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Dear Junior and Senior Families,

We invite you to attend our Financial Aid Information Night on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the IHS Auditorium** to learn about the financial aid process and how to prepare for your student's education after high school, including college, trade school, or other post-secondary programs.

Michelle Work from PHEAA will provide information and answer questions about:

- Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Financial aid deadlines and requirements
- Grants, scholarships, work-study, and student loans
- Understanding financial aid offers
- Common FAFSA mistakes
- Preparing for the college application and financial aid process

The evening will include a question-and-answer session. There will also be an optional FAFSA completion session for families who would like assistance completing the FAFSA.

Important FAFSA Requirement for the Class of 2027

Beginning with the Class of 2027, **Pennsylvania high school seniors must complete one of the following before graduating:**

Option 1**:** Complete the FAFSA **OR**
Option 2: Submit a Pennsylvania FAFSA Completion Opt-Out

If Your Student Plans to Attend College, Trade School, or Another Post-Secondary Program, we encourage your family to complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.Completing the FAFSA does not require your student to attend college or accept financial aid. Completing the FAFSA simply allows your student to be considered for financial aid for which they may qualify.

If Your Student Does Not Plan to Pursue Post-Secondary Education

If your student does not plan to attend college, trade school, or another post-secondary program, you may complete the Pennsylvania FAFSA Completion Opt-Out.

Please note:

- No reason is required to opt out.
- You may change your mind and complete the FAFSA at any time.
- Complete the Pennsylvania FAFSA Completion Opt-Out form and email it to kdrahushak@iroquoissd.org
- Paper copies are also available in the Counseling Office.

If your student plans to complete the FAFSA, please disregard the opt-out form.

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Before Financial Aid Night: Create Your FSA Account

If you plan to complete the FAFSA, we strongly encourage **both the student and parent** to create their Federal Student Aid (FSA) accounts before attending the event.

Creating these accounts in advance will save time and allow families to focus on completing the FAFSA during the optional completion session.

Visit *www.StudentAid.gov.* to create or access your account.

Important: If you already have an FSA ID/account, do not create a new account. Use your existing account.

If You Plan to Complete the FAFSA at Financial Aid Night

If you plan to complete the FAFSA during the optional FAFSA completion session, please make sure you have access to the following information, if applicable:

- Student and parent Social Security numbers
- Student driver's license
- 2025 federal tax returns and W-2 forms
- Records of untaxed income
- Current bank account balances
- Investment information
- Business or farm information
- Household information

Having this information available will help your family complete the FAFSA more efficiently.

Questions or Need Assistance?

If you have questions about the FAFSA, the Pennsylvania FAFSA completion requirement, the opt-out form, or the financial aid process, please contact the Senior High Counseling Office.

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