

GUIDANCE UPDATE • OCTOBER 6, 2004

Numbers indicate article of particular interest to parents and students of the indicated grade(s).

CALENDAR

October 13—PSAT/NMSQT, 1st and 2nd blocks

October 14, 15—Guidance counselors in Mr. Kirby's Social Studies I classes

October 18—North Central Ohio College Fair at OSU-Mansfield

October 23—ACT Test at SHS

October 25-29—Proficiency Tests for those in grade 11 and 12 who not passed all five tests.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO COLLEGE FAIR (9,10,11,12)

The North Central Ohio College Fair will take place on Monday evening, October 18th from 6:30 until 8:00 at the Eisenhower Student Center of the Ohio State, Mansfield Campus. This is an outstanding opportunity for all students, but is of particular interest to juniors and seniors. The next Guidance Update will deal exclusively with this event. Plan on being there!

CAREER FOCUS: DENTAL HYGIENIST (9,10,11,12)

When you make a routine visit the dentist's office, chances are the dental hygienist spends more time with you than the dentist. Dental hygienists, like dentists, do more than simply care for your teeth. Your dental health impacts your overall health and dental hygienists and dentists often can identify wellness issues through a dental exam. Most dental hygiene programs are two years and lead to an associate's degree, though there are some four-year programs. Columbus State Community College, among several others, offers an associate's degree program, while Ohio State University offers a bachelor's degree program. The median annual wage for dental hygienists in Ohio is around \$50,000. Find more information on OCIS.

PLAN TEST (10)

College-bound sophomores should consider taking the PLAN test on November 10. The test will be given at the high school during blocks 1 and 2. Cost is \$9.00 and students should sign-up and pay in the guidance office. The PLAN test acts as a pre-ACT test. As such, it gives you experience in taking all four sections of the ACT and you will receive a predicted ACT score as well as subscores. Also included is information regarding career interests.

SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER PRACTICE ACT

Sylvan Learning Center in Mansfield will offer a practice ACT test on Saturday morning, October 16th. Cost is \$10.00. Call the center at 419-528-4440 for more information

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (12)

OHIO ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$60,000.

Completed applications must be returned to the local lodge by January 14, 2005. Completed applications returned to the guidance department by January 7 will be forwarded to the local lodge. Application packages are available in the guidance office or at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm.

OHIO ELKS EDUCATION GRANTS

These grants will be awarded to applicants desiring to attend a career or technology institution. Bachelor Degree programs do not qualify for this grant. Completed applications must be returned to the local lodge by January 14, 2005. Completed applications returned to the guidance department by January 7 will be forwarded to the local lodge. Applications are available in the guidance office.

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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY YOUTH SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship opportunity is exclusively for students with a history of cancer. Application packets are available at www.cancer.org/ohiogrant or in the guidance office. Postmark deadline is February 1, 2005.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have a parent that works for Abbott Laboratories you may be eligible for a scholarship from The Clara Abbott Foundation. Scholarships are awarded based solely on financial need. Information is available at 866-754-1333 or at <http://clara.abbott.com>. Deadline is December 15, 2004

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

These national scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors who have completed the JA Economics program. This is part of our course of study for Govt/Econ so Shelby students are eligible. Information on a Richland County JA scholarship will be available at a later date. For information about the national scholarships go to www.ja.org.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The AXA Foundation, in association with U.S. News and World Report offers \$10,000 national scholarships to 52 students (one in each state, D.C. and Puerto Rico) and ten additional \$15,000 scholarships. Go to www.axa-achievement.com to learn more. Deadline is December 15, 2004.

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