

New Way Senior Newsletter

January 13, 2016

TRANSITION MEETINGS

As we begin the start of this new semester, the Transition Team would like to meet with each family to discuss post-graduation plans including living arrangements, careers, and educational opportunities. This is a great time for us to set goals and ensure students are on track to achieve their highest potential.

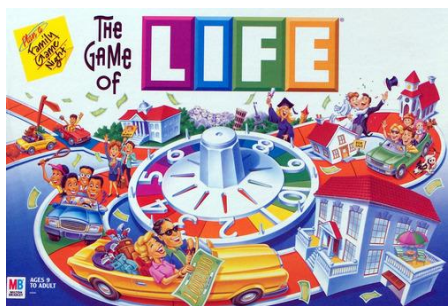
Mrs. Keathley's homeroom families can sign up for a meeting [here](#). Mrs. Morgan's homeroom families can sign up for a meeting [here](#).

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES

New Way's CORE Seniors are prepped and ready to begin their community college courses on Tuesday. Students have successfully completed the enrollment process, requested accommodations, and purchased classroom materials. Students enrolled in CPD150 will travel to Paradise Valley Community College on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students enrolled in Rio Salado courses will dedicate their Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to completing online coursework. Both groups will have structured worktime on Friday. We look forward to supporting our students as they flourish in the post-secondary setting this semester.

GAME OF LIFE

On Mondays and Wednesdays when students are not completing community college work, we will continue our Game of Life lessons on financial literacy. Mrs. Keathley's CORE students have developed a strong understanding of paycheck vocabulary, budgeting tools and fixed versus variable expenses. Next week, students will learn about credit and debit cards. Mrs. Morgan's CORE group will begin this curriculum in the coming weeks after adjusting to their CPD150 course load.



TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

New Way has partnered with an online resource, [Parchment](#), to facilitate transcript requests. As of this week, seniors' first semester grades have been updated and uploaded to Parchment. As you complete post-secondary and professional applications, this online tool is the only way to request official transcripts. Should you have any questions or concerns, here is a video [tutorial](#).

SENIOR PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL TESTING

Marilyn Michie has been in touch with students and families (who have not yet completed testing) about scheduling senior testing. We recommend that all students complete psychoeducational testing on adult scales before graduating from high school. This ensures that students will meet all documentation guidelines on the post-secondary level. Please contact michie@newwayacademy.org with any questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

As a requirement for graduation, students need to complete 40 hours of community service. Students have a log at the front of their daily planner to record their hours and are encouraged to complete 10 hours each quarter. These hours provide an opportunity for students to practice their professional skills in the community while exploring areas of interest. Students are encouraged to have at least 20 hours completed.

FINANCIAL AID

Families do not need to wait for 2016 tax information to complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#). The application is open now and you are able to use 2015 tax documentation! We recommend that students complete scholarship applications as soon as possible as it will help determine what federal aid they qualify for. Thus, allowing for more time to make informed financial decisions before enrolling in a post-secondary program. [College Goal Arizona](#) will host workshops in the greater Phoenix area; and [here](#) is another great resource for filling out the FAFSA.

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 16 | Martin Luther King Holiday – No School
February 9-10 | Parent/Teacher Conferences – Noon Dismissal
February 15-17 | Trip to [Pali Institute](#)
February 20 | Presidents' Day Holiday – No School
February 22 | Transition Workshop: Guardianship, Trusts & SSI
March 13-17 | Spring Break
March 29 | Transition Workshop: Independent Living Experience
April 14 | April Recess – No School
April 12 | Transition Workshop: Post-Secondary Accommodations
May 13 | Senior Dinner
May 17 | Senior Field Day
May 25 | Graduation