

GUIDANCE UPDATE (September 5, 2008)

Most of the information in these updates is pertinent to seniors. However, Juniors should read these updates since some of the information applies to you and it is good to be informed about your tasks next year.

SENIORS: I will meet with you during homeroom block in the Dave Jones Little Theater on Friday, September 12. At that time I will go over in detail the tasks you need to accomplish this year regarding college exploration, college admission and financial aid. Previous to this meeting you will be given a copy of your unofficial transcript so that you may review it and correct any errors which may exist.

INFO MEETING FOR PARENTS OF COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS: Please inform your parents that I will present information on the college application process and financial aid to parents on Thursday, October 2 (conference night) beginning at 6:00 in the Dave Jones Little Theater. The presentation will last until 6:40. If there are parents who would like to attend, but cannot make it on that date, I will repeat the presentation at a later date, if there is enough interest.

JUNIORS: I will meet with you during homeroom block in the Dave Jones Little Theater on Wednesday, September 10. At that time, I will go over in detail the tasks you need to accomplish this year regarding college exploration, college admission testing and your academic credentials.

ACT TEST: The regular registration deadline for the October 25 ACT test is September 19. Seniors who have not taken the ACT should take the October test. The next test date is December 13. Juniors may want to consider the October or December test date if you are taking (or have completed) Algebra II this semester.

COLLEGE FAIR: The North-Central Ohio guidance counselors will be sponsoring a college fair on Wednesday, September 17 from 6:30-8:00 at the Recreation Center of the OSU-NCSC campus. Over 70 colleges are currently registered. Financial aid information sessions will be held at 7:00 and 7:30. This is a tremendous opportunity to gather information and talk to college representatives at a location in close proximity. Plan to attend.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS: Many college representatives will visit Shelby High School during September and October. You may sign up to meet with these representatives on the bulletin board in the guidance office. Currently, the University of Akron, the University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Xavier University and the Med-Central College of Nursing are scheduled during the week of September 15.

OCIS: Remember, the Ohio Career Information System is available from a link on our website (<http://www.shelbyk12.org/shs/Guidance>) and is a tremendous source for information about colleges/universities throughout the country. Our username is "shelbyhs" and our password is "ohiocis03".

SENIOR FORMS: Even though the drawing for the very expensive gas card was last week, if you have not turned in the three senior forms, do so shortly. Copies are available in the guidance office or on our website.

As always, see Mr. Grady if you have any questions or issues on these matters.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (I will discuss national scholarships at our meeting. For now, know that the larger the geographical area that offers a scholarship, the more competition exists for that scholarship. Later in the year you will receive information on scholarships available to students in Richland County and Shelby.)

Horatio Alger Association Scholarships—The Horatio Alger Association annually awards more than \$12 million in college scholarships to high school seniors who intend to pursue a bachelor’s degree and have critical financial need (\$50,000 or less in adjusted gross income per family is preferred.) Minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. Go to www.horatioalger.org. Deadline is October 30, 2008

Wendy’s High School Heisman Award—Eligibility for application is limited exclusively to men and women entering their senior year of high school who have at least a “B” grade average and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport. Apply on-line at www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com . Deadline is 5 P.M. October 1, 2008.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards—If you’ve made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Apply at www.prudential.com/spirit. Deadline is October 31, 2008.

Coca-Cola Scholars Program—The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation supports over 1,400 college students each year, with annual scholarships of \$3.4 million through two nationally recognized programs on behalf of the Coca-Cola System. This program awards 50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 200 four-year \$10,000 scholarships for use at accredited colleges and universities within the US. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Apply at <https://www.coca-colascholars.org>. Deadline is October 31, 2008

SAE Engineering Scholarships—SAE offers more than 60 corporate and university sponsored scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences. Details and information at www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm . Deadline is December 1, 2008.