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Dear **Cardinal** Staff and Families,

Last week was filled with gratitude and thanks, and, since you can never have enough or show enough of it, I would like to invite you to learn more about **Giving Tuesday** <https://www.givingtuesday.org/>.

Supporting others can be accomplished in many ways. Giving of your **time and talents** is a way to support our community. As a district, we continue to provide actionable ways to improve literacy. At the **IDEAthon** and during our **SIAC** meeting, teams made up of students, staff, administrators, as well as board and community members analyzed our data and collectively engaged in processes to generate ways our entire community might be involved in improving literacy.

- Prior to the holiday break, many of our high school students went to the **PK-6 building to read with and to our youngest Cardinals**. Mentoring and modeling reading are key steps our students took to help us reach our goals.

This week, students, teachers, administrators, board and community members are all invited to an event sponsored at the **Clarinda Carnegie Museum**. Each **Thursday, from 6:00-9:00 pm**, all students wishing to read with others are welcome to attend! Please, find more information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ClarindaCarnegieArtMuseum/photos/a.1878738159035757/3016567625252799/>.

Thank you for considering sharing your time and talents at one of these events.

- On December 15th, our SIAC team will engage in next steps conversations and actions regarding literacy growth in Clarinda.

To follow past newsletters, "*just the facts*" can be found below:

- Before each year of college and before applying for federal grants, work-study, and loans, the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)** form is required to be filled out by students/families. 2- and 4- year colleges use your FAFSA data to determine your federal aid eligibility. Many states and colleges also use FAFSA data to award their own aid. Please, see the **attached information** regarding how **seniors and families** can get support from expert advisors regarding the FAFSA.

Enjoy the day!

Sincerely,

Chris



FAFSA STEP BY STEP

Interactive session will guide students and families through each question on the FAFSA form, helping to complete the form and access financial aid for college. Parents will be able to ask questions and engage panelists.

Register Today!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:30 PM



FAFSA Step by Step

Perfect for seniors and parents

Wednesday, December 1 at 5 pm - Tune in on the [ICAN Facebook page](#) or [REGISTER](#)

Join ICAN for this interactive session and complete your FAFSA form. ICAN advisors will walk through how to complete the FAFSA form step-by-step, and answer questions along the way. From student dependency status to which parent is reported on the FAFSA, we'll cover all the tricky questions about income and assets, explain how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, and cover next steps once the FAFSA form is submitted.

A recording of the event will be available at www.facebook.com/ICANSucceed/videos following the live broadcast.