Financial Aid Night  Talent Search will once again be hosting financial aid nights at Cromwell, Floodwood and McGregor schools. Open to all 12th grade students and parents regardless of TS participation or not, so bring a friend. This is your opportunity to look at FAFSA samples, receive handouts and ask questions that you may have. We hope to see you there...

Cromwell  January 30 @ 6:00
Floodwood  January 23 @ 6:30
McGregor  January 30 @ 6:00

Planning on attending a 4-year college or university? You MUST take the ACT! Did you know that Talent Search can help you out? TS is offering a practice test on **February 9, 2013** at The College of St. Scholastica for current 10-11th grade students. You can take a practice version of the test and have it scored to see which areas you need improvement. In addition, when the time comes to take the real test, TS can help with the registration fee. Details will be provided at an upcoming TS meeting (see attached flyer) or see your advisor with questions.

Www.**actstudent**.org

WHERE TO FIND US...

What to find out more about Talent Search? What we do, which schools we serve, view pictures and find out about campus visits? Need links to helpful websites for filing your FAFSA, scholarship and college, searches, explore careers, and learn about financial aid? Check us out here!

Talent Search’s Website  
Www.**css.edu/ts.xml**
Upcoming Campus Visits

January 29 - Lincoln Park 8th grade to Hibbing Community College
February 4 - Lincoln Park 6th grade to University of Minnesota Duluth
February 5 - Lincoln Park 7th grade to UW - Superior
February 12 - Floodwood 7-9th to St. Scholastica & Fond du Lac
February 27 - Cromwell & McGregor 7-9th grade to CSS & FdL

Students will receive a permission slip in the mail or at school with trip times and details. As with all TS trips, there is no cost to students including lunch at each school. Students are excused for the trip that day but are required to make up/turn in any work that may be missed.

Additional permission slips are attached at the end of this newsletter.

DYK...the coldest temperature ever recorded in nature was -89.2 °C? This was recorded at the Soviet Vostok Station in Antarctica in July of 1983. Still think Minnesota winters are bad?
College Graduation is The Expectation

During the course of the year, Talent Search students spend time on goal setting. Students will discuss how to set goals as well as how to develop a plan to achieve those goals and what to do when barriers arise. Students, like these seniors from Flood-wood, posted and shared their academic, personal and career goals for each other and the rest of the student body.
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the primary application for need-based financial aid. Colleges use FAFSA results to allocate the majority of their financial aid. Many families with children in college do not file a FAFSA. Some believe they are not eligible for aid. Others think the form is just too complicated. But anyone who fills out the FAFSA can qualify for, at the very least, a federally insured low-cost loan. Not only did these families miss a good deal, but they potentially missed out on other valuable aid, such as Pell grants. **In a nutshell, unless you fill out and submit FAFSA, federal as well as non-federal financial aids will remain inaccessible for you.**

**Good Grades Pay Off**

Many students find themselves earning scholarships at the same time they are being accepted in the colleges and universities where they are applying. These scholarships are awarded based on class rank, GPA, and ACT scores and are usually renewable for all four years you attend that school. Here are some dollar amounts that some current Talent Search students have already been awarded each year for the next four years.

**The College of St. Scholastica $16,000**
**Concordia Moorhead $9,000**
**University of Kansas $10,000**
**University of Minnesota Duluth $3,000**
Alumni Spotlight—Michelle Hobbs

TS staff recently had the opportunity to catch up with former student Michelle Hobbs. Michelle is a 2010 graduate of Denfeld High School and is currently attending the University of Minnesota.

Michelle first visited the U of M during her 10th grade year and loved the feeling of the campus. She was drawn to the large campus and the opportunities to get involved. Her advice to help decide on a college would be to weigh your options and decide what is most important to you—classes offered, size, cost, location, etc. She suggests talking to people you may know at different colleges; they are a great resource to learn from.

“Choosing a college is a HUGE decision, but if you plan ahead and really look at all of your options, it is so fun, exciting, and rewarding”!

In high school she was involved student council, Stowe Reading Partners and Big Brothers & Sisters.

As a current Elementary Education major, she felt these activities made her well-prepared to work with youth as well as gain leadership positions in college.

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Michelle continues to be involved in college as well. She has been very active in Housing & Residential Life and Student Unions & Activities. “The supervisors and advisors I have met through these organizations have become my role models and they are so wonderful. I love that there are so many ways to get involved here, and everyone can find something they love to do, and somewhere they belong. I have had great opportunities, such as traveling and being in leadership positions, and I feel well-prepared for life after college. One of my favorite things about college is the number of amazing people I have met. From friends, professors, advisors, supervisors, and classmates, everyone is fun and unique, and I have met so many great people”.

Michelle also spent time in Buenos Aires, Argentina with a study abroad program. She spoke Spanish to communicate and enjoyed being in a huge city and experiencing a new way of life. She met friends that she is still in contact with and was able to take classes that transferred to her school. “I think Study Abroad is a wonderful experience. It is a great way to step out of your comfort zone, expand your knowledge, and become a more global citizen. There are also many scholarships available for study abroad. I would definitely recommend it”!

Five years from now, in a perfect world, she sees herself with her Master’s degree (she starts next fall) in Higher Education/Student Affairs and beginning a career field of Housing & Residential Life at a college in a warmer climate. Michelle says “I am really looking forward to a career of helping others develop, just like all of my advisors and supervisors have helped me”.
If you are planning to attend a 4-year public or private university/college, or are still unsure about your future, taking the ACT exam is crucial. Educational Talent Search is planning a practice test session for high school junior participants.

