



Blacklick Valley School District

BLACKLICK VALLEY JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Through a new program called raise.me, your student can automatically earn scholarships from colleges each time he or she achieves any of the following goals in school:

- 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 is funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges.

Here is how you can best support your student to get the most from this opportunity:

- 1) Ensure that your student creates an account at www.raise.me.
- 2) Congratulate your student for regularly adding good grades, community service, extracurricular activities, and other achievements to his or her raise.me "Portfolio" in order to earn "Micro-Scholarships" from colleges. Your student is eligible to receive scholarship money for each achievement from the start of 9th grade until midway through 12th grade.
- 3) Visit www.raise.me/parents for more information.

We hope using raise.me will make your student's path to college both more fun and affordable. If you have questions, please contact Brian Gibson (bgibson@bvsd.k12.pa.us), our guidance counselor or send an email to support@raise.me. Increasing numbers of public and private colleges continue to join the raise.me program. Colleges are added on a monthly basis and you can request colleges at any time. Your student will automatically get related Micro-Scholarships from all new colleges as they become available.

Sincerely,

Blacklick Valley JRSRHS

Our Vision: The Blacklick Valley School District will change the culture of learning by committing to high expectations for learning, engaging in rigorous instructional practice and implementing an aligned and relevant curriculum.