



Shelby Senior High School
Guidance Department
Mike Grady, Counselor
Grades 11-12

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Grades 9-10

GUIDANCE UPDATE FOR PARENTS January 5, 2007

Several important guidance activities take place during the next two months. We are providing this update to keep you informed. Of special importance are the first two meetings listed below. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact the guidance counselors, Mr. Grady and Mrs. Roby or the guidance secretary, Mrs. Dick.

The Shelby High School Guidance Department website can be accessed at:

<http://www.shelbyk12.org/shs/guidance>

Guidance Updates are posted periodically. These updates contain important information for all students and their families. Students who do not have internet access at home can print these updates from the Shelby High School or Marvin Memorial libraries or can pick up a copy in the guidance office.

JANUARY 17th FINANCIAL AID MEETING (11,12)

Mr. Lawrence Matthews, Director of Financial Aid at Bluffton University, will present financial aid information for parents and students at Shelby High School on Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00PM in the Dave Jones Little Theater. The first part of his program deals with general financial aid issues. The second part of the program deals specifically with the FAFSA form. While the program is of particular interest to parents of seniors, the information presented in the first part of the program can be helpful to anyone approaching this issue.

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION MEETING (9,10,11)

Shelby High School and Pioneer Career and Technology Center students may take college courses (generally at OSU-Mansfield or NCSC) for college credit and high school credit. Students must meet admission requirements of the college. A mandatory (by state regulations) meeting for students and parents who wish to pursue this option will be held on Monday, February 26 at 7 P.M. in the Dave Jones Little Theater. Representatives from OSU-Mansfield and NCSC will also be present. This meeting will last less than thirty minutes.

FAFSA FORMS AVAILABLE (12)

FAFSA forms are available in the guidance office for seniors who will be attending a post-secondary educational institution next year. It is desirable to submit the FAFSA as early as possible. It is also possible to complete the FAFSA over the internet at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. This is to your advantage as the aid report and corrections can be processed more accurately and rapidly. The student and parent can apply for a personal identification number (PIN) now at <http://www.pin.ed.gov/>. Worksheets for completing the FAFSA on the web have been given to seniors and are available in the guidance office.

FINANCIAL AID OFFERS (9,10,11,12)

It is appropriate to again remind all parents to be cynical of financial aid offers you may get through the mail. With few exceptions, scholarships do not require an application fee. All need-based financial aid is determined by completing the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you have a question regarding a mailing, speak with Mr. Grady.



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LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS (12)

We are fortunate that the Shelby community supports our graduating seniors with numerous scholarships available only to Shelby seniors. Local scholarship information and the application process will be available to seniors February. Scholarship awards will be presented at our Annual Recognition Day Assembly on May 24.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY (12)

College Goal Sunday offers families free, professional help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). North Central State College will be a site for this February 11th event. To register or learn more, visit <http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org/>.

SCHEDULING FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR (9,10,11)

The scheduling process for the 2007-2008 school year will take place during February. Parents must sign the course request form which students receive as part of their scheduling package. Parents may call the guidance office during March to verify their student's request. It is important to note that because decisions are made based on student course requests, only necessary changes will be made after June 15th. An updated course selection booklet will be on our website in February. It should also be noted that some courses offered in February might be limited or eliminated by the start of the school year based on personnel reductions and other financial considerations.

PIONEER CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (10)

All sophomores will visit Pioneer Career and Technology Center on the afternoon of February 1, 2007. Rather than touring the facility, students will spend time in three instructional areas that they have selected prior to the visit. For those students who have an interest in attending Pioneer, this activity will help them to clarify which technical area they wish to pursue. All students will have an opportunity to explore a career area and gain information to help in future educational and vocational decisions. The application process for Pioneer will begin in February.

ACT PREPARATION SOFTWARE (10,11,12)

ACT-developed software has been installed on every computer in the media center. Students may make use of this resource in preparation for the ACT test.

PLAN AND PSAT TEST RESULTS (10,11)

Sophomores who took the PLAN test in November and Juniors who took the PSAT test in October received their score report and an explanation of their scores during a meeting with Mr. Grady.