Dear Students and Parents,

I know that many of you have concerns about how to make a college education more affordable. Through a new program called RaiseMe, students can guarantee scholarships from 250+ colleges as early as 9th grade, making it easier to plan financially for school. RaiseMe has proven to be a great tool to motivate students in high schools throughout the U.S.

As an example:

- Get an A in a course (\$100 \$1,000)
- Get a B in a course (\$50-\$600)
- Participate in a school club or sport (\$25 \$250)
- And much more!

Our school is among the first in the country to take advantage of this opportunity, which was launched with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges. Here are a couple of easy ways to support your students in using this unique tool:

- 1) Ensure that your student creates an account at www.raise.me.
- 2) Encourage your student to regularly add good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her RaiseMe Portfolio to earn micro-scholarships from colleges.
- 3) Visit www.raise.me/parents for more information.

We hope using RaiseMe will make your student's path to college both more fun and affordable. If you have questions, I encourage you to contact our Counseling Office or send an email to support@raise.me.

Sincerely, *Laura Moeller* 

School Counselor