

# FAFSA DAY

On October 20th St. Bernard-Elmwood Place High School and Clare Bunning from Xavier University's Bursar office are teaming up to offer assistance with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form, also known as the FAFSA. We will begin with a brief presentation about the FAFSA in the auditorium at 8:20am. We will then have small group sessions proceeding allowing students to begin the FAFSA process. *See the backside for the session agenda.*

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend this event with their son/daughter but parent attendance **is not** mandatory. The meetings will take place in room 410. Students are divided into four different sessions to complete the FAFSA.

The most important thing to do before completing the FAFSA is to gather the information the government will ask for: information about you and about your financial situation. Here is an easy checklist of the information or documents you might need as you fill out the FAFSA: (Bring the following items with you on October 20th.)

- Your Social Security number (it's important that you enter it correctly on the FAFSA!)
- Your parents' Social Security numbers.
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- 2016 Federal tax information or tax returns including W-2 information for you and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- 2016 records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veteran's non-education benefits, for you, and for you parents if you are a dependent student.
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate but not including the home in which you live; and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student.
- Students are also permitted to bring their cell phones to the computer lab in case the students need to contact their parents with specific questions.

During the workshop we will be creating your FSA ID and completing the FAFSA, if you have the appropriate information. In case you are unable to attend the meeting here are the 2 steps:

## 1. Create your FSA ID

Before you complete your FAFSA, create a FSA ID that consists of a unique username and password. You will use this ID to electronically sign and verify your information, and to access your FAFSA information later. To get your FSA ID, visit [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). You will need your name, date of birth, SS number and address to create your ID. You will also provide answers to 5 challenge questions for added security. **DON'T LOSE YOUR ID AND PASSWORD! IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP AS YOU USE IT EVERY YEAR YOU FILL OUT THE FAFSA!!!!** Parents will require their own FSA ID to electronically sign and verify your information.

## 2. Complete the FAFSA

The easiest, most efficient way to complete the FAFSA is online at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). This is the ONLY reliable site where you can complete your FAFSA online. You can also find lots of helpful information on how to complete the FAFSA on this site.