

**Independent Study Newsletter**

**February 2018**

“Be sure to put your feet in the right place, then stand firm”

Abraham Lincoln

**Save the Date**

1/17-4/28: Columbia College Guide 1 Course

2/1-3/1: Open Enrollment

2/12: Lincoln’s Birthday

2/19: President’s Day

3/1: Open House

3/2: Technology Class Cancelled

3/15: Graduation Forms Due

**Open Enrollment**

The first round of enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year began on Thursday, February 1st, 2018 and will close on March 1st, 2018. All students, including returning students, must submit a completed application in order to be enrolled.

The application process has two parts to complete. Part one can be found on the school website (goldrushcs.org) or at any of the site offices. Part two can be obtained from a site office upon submission of part one. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook for more information on enrollment protocols.

**Open House**

The Independent Study Open House will be held on Thursday, March 1st from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Please join us to see what happened throughout the year, and what is to come! Applications for enrollment will be available.

Invite your friends, family, and especially those who may be curious about Gold Rush Charter School!

**A free BBQ dinner will be provided.**

**Grad Night Payment**

The Grad Night Senior Trip to Disneyland will take place on May 23, 2018. The next payment for the trip is to be turned into your site office by February 15th.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 532-0083.

**Guide 1 Course on February 12th**

The Columbia College Guide 1 Course will be held on February 12th even though it is an observed holiday for Gold Rush. Please note that Gold Rush students who are enrolled in the class will be expected to attend.

**Adventist Health Sonora Volunteers Scholarship**

Adventist Health Sonora Volunteers will be offering scholarships to graduating seniors who will be preparing to work in a medically related field. Scholarships will be rewarded in the amount of $500.

To apply, please contact Jennifer Warren in the College and Career Readiness Center at 533-8644 ext. 218.

**Technology Class Cancelled**

The Independent Study Technology Classes will be cancelled on Friday, March 2nd.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**

**2018 Scholarship Program**

Attention seniors: If you are the child or grandchild of a veteran and plan on attending college or a trade school in 2018, you are eligible to apply for the Vietnam Veterans of America 2018 Scholarship Program.

To apply for this scholarship go to <http://www.vietnamveterans391.org/?p=2127> and submit your application by March 31st, 2018.

If you need assistance in the application process, please contact Jennifer Warren in the College and Career Readiness Center at 533-8644 ext. 218.

**Student Speakers Contest**

The 81st Annual Student Speakers Contest Sponsored by the Sonora Lions Club will be held on February 14, 2018.  Participating students are to write their own speech on the topic, "Integrity and Civility Play What Role in Today's Society?" The speech length must be a minimum of 5 minutes and no longer than 10 minutes.   Scholarships ranging from $4,500 to $21,000 will be given to winning contestants.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Warren in the College and Career Readiness Center at 533-8644 ext. 218.

**High School Graduation Forms**

A cap and gown order form was sent home with all 8th grade students and seniors. Please fill out the form and return it to the Independent Study Office with your payment by March 15th, to receive the $5 early bird special.

Don’t forget to turn in 2-3 photos for the slide show at graduation by April 5, 2018. We need one childhood photo and one current photo. All pictures must be clearly labeled with the student’s name and a phone number. Submit them to the office in an envelope. You may also email your pictures to gradpics@goldrushcs.org. Please include the name of the student and grade in the subject line.