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

CALENDAR

November 5—Registration deadline for December 11 ACT test
November 8 & 10—Guidance counselors in Mr. Bruner's Social Studies I class
November 10—PLAN test, 1st and 2nd blocks
November 18—Late registration deadline for December 11 ACT test
Early December—PSAT results
Mid December—PLAN results

SENIOR NOTES

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- It is extremely important that you refer to the timeline you were given in September. Remember that you are responsible for knowing scholarship and application deadlines. A number of universities have December 1 deadlines for some scholarships and honor academic programs. As stated on the timeline, it is in your best interest to apply to your choices by our Christmas break. The table below lists application deadlines and FAFSA filing deadlines for selected schools in Ohio.

SCHOOL NAME	APPLICATION	FAFSA
UNIV. OF AKRON	AUGUST 8, 2005	MARCH 1, 2005
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIV.	FEBRUARY 1, 2005	AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005 (ASAP)
UNIV. OF CINCINNATI	JANUARY 15, 2005	AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005 (ASAP)
KENT STATE UNIV.	MAY 1, 2005	MARCH 1, 2005
MIAMI UNIVERSITY	JANUARY 31, 2005	FEBRUARY 15, 2005
THE OHIO STATE UNIV.	FEBRUARY 1, 2005	MARCH 1, 2005
OHIO UNIVERSITY	FEBRUARY 1, 2005	FEBRUARY 15, 2005
UNIV. OF TOLEDO	ROLLING	MARCH 1, 2005
ASHLAND UNIV,	APRIL 15, 2005	MARCH 15, 2005
CAPITAL UNIV.	APRIL 15, 2005	FEBRUARY 28, 2005
UNIV. OF DAYTON	JANUARY 1, 2005	MARCH 31, 2005
UNIV. OF FINDLAY	AUGUST 1, 2005	APRIL 1, 2005
MALONE COLLEGE	JULY 1, 2005	MARCH 1, 2005
OHIO NORTHERN UNIV.	ROLLING	APRIL 15, 2005
OTTERBEIN COLLEGE	MARCH 1, 2005	APRIL 1, 2005
WITTENBERG UNIV.	ROLLING	AFTER JANUARY 1, 2005 (ASAP)

- If you plan on participating in NCAA Division 1 or 2 athletics, you need to complete the NCAA Clearinghouse Form (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

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- Students and parents have asked about the local scholarship material. Again, refer to your timeline.
- If you have not had your senior interview yet, please see your guidance counselor.
- College/university scholarship opportunities are too numerous to print in guidance updates. Refer to your “College Admission Process” handout. Be aware of deadlines and materials that are required to be considered for scholarships from institutions to which you are applying.
- Finally, keep your counselor informed. If you apply over the Internet, we need to send an official copy of your transcript. When you receive a response or acceptance from a college/university, let your counselor know.

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT: KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

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Kent State University is located in northeast Ohio near the cities of Cleveland and Akron. More than 200 majors and minors are offered. The tuition/fees for Ohio students currently stand at \$7258 per year, with room and board of approximately \$6,000. The middle 50% of the 2004 freshman class had an ACT composite score range of 18-24. The Golden Flashes compete in the Division I, Mid-American Conference. Twelve Shelby students have attended Kent State University from the last four year’s graduating classes. Discover more at www.kent.edu or through OCIS.

MAJOR INTEREST MAJORS—PROFESSIONAL GOLF MANAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL TENNIS MANAGEMENT

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Here are two majors you will not find in OCIS. Graduates of PGM and PTM programs may be employed as teaching professionals at golf or tennis clubs. They can also find employment in sales and management in the golf or tennis industries. A high level of interest and ability in golf or tennis is a fundamental requisite. The Bachelor’s degree one earns in these programs is usually in the business field. Further information on professional tennis management can be found through the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) website at: <http://www.uspta.com/index.cfm/MenuItemID/1103/MenuSubID/62.htm>. Professional golf management information is available through this PGA link: <http://www.pga.com/home/pgafamerica/professional-management-workshops.cfm>.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY PHARMACY DAY

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From the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy: “Pharmacy is the third largest health profession in the U.S. Pharmacists are consistently ranked as one of the most highly trusted professionals because of the care and service they provide. There is an unprecedented demand for pharmacists.” To learn more, attend The OSU College of Pharmacy “Pharmacy Day” on Saturday, November 13, 2004 from 9:30 A.M. until 12:15 P.M. at 104 Parks Hall. For more information call 614-292-7255 or e-mail admissions@pharmacy.ohio-state.edu.

DISCOVER CARD TRIBUTE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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Juniors with a minimum 2.75 GPA for the 9th and 10th grades who are multi-talented, take the lead, have experienced a significant obstacle(s) and who are giving back to their communities should consider this opportunity. Applications and information are available at www.discovercard.com/tribute.htm. Deadline is January 7, 2005.

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MOST HIGH SCHOOL GRADS NOT READY FOR COLLEGE OR WORK (9,10,11,12)

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On the day you receive your high school diploma, you may believe that you're ready for college or the workplace. A new report from ACT says you may not be as ready as you think.

ACT's report, titled *A Crisis at the Core: Preparing All Students for College and Work*, finds that only 22 percent of the graduates in 2004 who took the ACT had the skills to succeed in all three college-level academic areas of English, math and science. Only 26 percent of ACT-tested high school graduates had scores indicating that they are ready to earn a "C" or higher in their first college biology course, and only 40 percent had scores indicating that they are ready to earn a "C" or higher in their first college algebra course.

Graduates aren't just struggling in college. Many who plan to go more directly into the workplace after graduation find that they struggle with job training programs, too. ACT's report points to recent research that indicates about 85 percent of all jobs are now classified as "skilled," meaning that you will need some education and training beyond high school. The skills you need for college are increasingly the same skills you need for job training.

What's the answer?

- Take high school coursework more seriously, and recognize the need to take high-level courses, particularly in math and science. These courses not only prepare you for college, but also for well-paying careers.
- ACT's research shows that certain courses such as biology, chemistry, physics and advanced math courses beyond Algebra II have a strong impact on student performance and college readiness. ACT refers to these as Courses for Success.
- The benefit of taking these courses can be seen in the ACT test scores for the national class of 2004. Students who took trigonometry in addition to Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry scored 2.6 points higher on the ACT Mathematics Test. Similar gains were seen on the ACT Science Test for students who took physics in addition to biology and chemistry.
- Those who took trigonometry and another advanced math course scored even higher — as much as 4.4 points higher over those who only took Algebra I, Algebra II and geometry. Score increases were seen for both men and women and for people of all races. The ACT Assessment is scored on a 1 to 36 point scale.
- Another reason to take higher-level courses and study hard is financial—higher achievement and test scores help you qualify for more college scholarship opportunities.

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