

## **2007-2008 SENIOR (and Junior) NEWS (#4) -- Jan. 7, 2008**

**FINANCIAL AID NOTE TO PARENTS:** Complete your 2007 tax returns as early as possible after January 1 and complete the FAFSA online. Federal Grant money is limited and on a first come first serve basis; therefore, complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.

**MAKING IT COUNT PRESENTATION:** A speaker will be at FCHS on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 10am-11am to speak with seniors and juniors about college searches.

**FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP:** On January 24<sup>th</sup>, a representative from the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation will be at FCHS at 6:30pm to provide an hour long tutorial and information session about financial aid. Students and parents of all grade levels are urged to attend. Ms. Cowart will be offering extra credit to her students if they attend. Please contact Ms. Key for further details and information.

**COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY:** Application deadline is January 31, 2008. Please see Ms. Key for an application and application fee waivers.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES:** The Ronald McDonald House offers four scholarship programs for graduating seniors. Please visit [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org) or see Ms. Key for an application. Application deadline is February 15, 2008.

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** SCDOT offers a \$1000 and \$500 scholarships to seniors who meet the following eligibility requirements: Students must be a high school senior; must be a son, daughter, ward, or grandchild of a current Adopt-A-Highway volunteer; or be a volunteer themselves; have at least a 2.5 GPA; attend a two-year or four-year college in the state of South Carolina; and submit a 500 word essay entitled "The Benefits of the Adopt-A-Highway Program to South Carolina and the Environment". Visit <http://www.scdot.org/community/adoptahighway.shtml> or see Ms. Key for an application. Application and essay deadline is March 1, 2008.

**EDGEFIELD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT:** 12<sup>TH</sup> grade students in Edgefield County are eligible to participate in an essay competition. The award for the best essay is a ONE TIME ONLY \$500 scholarship to any higher education institution of their choice. Essay length must not be less than 500 words nor more than 1000 words, double spaced typed on one side only, minimum font size of 12. The topic of the essay is "Edgefield County Endangered Species – Fighting for a Future". Name and school of the competitor must be clearly delineated on a separate page. Submit essay by March 31, 2008 to:

**Edgefield Conservation District  
ATT: KELLEY HYLER  
304 Gray Street  
Edgefield, SC 29824**