.com/the-10-best-act-books-recommended-for-act-prep>



Juniors will be using Naviance this year to research colleges and scholarships, take personal and career assessments, and create a resume. Starting in November, Mrs. Smeltser will be meeting with each junior individually to discuss the results of the assessments and to take a look at college choices. In addition, the process for researching scholarships will be introduced.

## Psalm 119: 9-11

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

## How to Pay for College

Early in the process, parents need to determine how much they are able and/or willing to pay for college. Students and parents then need to have an honest discussion about college cost.

4 types of financial aid:

1. Grants- money given based on financial need
2. Scholarship- money awarded for exceptional academic achievement, an outstanding talent of skill, and/or financial need.
3. Work-Study- money earned by working a part time job for the school.
4. Loan- borrowed money that must be repaid

When looking for and applying for scholarships keep in mind:  
⇒ Finding scholarships takes a great deal of time and effort. Start early  
Recommended websites:

[www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)  
[www.studentaid.ed.gov.com](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.800headstart.com](http://www.800headstart.com)

⇒ Private colleges generally award more aid than public.  
⇒ Most financial aid is not awarded in the form of a scholarship. Pursue all financial aid opportunities  
⇒ The biggest scholarships are awarded by the schools themselves.  
⇒ Colleges are looking for students who have something that makes them stand out.  
⇒ Smaller, local scholarships are often much easier to get than those sponsored by large organizations.  
⇒ Network. Talk to everyone that you are looking for scholarships.

Upcoming College Reps @ Jones Center during break :

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## Junior Year Timetable:

**Fall Semester:** Start researching college options and costs.

**Spring Semester:**

**In January:** Consider your college options. Set up campus visits, search for scholarship possibilities, meet with college reps on campus .

**February-June:** Take the ACT! Take it more than once. Study, get tutors, use free resources.

Set up a meeting with your guidance office to discuss college options. Remember the best financial packages come from the schools directly. So keep an open mind!

*College Visit Days!* Go

experience what it's like to be a Tiger, Vol, Rebel, Buck etc. Follow this link for additional information:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AMNISJ\\_zqXVq-EHleoMfbYAsta30tOmEcSiDm4z0\\_hU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AMNISJ_zqXVq-EHleoMfbYAsta30tOmEcSiDm4z0_hU/edit?usp=sharing)



Can't make it to campus? You can take virtual tours here:

<http://www.ecampustours.com/>

You can also take a pre-approved visit to campus during school hours. Just fill out the form. You can use 2 days.

[http://facsmemphis.org/uploads/pages/Permission\\_Form\\_for\\_College\\_Visits.pdf](http://facsmemphis.org/uploads/pages/Permission_Form_for_College_Visits.pdf)

**Get involved in the community!**  
**All students should be actively earning service hours. Be sure to keep accurate records. Use the FACS form.**

[http://facsmemphis.org/uploads/pages/Community\\_Service\\_Form\(1\).pdf](http://facsmemphis.org/uploads/pages/Community_Service_Form(1).pdf)

Volunteering in your community can lead to community service scholarships. When it comes to scholarship opportunities, community service helps to distinguish you from the competition by showing your commitment to making the world a better place. Scholarship providers, being philanthropists themselves, can appreciate students who show an early interest in helping those around them. Winning scholarships, whether or not they are specifically labeled as community service scholarships, can be much easier with a bit of community service experience listed on your application or worked into your scholarship essay.

### **Community Service Opportunities** **Crossroads Hospice**

Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers for all aspects of their program. Options include, but are not limited to: baking cakes for anniversaries/birthdays, office work, and visiting patients. Contact Linda Courtney at [linda.courtney@crossroadshospice.com](mailto:linda.courtney@crossroadshospice.com)

### **Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Winchester Road offers volunteer opportunities Monday-Saturday from 9am-1pm and 1pm-6pm for students 14 years of age and older.

<http://www.memphisrestore.com/volunteer>

### **Humane Society of Memphis and Shelby County**

The Humane Society is looking for volunteers for various aspects of the shelter ages 17 and older. Orientation is required and held the 1st Monday of the month at 6pm or the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am. Volunteers must commit 4 hours per month to working at the shelter.

<http://memphishumane.org/become-a-volunteer/volunteer-process/>.

### **MIFA Meals on Wheels**

Students with a valid driver's license and insurance are invited to participate in MIFA's "Meals on Wheels" program, delivering food to homebound senior citizens in the Memphis area.

[https://serve.volunteerodyssey.com/event/38259-Meals-on-Wheels-Delivery?referring\\_group\\_id=121030&wkey=7574e5c2a7425760736fc1a97739bd8](https://serve.volunteerodyssey.com/event/38259-Meals-on-Wheels-Delivery?referring_group_id=121030&wkey=7574e5c2a7425760736fc1a97739bd8)

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### **Ronald McDonald House**

The Ronald McDonald House needs volunteers at least 18 years of age willing to give at least a 6 month commitment (4 hours a month) to prepare meals, host movie nights, clean up around the house, restock pantries, and work the front desk. A volunteer application, background check, and two references are required. Volunteers 16 years of age and older are also welcome to help with special events such as the Ronald McDonald Radiothon, PopTabPalooza, and Red Shoe Gala. For more information <http://rmhc-memphis.org/becomeavolunteer>

### **Shelby Farms**

Shelby Farms Park Conservancy looks for volunteers year-round for special events such as the Earth Day, Star Spangled Celebration, Boo-falo Bash, and Starry Nights. There is an age requirement for some jobs, <http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/volunteer>

### **St. Jude Marathon Weekend**

St. Jude needs volunteers for a variety of opportunities the week of November 25th and on race day, Saturday, December 1st. Individuals under age 18 may volunteer for some jobs, but need an adult to volunteer with them. For opportunities and requirements, go to

<https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/at-play/fitness-for-st-jude/memphis-marathon/event-information/volunteer-opportunities.html>



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