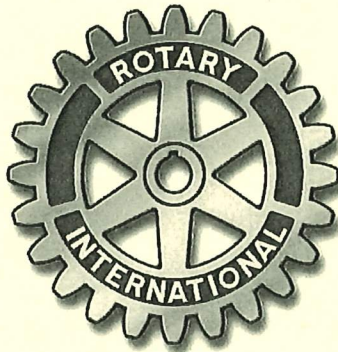


The Rotary Club of Faribault



August 21, 2023

Dear Parents of Seniors!

As your child enters this significant year, you are no doubt excited and apprehensive about your child's future. The Rotary Club of Faribault joins you in a commitment to build up and strengthen your child and the youth of our community. Rotary's STRIVE program, designed for high school seniors, offers students an unparalleled opportunity for building relationships with solid community leaders, equipping young people with skills seldom taught in school settings, and the potential to earn scholarship money for post-high school education and assistance in beginning a career in one of the trades. Participation in the program will be a great addition on any resume, college entrance application, or job application.

The opportunity is spelled out in the enclosed sheet entitled, "Rotary's STRIVE Program" along with instructions for how your son or daughter can register. Do this today as the program begins in two short weeks.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Ciesluk". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Ciesluk, STRIVE Coordinator

Rotary's STRIVE Program 2023-24

What is it?

The Rotary Club of Faribault is committed to serving the youth of our community. One way that we do this is through the **STRIVE** program. STRIVE is an inspirational and practical program that puts members of our community in touch with high school seniors to mentor and prepare them for greater success in life, work, and relationships.

We do this coordinating 8 monthly 40-minute power-packed and interactive sessions of practical instruction on important topics, not typically covered in traditional school curriculum. Check out an introductory video about STRIVE at www.youtube.com/watch?v=khGSh1_EAJM

What are some of the topics covered in the STRIVE curriculum?

- Improving Mental Health
- Resources through Health Finders
- Making Wise Choices
- Civics
- Money Management
- Virtues to Live By
- Importance of Education
- Time Management
- Workplace Safety and Worker's Rights
- Developing Your Entrepreneurial Potential

Where and when do these STRIVE sessions take place?

Sessions take place on Wednesdays at 7-7:40 am at South Central College on September 13, September 27, October 11, 25, November 8, December 13, January 10, 24, and February 7. A continental breakfast is made available. Attendance at a session and the completion of a brief post session feedback form constitutes completion of that session. Students who complete 6 sessions are eligible for awards for completion and scholarships awarded at the STRIVE Banquet in March. Last school year, STRIVE Scholars were awarded \$16,000 in scholarships.

Is STRIVE only for high academic performers?

No. Don't think for a moment that STRIVE is only for those who excel in academic settings and are bound for four-year college. STRIVE was originally designed to engage students to take a renewed interest in education. Toward that end, STRIVE students who demonstrate a renewed interest in education and raise their academic performance over the STRIVE year are eligible for special scholarships and recognition.

In addition, STRIVE also recognizes students who seek employment in a trade after graduation and offers grants for these students for start up expenses as an apprentice in a trade.

Who is eligible to participate?

High school seniors at Faribault High School, Bethlehem Academy, the Community Learning Center or Faribault residents attending Shattuck- St. Mary's are eligible to enroll.

Scholarships

Those who complete the STRIVE Program are eligible to apply for a scholarship through the completion of two essays completed by a deadline on February 7. Scholarships are announced and awarded at a STRIVE Banquet in March.

How does my child register for STRIVE?

It is simple. *To register online for Rotary's STRIVE Program 2023-24, go to portal.clubrunner.ca/7871.* Click on STRIVE Registration and fill out the simple form. Friendly reminders through email and text will be sent about upcoming sessions, requirements, and deadlines.