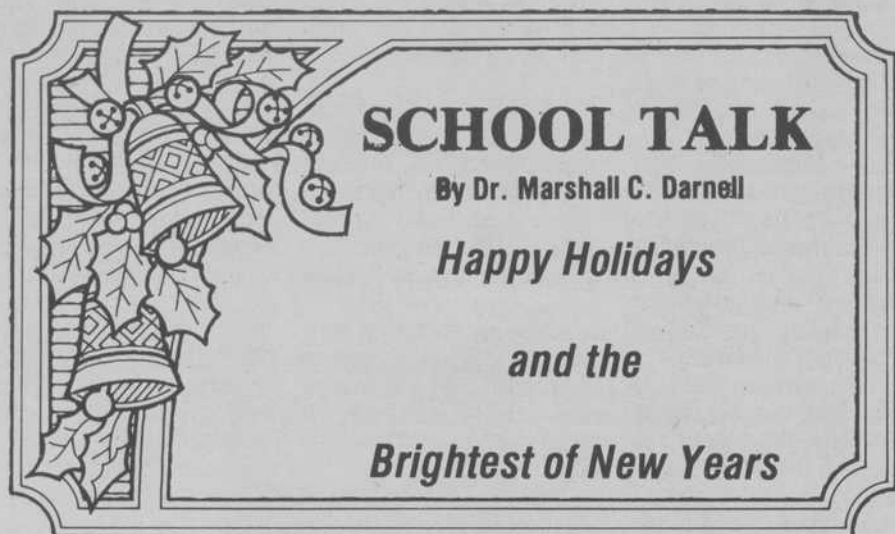


Education



SCHOOL TALK

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Happy Holidays

and the

Brightest of New Years

LV High School Chapter of SADD Presents Second Annual Holiday Display

The Las Vegas High School Chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) will present their second annual holiday display on the corner of 7th and Bridger, December 16 through January 4.

Their holiday display consists of tombstones, which are a reminder of this year's 114 confirmed alcohol-related deaths as of December 6.

The students at Las Vegas

High School involved in SADD are encouraging the public to be alert to the increased dangers of drinking and driving due to holiday celebrations.

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THREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LESS THAN STRAIGHT-A STUDENTS

It is unfortunate so many high school students do not give thought to their career futures until late in their senior year. Yet many do become motivated to continue their education at the last minute when they suddenly become aware of their friends' excitement with educational continuation plans. If their own life-long buddies are "doing it," the possibility for themselves comes as a sudden, real awakening. Sometimes winning a scholarship in advance of its use will also make a student stop to give serious consideration to his future. But last minute preparation is almost impossible. Parents must look ahead for their children.

Thousands of scholarships, from \$100 to \$4,000 are awarded every year. A majority are awarded through the National Merit Scholarship program. These are given only to high school seniors — based on testing done ONLY in October of the JUNIOR year. This is long, long before a student may be serious about college or vocational training. It is up to parents to make sure their children take that test, a full year and a half before time to make final career decisions.

However, there are also independent scholarships that are not awarded for high test scores or high grades. These are the kinds of awards that high school counselors generally do not know about and their students never hear of. These types are won for student essays or for parents' past or present employment. Here are three such scholarship opportunities:

OCEAN VOYAGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Every year about 20 ship voyages plus about ten savings bonds (\$100 and \$500) are donated by American steamship and towboat companies to high school seniors who write winning essays on various topics relating to the American Merchant Marine. The voyages vary. Long ones cruise from New York to Australia, to South and East Africa, and to the Mediterranean and Pacific. Short voyages include those to Hawaii or the Caribbean, or on the Great Lakes or U.S. rivers.

Students write 1500-word essays, submit them to their teachers or principal for screening, and schools submit the best essays to the closest chapter ("Student Port") of the Propeller Club of the United States. On the West Coast, the Student Ports are located in Tacoma, WA and San Diego, CA. It is helpful for essayists to join the Student Port chosen to become familiar with and receive data about the Merchant Marine. Student membership is free. Winners are announced on May 22nd, National Maritime Day. High school students should write at once for membership application in the Student Port of their choice, and for essay contest information to: The Propeller Club of the United States, Headquarters, 1030 15th St. N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D.C. 20005, or phone (202) 898-0680.

The Propeller Clubs also give cash awards to undergraduate college students majoring in naval architecture, marine engineering, foreign trade, transportation and related subjects. First prize is \$1,000; 2nd prize \$750, and 3rd prize \$500. Competition is keen and many winners attend one of the four Maritime Academies in the United States—but not all. The college essay contest is open to all college students studying selected fields, but college students are required to be active members of a Student Port (dues are also waived). Rules and information are available from the same source.

MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS

Any student whose parent served honorably in the U.S. Marines may be eligible for a \$750 scholarship from the Marines' Scholarship Foundation. Other qualifications are be a high school senior, or high school graduate, or registered undergraduate student in an accredited college or post-high school vocational or technical institution.

Financial need is met if total family income (including both parents, even if divorced) does not exceed \$28,000 in 1986 (for 1988-89 school year award).

DEADLINE: FEB. 1, 1988.
Write immediately for ap-

plication to Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc., James Forrestal Campus, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, NJ 08543. All material must be submitted at one time, before February, except the part that the school must send, and that is due before February, also.

Besides a completed application, applicants must furnish: a black and white full-face, above-waist photo about 2x4 inches; Selective Service Registration statement; scholastic record; proof of parent's Marine Corps duty; and either a copy of both parents' 1986 Federal Tax Return including all schedules, or an FAF to College Scholarship Service. The Foundation's FAF code is 0621.

K-MART EMPLOYEE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIPS

Employees who work as little as 20 hours a week for at least one year at KMart are entitled to their dependents' application for a KMart scholarship. KMart offers many fringe benefits to employees, including the scholarship opportunity, and fully trains new employees in this retail trade. This is one way a college-determined parent can open up another education funding source for children. The full or part-time employment can be undertaken for needed income or as extra money for the family college fund, with the possible winning of a KMart scholarship, too. Details available at the personnel department of every KMart store.

