

SAMPLE 9th GRADE FAMILY LETTER

Suggested materials to accompany letter: event flyer and College Knowledge handouts, “All About FAFSA” and “All About WASFA”

<<INSERT SCHOOL LOGO>>

<<INSERT SCHOOL ADDRESS>>

<<INSERT Date>>

We are excited to welcome you to <<HIGH SCHOOL>>!

Throughout the next four years, students will learn about academic and career options after high school. While education after high school costs money, financial aid is available and we will help your family access those resources. Applying for financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is free and gives you access to pay for technical, 2-year and 4-year colleges.

To receive financial aid, students must complete either the FAFSA or WASFA every year starting October of their senior year, with your help. Some important things to know about financial aid:

- Paying for college should not stop your student from pursuing a college education.
- Parents will need to provide their income information on the financial aid application.
- Financial aid includes grants, loans, work study and scholarships.
- No matter your income, it’s important to apply for financial aid because not all financial aid is based on financial need. Some colleges offer scholarships based on grades, test scores, talents and skills and may require the FAFSA or WASFA for scholarship consideration.

We are looking forward to answering all your questions and sharing more information and resources at our upcoming <<INSERT EVENT TITLE>>.

Thank you,
<<INSERT YOUR NAME>>
<<INSERT YOUR TITLE>>
<<INSERT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION>>