Good Afternoon Seniors & Parents/Guardians of Seniors

My name is Ms. Alice Crupi. I am the scholarship coordinator for Newburyport High School. I am also the Administrative Assistant to Principal Andy Wulf. I have been at NHS since February of 2020.

You will receive many, many emails from me in regard to scholarship information with instructions for Naviance, reminders, and advice. I will always put in the subject line "IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION" on any email I send regarding scholarships. Although many emails will be sent, I have been told in the past by the seniors as well as parents, that my emails kept them on their toes and helped them along the way and if it wasn't for my reminders, many seniors would have missed some deadlines or not received the scholarships they did.

Always feel free to send me an email or call with any questions during this process and students feel free to also stop by my desk with any questions or if you need help in Naviance. You will find once you get started it is not as intimidating as it first appears. Applying for scholarships may be time consuming, but overall is a very simple process. The best advice I can give at this time and will say 1000 times before the end of the scholarship season is:

## "ALWAYS FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION YOU ARE WORKING ON-THEY ARE ALL DIFFERENT AND DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINE"

I have contacted all of our local scholarship sponsors (well over 85!!) in regards to renewing & updating their scholarships for this year and as each one gets back to me, I am updating the information and activating it in Naviance. <u>So you can begin applying now!</u>

As I get information on National and Regional Scholarship opportunities I activate them in Naviance and I will email you the information home as well as put the flier on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Library doors. Keep looking on Naviance for updates.

Although it is your responsibility to keep up with deadlines, once a week I will try to send a reminder email to you with the list of the next week's local scholarships that have upcoming due dates. The scholarships in Naviance that are active are listed by due date. Once the due date expires, the system will automatically deactivate that scholarship and you will no longer be able to view them. Once the Annual Local Scholarship Booklet is complete, it will be emailed to you in a PDF format around <u>the beginning of March</u>. The booklet will also be available in Naviance and in the scholarship section on the high school website at that time. I will send an email notifying you of when that is available, but it will not happen until the <u>beginning of March for the Local Scholarships</u>. But again, Naviance is being updated daily with those scholarships to view and apply to now.

I have attached a sheet with detailed information and instructions on the scholarship process that you should hold on to and reference as you need it. It will come in handy throughout the scholarship season. I have also attached a PowerPoint with a shortened version of instructions.

I also attached the "External Scholarship Application" which is a generic application that many of the sponsors prefer to use. This is also available to download in Naviance and will be put on the website as well. Information on this external app is located on the attached information & instruction sheet.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or input you may have.

Warmly,

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