



## Wolfpack College and Career Readiness November/December 2018

Welcome to the TAF@Saghalie CCR Newsletter! This is a monthly list of upcoming opportunities concerning College and Career Readiness (CCR). CCR is a pillar of TAF's #STEMbyTAF model, and we are here to support ALL TAF@Saghalie Wolves on their journey to college and career success!

### Upcoming CCR Events:

- December 5 is **STEM Industry Day**. During the school day, TAF@Saghalie will have lots of special guests: STEM Industry professionals from around the Puget Sound area. They will be here to help you and your team develop a great STEM Expo project idea that keeps up with the latest STEM research and trends.
- Coming soon in December: **STEM Exploration Night** with the **Museum of Flight**, for grades 6-8. Check upcoming communications from TAF@Saghalie for the exact date.
- March 16 is the **STEM Expo at TAF@Saghalie**. All students will participate. Kickstart your STEM career dreams with a creative STEM Expo project!

### CCR Calendar: November/December is a time to...

- **6th and 7th grade:** Get involved in an after-school or extracurricular activity. This helps you explore your interests, make connections, and have unique experiences that will, believe it or not, help you prepare for college and career planning activities in your future. It's not too late to join some clubs! For example, the Multicultural Club is looking for new members--see Ms. Joaquin in the Media Center (Library) for more information. Talk to Ms. Nila or Ms. Mikler if you need help finding a club or activity for you.

- **8th grade:** Practice your time management and planning skills. Do you use your TAF@Saghalie Wolves Planner? Or maybe you prefer using Google Calendar, or your phone's calendar app? Whatever tool you use, getting in the habit now of keeping track of due dates, appointments, to-do lists, and school events will help you a ton in the future!
- **9th and 10th grade:** Get to know your CCR support team! If you haven't already, introduce yourself to Ms. Benitez, Ms. Sarah, and Coach J. We are here to help you make your dreams come true! Who else could be on your CCR support team? Your parents/guardians! Talk to your family about your college and career dreams, so that they know what you want to do, and how they can support you. For parents/guardians, it is never too early to start planning financially for college. Families are welcome to meet with Ms. Sarah to talk about paying for college.
- **11th grade:** Start thinking about your STEM Expo project idea and doing preliminary research, even if your teachers haven't assigned it yet. Your junior year Expo project is an excellent achievement to brag about in your college applications next year, so make this year's project a great one! In December, visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to view your PSAT scores. Use your PSAT report to help you create a study plan to prepare for the SAT, which you will take at school in March.
- **12th grade:** Turn in your college applications. Put the finishing touches on your application essay, request official transcripts (and counselor's reports) from Ms. Benitez, request letters of recommendation from teachers and mentors, and complete the online application forms. Complete your FAFSA/WASFA. Apply to scholarships. Meet with Ms. Sarah to go over your college application checklist. Stay up to date on all your Senior Project assignments.

## Other CCR Opportunities and Deadlines

### *Multiple Grades/Ages:*

- November 27: **Young Innovators to Watch** contest for ages 13-19. Take your amazing STEM idea--you could win a tech scholarship and a free trip to the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas! <https://younginnovatorstowatch.com/>
- December 31: **Your Gift to the World Scholarship** for ages 13+. <https://www.cirkledin.com/scholarships/>
- Want to learn how to make a movie? **The Northwest Film Forum in Seattle has three one-day workshops for youth coming soon in Seattle**, for ages 14-18. The workshops will explore editing trailers, digital animation, and

documentary storytelling, with an emphasis on film editing software and techniques. These workshops cost \$45-\$90, but full scholarships are available so you can go for free! Go to <https://nwfilmforum.org/youth/youth-filmmaking-programs-workshops/> for more information.

#### *Middle School Only:*

- November 30: **Michael P. Anderson Memorial Aerospace Program** at the Museum of Flight, for grades 6-8. Learn about space exploration and the science of flight! This special online learning program is FREE. <http://www.museumofflight.org/Education/Explore-programs/memorial-program>
- 7th & 8th grade: Sign up NOW for the **Washington College Bound Scholarship**, and you could get money for college when you graduate high school! Talk to your counselor, Ms. Robinson or Ms. Benitez, to find out if you are eligible.

#### *High School Only:*

- November 20: **Federal Way City Council Emerging Leaders** mentorship program, for grades 11-12. Get involved in politics! See Ms. Benitez for more information. <https://www.cityoffederalway.com/page/city-council>
- December 1: **Youth Forward Scholarship** for grades 10-12. \$500. Write an essay on the topic of volunteerism <https://www.dmvedu.org/scholarship/>
- December 14 (but you should apply early): AXA Achievement Scholarship for grade 12, up to \$25,000. <https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/>
- January 1: **THINK Scholars Program** for high school students. Win a scholarship and an all-expenses paid trip to MIT! <https://think.mit.edu/>
- February 1 (but get started on your application now): **Bank of America Student Leaders Program** for grades 11-12. Win an 8-week paid summer internship and learn valuable professional skills! <https://about.bankofamerica.com/en-us/what-guides-us/student-leaders.html>
- Juniors/Seniors: The **Microsoft Summer High School Internship** opens in January! Read all about it now, to prepare for your application: <https://careers.microsoft.com/us/en/ushighschoolprogram>

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*Note: Coach J. will be on maternity leave until December 13. If you need support with career readiness during this time, talk to Ms. Sarah or Ms. Benitez.*