

GUIDANCE UPDATE (August 31, 2009)

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN READ...

You will receive a lot of material from me this school year. I will post *most* of it on the guidance website. Get in the habit of actually reading what I give you. You may find value in some of it. I appreciate you sharing all of this material with your parents.

GRADE 12 MEETING

I will meet with Seniors on Friday, September 11, during homeroom in the Little Theater to discuss the college admission process. You will report to homeroom first before coming to the Little Theater.

GRADE 11 MEETING

I will meet with Juniors on Thursday, September 10, during homeroom in the Little Theater to discuss your tasks for the coming year and the *importance* of your 11th grade year. You will report to homeroom first before coming to the Little Theater.

ACT TEST

The ACT test has added a September administration in Ohio. That test will be on September 12. Seniors were informed of this new test date in the June 1 Guidance Update. The regular and late registration deadlines have passed. If you want to test on this date, you may do so on a standby basis. See me if you want to do this.

The October 24 test date has a regular registration deadline of September 18. Registration materials are available in the guidance office, but I encourage you to register on-line at www.actstudent.org. You will receive your scores faster and have more flexibility.

ACT TEST PREPARATION

I will discuss this more at our meetings. However, there are many options available for ACT test preparation including ACTive Prep Software in the library, practice questions on the ACT website (<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html>) and other materials. After you register for the ACT, make certain you pick up the "Preparing for the ACT" booklet in the guidance office.

SENIOR FORMS

As mentioned in the June 1 Guidance Update, there are three forms that seniors need to complete and return to the guidance office. The Senior Resume Form gives me information that I can use to write letters of recommendation, complete counselor admission forms and discuss student attributes with college admission personnel. The Transcript Release Form allows this office to forward your transcript, and the Graduation Application Form verifies information for graduation. All three forms are on the guidance website. Paper copies are also available in the guidance office.

STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS

You will receive an unofficial copy of your transcript before our meetings. This is your opportunity to make certain our records are accurate. I suggest you bring that transcript to our meetings and take it home to share with your parents.

MANSFIELD AREA COLLEGE FAIR

The Mansfield Area College Fair will be held on Wednesday, September 16 from 6:30 until 8 PM at the NCSC/OSU campus. More info will be forthcoming. Plan to take advantage of this opportunity.

PARENT MEETING

Your parents are invited to meet with me on Wednesday, September 30 (conference night) at 6 PM in the Little Theater for a 45 minute presentation on the college admission process. You are welcome to attend with your parents.

See me if you have questions, comments or concerns.....

--Mr. Grady