**Date:** Saturday, February 9, 2013

**Time:**
- 8:45 – 9:00 am Test Registration
- 9:00 – 1:30 Test

Lunch will be provided free of charge after the test

**Place:** The College of St. Scholastica (room TBD and will be sent to registered students)

**Bring:** Sharpened No. 2 pencils, calculator

**Parking:** Open parking

**RSVP:** Apply by January 28, 2013 as seating is limited. Please call 218-723-6186 or 800-447-5444, x6186 to reserve your place. If you get voice mail, leave a message with your name, school and phone number so that we may confirm your registration.

**Prohibited Calculators:**
- Texas Instruments: All model numbers that begin with TI-89 or TI-92
- Hewlett-Packard: hp 48G11 and model numbers that begin with hp 40G, hp 49G, hp 50 G
- Casio: Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300, and all model numbers that begin with CFX-9970G
- pocket organizers
- handheld or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices—The Sharp EL 9600 is permitted
- calculators built into cell phones or other electronic devices
- calculators with a typewriter keypad in QWERTY format
Talent Search Campus Visit
Lincoln Park Middle School 6th Grade

UNIVERSITY OF MN-DULUTH AND MARSHALL W. ALWORTH PLANETARIUM

Monday, February 4, 2013

Schedule:
9:00 AM - Depart Lincoln Park
9:20 AM - Planetarium
10:10 AM - Campus Tour
11:10 AM - Lunch (paid for by Talent Search)
12:20 PM - Return to Lincoln Park

Permission slips are due by
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013

QUESTIONS?? Call Talent Search at 218-723-5952

I, the undersigned, give permission for ________________________________ to attend the field trip to University of MN-Duluth on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013. I acknowledge and understand that the Educational Talent Search Program and the School District do not assume responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the stated activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature ________________________________ Date ___________
Talent Search Campus Visit
Lincoln Park Middle School 7th Grade

**University of Wisconsin-Superior**

**Tuesday, February 5, 2013**

Schedule:
- 9:40 AM - Depart Lincoln Park
- 10:00 AM - Tour UWS
- 11:00 AM - Lunch (paid for by Talent Search)
- 12:00 PM - Return to Lincoln Park

Permission slips are due by **Monday, January 28, 2013**

QUESTIONS?? Call Talent Search at 218-723-5952

I, the undersigned, give permission for

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to attend the field trip to UWS on **Tuesday, February 5, 2013**. I acknowledge and understand that the Educational Talent Search Program and the School District do not assume responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the stated activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature__________________________________Date___________

Return your permission slip to the Main Office by

**Monday, January 28, 2013.**
Talent Search Campus Visit
Lincoln Park Middle School 8th Grade

HIBBING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Schedule:
9:00 AM - Depart Lincoln Park
10:45 AM - Campus Tour
12:00 AM - Lunch (paid for by Talent Search)
2:15 PM - Return to Lincoln Park

(Students need a minimum 2.0 GPA to attend campus visits)

Permission slips are due by Monday, January 22, 2013

QUESTIONS?? Call Talent Search at 218-723-5952

I, the undersigned, give permission for_________________________ to attend the field trip to Hibbing Community College on Tuesday, January 29, 2013. I acknowledge and understand that the Educational Talent Search Program and the School District do not assume responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the stated activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature______________________________ Date____________

Return your permission slip to the Main Office by Monday, January 21, 2013.
Wednesday, February 27th, 2013

Schedule:
8:30 AM - Depart McGregor
10:00 AM - Arrive at CSS
11:00 AM - Lunch provided at CSS
12:30 PM - Arrive at FDLTCC
1:30 PM - Leave FDLTCC
2:30 PM Return to McGregor

Students need a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to attend campus visits

DUE: February 19, 2013

I, the undersigned, give permission for _____________________________

I acknowledge and understand that the Educational Talent Search Program and the School District do not assume responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the stated activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____________________________ Date __________

You can give your permission slip to your ETS advisor at your school, return it to the Talent Search mailbox in the main office, or mail to:

The College of St. Scholastica - Talent Search
1200 Kenwood Avenue
Duluth, MN 55811

Call with questions: 218 723 6186 (McGregor)
College of St Scholastica & Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

Wednesday, February 27th, 2013

Schedule:
9:00 AM – Depart Cromwell
10:00 AM – Arrive at CSS
11:00 AM – Lunch provided at CSS
12:30 PM – Arrive at FDLTCC
1:30 PM – Leave FDLTCC
2:00 PM Return to Cromwell

Students need a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to attend campus visits

DUE: February 19, 2013

I, the undersigned, give permission for ________________________________

to attend the field trip to CSS & FDLTCC on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. I acknowledge and understand that the Educational Talent Search Program and the School District do not assume responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the stated activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Date __________

You can give your permission slip to your ETS advisor at your school, return it to the Talent Search mailbox in the main office, or mail to:

The College of St. Scholastica - Talent Search
1200 Kenwood Avenue
Duluth, MN 55811

Call with questions: 218 723 6186  (Cromwell)
College of St. Scholastica & Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College

Tuesday, February 12th, 2013

Schedule:
8:50 AM—Depart Floodwood
10:00 AM—Arrive at CSS
11:00 AM—Lunch provided at CSS
12:30 PM—Arrive at FDLTCC
1:30 PM—Leave FDLTCC
2:15 PM Return to Floodwood

Students need a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to attend campus visits

DUE: February 4, 2013

I, the undersigned, give permission for ____________________________

to attend the field trip to CSS & FDLTCC on Tuesday, February 12, 2013. I acknowledge and understand that the Educational Talent Search Program and the School District do not assume responsibility for any accidents or injuries that may occur during the stated activities.

Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

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The College of St. Scholastica - Talent Search
1200 Kenwood Avenue
Duluth, MN 55811

Call with questions: 218 723 6186 (Floodwood)