

Dear Parents:

**Important Dates:**

**Dec 25- Jan 1- Winter Break- - No school for students**

**January 8 & 9- PSAT Returns during class day**

**January 15- Student Holiday- MLK Birthday- No school**

**January 25 & 26- Teacher workday- No school for students**

**January 31- Parent/Student PSAT program- 7:00 pm Cafeteria**

**SOL TESTING-** Certain students will be taking SOL exams between January 5 and 12. These are either students who need to retake exams or transfer students who are taking exams for the first time for courses completed elsewhere. Earlier in the week students were given a personal schedule of when and where each exam will be given. If you have any questions about the exams, please contact your child's guidance counselor or Karen Peterson, the school's assessment coach (703-913-3812 or [karen.peterson@fcps.edu](mailto:karen.peterson@fcps.edu)).

**Seniors & their Parents** should be preparing to file for federal student financial aid as soon as possible after January 1. The 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning January 2. Prior to that, seniors and at least one parent should apply for a PIN to be able to sign the online FAFSA electronically. This can be done at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). A FAFSA on the Web Worksheet is available now at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to assist families in gathering the necessary information to file the actual form in January. Remember, it is better to file a FAFSA early using estimated numbers and then modify it later than to wait for tax forms to be filed.

**Happy Holidays!**