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

SENIOR NOTES

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms are now available in the guidance office. It is, however, much more efficient to file your FAFSA over the internet. You cannot do this until January 1, 2005. You and a parent can apply for your Personal Identification Number (PIN) now. Links to both of these web sites are posted on the guidance department home page.
- As noted in your handout, it is in your interest to have applied to your choices by our December break
- If you have misplaced your "The College Admission Process" handout, pick up a new one in the guidance office.
- Plan on attending the financial aid meeting on January 3 (see below).

POSTSECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION PROGRAM

(9, 10, 11)

Shelby High School and Pioneer Career and Technology Center students may take college courses (generally at OSU-Mansfield or NCSC) for college credit and high school credit. Students must meet admission requirements of the college. State rules regarding this option mandate that students and parents attend a meeting to hear and understand the advantages and disadvantages of this program. State law also stipulates that school districts be informed of a student's intention to pursue this option by March 30 of the preceding school year. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15 in the high school library. This will be a short (under 30 minutes) but necessary meeting.

FINANCIAL AID MEETING

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Mr. Lawrence Matthews, Director of Financial Aid at Bluffton University, will present financial aid information for parents and students at Shelby High School on Monday, January 3 at 7:00 PM in the Little Theater. The first part of his program deals with general financial aid issues. The second part of the program deals specifically with the FAFSA form. This meeting will not be short, but the information presented is of utmost importance to seniors and parents.

CAPE 2005: CAMP ATTRACTING PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS

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Students who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors as of fall 2005, who are considering teaching as a career, may submit an application to this camp. CAPE participants are selected on the basis of academic record, activities, honors, application materials and expressed interest in teaching as a career. The camp will be held at the University of Akron June 22-26. Application and further information is available in the guidance office.

PROFESSIONAL GOLF MANAGEMENT AT OHIO STATE

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Last month's Guidance Update featured Professional Golf Management as a college major. Interestingly, Ohio State University has announced that they will be introducing a Professional Golf Management program in the fall of 2005. Enrollment will be limited to 100 new freshmen students per year. In addition to meeting the University admission requirements, a qualified candidate should have an 18-hole USGA handicap of 10 or less. More details can be found at <http://pgm.osu.edu>.

MINI-SEMINAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

(9,10,11,12)

Sylvan Learning Center will conduct an advanced reading skills seminar on December 20, 21, 27, and 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. This seminar teaches students techniques and strategies to improve their reading rate and comprehension. These skills help students cover more course work in less time, so they're better prepared for the increased workload in high school and college. For more information or to register, call 419-528-4440.

AYN RAND ESSAY CONTEST

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Over \$57,000 in prize money will be awarded to 472 winners in two separate essay contests. The 9th and 10th grade essay is based on Anthem; the 11th and 12th grade essay is based on The Fountainhead.



Both books are written by Ayn Rand. Information (including deadline) is available at:
www.aynrand.org/contests.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

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AMP-OHIO SCHOLARSHIPS

If you receive electricity from the City of Shelby or if you have a parent employed by the City of Shelby, and if you have a 3.0 or higher GPA you are eligible to be nominated for one of two \$1,500 scholarships. Each nominee will be required to write an essay of 500 words or less. Finalists will be interviewed. If you wish to be nominated for this scholarship, see Mr. Grady by December 17, 2004.

ENGINEERING FOUNDATIONS OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIP

A number of renewable scholarships are offered to outstanding high school students in Ohio who desire careers in engineering. Among the criteria are a minimum 3.0 GPA and an ACT math score of 29 and English score of 25. Applications are available in the guidance office. Applications must be received by the foundation by 5:00 P.M. on December 17, 2004.

OHIO NEWSPAPERS FOUNDATION MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP

Three \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to a minority high school senior who plans to pursue a newspaper journalism career. Applicants must be African American, Hispanic, Asian American or American Indian and enrolled as a college freshman at an Ohio college or university for the 2005-06 school year. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 31, 2005.

AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Two \$10,000 scholarships from each state will be awarded. Students who have demonstrated achievements, a commitment to succeed, and respect for themselves, family and community should consider this scholarship. Information and an application are available at:
www.axaonline.com/axafoundation. Deadline is December 15, 2004.

BIG 33 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

Big 33 Scholarships provide financial assistance to high school seniors who exhibit excellence in a well rounded educational and extracurricular programs. The scholarships are made possible by the Annual Big 33 Football Classic and its scholarship sponsors. Mr. Jones was an official at that game this past summer. Scholarships are based on academic achievement, community service, financial need, leadership, obstacles overcome, special talents and unique endeavors. Applications are available in the guidance office or may be downloaded at: www.big33.org. Deadline is February 4, 2005.

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGIATE REGISTRARS AND ADMISSIONS OFFICERS SCHOLARSHIP

This organization will award six \$500 leadership and service scholarships for graduating seniors starting college next fall at an Ohio college/university. Information and applications can be obtained at www.oacrao.ohiou.edu or in the guidance office. Deadline is February 22, 2005.

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CAREER COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

A large number of scholarships are available for students furthering their education at an Ohio Career College or School such as ITT Tech. A complete listing is available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 18, 2005.

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