



GUIDANCE UPDATE September 16, 2009

COLLEGE FAIR (11,12)

The North-Central Ohio guidance counselors will be sponsoring a college fair on Wednesday, September 16 (this evening!) from 6:30-8:00 at the Recreation Center of the OSU-NCSC campus. Over 84 colleges are currently registered. A financial aid information session will be held at 7:30. This is a tremendous opportunity to gather information and talk to college representatives at a location in close proximity. Plan to attend.

INFO MEETING FOR PARENTS OF COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS (11,12) Please inform your parents that I will present information on the college search and application process and financial aid to parents on Wednesday, September 31 (conference night) beginning at 6:00 in the Dave Jones Little Theater. The presentation will last until 6:45. 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. Students are welcome to attend along with parents as I will be presenting different information in a different format from my presentation to you. Parents and students in grade 11 may also find the information valuable.

PSAT/NMSQT TEST (11)

Juniors should refer to the handout you received on September 10 about this opportunity. Sign-up sheet is in the guidance office. I appreciate you signing up by September 22 so I can make certain I will have enough tests.

ACT TEST (11,12)

The regular registration deadline for the October 24 ACT test is September 18. Seniors who have not taken the ACT should take the October test. The next test date is December 12. Juniors may want to consider the October or December test date if you are taking (or have completed) Algebra II this semester.

SENIOR FORMS (12)

The three senior forms (resume, transcript release and application for graduation) are on the guidance website: www.shelbyk12.org/shs/guidance. I especially encourage you to complete the resume form on-line, and then print a copy for yourself as well as for me. You will want to use this form to give to teachers when you require recommendations.

OCIS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL SORT (11, 12)

Among other tools available on OCIS, is an undergraduate school search. Check it out...

OCIS SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH (11,12)

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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE(12)

It is in your interest to make sure your credentials (academic and other) match the expectations of the scholarship.

AXA Foundation Scholarships—Applicants must demonstrate ambition, determination, respect and an ability to succeed in college. More information, instructions and an application can be downloaded from: www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/usn-2010-app.doc. Deadline is December 15, 2009.

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, 2009.

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, 2009.

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 November 2, 2009.

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 15, 2009.

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, 2009.