



## **GUIDANCE UPDATE • February 4, 2005**

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

### **OHIO GRADUATION TEST**

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All 10th graders will take the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) during the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTION PROGRAM**

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Students who are interested in the post-secondary enrollment option program must attend a meeting along with a parent on Tuesday, February 15 at 7 P.M. in the Little Theater. Your parents were informed of this meeting in the December 20 Parent Update. Representative from OSU and NCSC will be present. The meeting will last less than thirty minutes.

### **ACT TEST DATES**

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Juniors should consider registering for the April 9 or June 11 test dates. Regular registration deadlines are March 4 and May 6 respectively. Registration packages are available in the guidance office or you may register on-line at ACT.org. Students should refer to a supplemental page of instructions (available in the guidance office) when completing the registration. Additionally, students need to decide whether to take the optional writing test (see the September 8 Guidance Update). Requirements for specific colleges/universities can be found at ACT.org.

### **COURSE REQUESTS FOR 2005-2006**

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The scheduling process for next school year will begin this month with class meetings. Your guidance counselor will review your registration after you return it. You are welcome to meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your schedule.

### **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CAMP SCHOLASRHP PROGRAM**

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The American Cancer Society's Camp Scholarship Program is a camp scholarship opportunity exclusively for children with a history of cancer. This program is designed to provide young cancer patients/survivors assistance in attending an oncology or special interest camp. Information and applications are available in the guidance office, on the American Cancer Society website (<http://www.cancer.org/>) or by calling 1-800-ACS-2345. Primary deadline is May 16, 2005.

### **ASHLAND UNIVERSITY TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

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The Ashland University Teacher Education Scholars Program is designed to identify high school juniors who appear to be strong candidates for the field of education. Selected juniors will be recognized as AU Teacher Education Scholars during the Teacher Education Scholars Seminar which will be held on April 23, 2005. They and their parents will be invited to attend the special one-day seminar at Ashland University where they will be given an opportunity to explore the education profession in greater depth and to be recognized for their academic achievement. Shelby may nominate three students for this program. To be considered, see Mr. Grady by February 18, 2005.

### **NURSE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM**

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NEALP provides loans of up to \$3,000 per year for up to four years for students enrolled in Ohio Board of Nursing approved programs. After graduation from an approved nursing education program, a borrower may be eligible for debt cancellation at a rate of twenty percent per year for a maximum of five years (100%) if the borrower is employed in the clinical practice of nursing in the State of Ohio. If funding is not available to award loans to all eligible NEALP applicants, first-time awards will be made on the basis of relative financial need as determined by the results of the FAFSA process. A copy of the results of the FAFSA, Student Aid Report (SAR) must be submitted with the loan application. Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is June 1.



### SENIOR NOTES

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- You should complete the FAFSA (on-line preferable) this month.
- Financial aid award letters are typically sent by the colleges/universities in March.
- You do not need to make a decision regarding the college you will attend until May 1. Any deposit you make now should be refundable until May 1. It is proper to inform those college that sent you an acceptance
- College Goal Sunday offers families free, professional help filling out the FAFSA. NCSC is a site for this February 13th event. Information was mailed to every family in the December 20, Parent Update. Visit <http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org/> or call 888-833-1133 for more information or to register.

### SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

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#### LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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As you were informed in September, information regarding local scholarships will be distributed during a meeting with interested seniors at the beginning of 2nd block on February 18. The deadline for return of application materials is March 18.

#### WILLIAM D SQUIRES SCHOLARSHIPS

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Ten renewable \$3000 scholarships will be awarded to Ohio high school seniors. Applicants must have a clear career goal, be highly motivated, have good character and show academic promise by a minimum 3.2 GPA. Award will be based primarily upon financial need. Application and information is available at <http://www.wmd-squires-foundation.org/>. Deadline is April 5, 2005.

#### NORTH CENTRAL CHAPTER OF THE OHIO CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

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The North Central Chapter of Credit Unions will award two \$500 scholarships. One application will be sent to the statewide competition sponsored by the Ohio Credit Union League which is awarding five \$1000 scholarships. Deadline is March 1, 2005.

#### AAA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL GRANT AWARD PROGRAM

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Ten \$1000 grants will be awarded to graduating seniors in a limited number of Ohio counties who once served as a member of a School Safety Patrol team. Finalists, who do not receive the grant, will receive a \$500 US Saving Bond. Applications and additional information is available in the guidance office. Deadline is March 4, 2005.

#### RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Richland County Foundation has numerous scholarships opportunities open only to Richland County students. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA, maintain a primary residence in Richland County, and demonstrate financial need. Students must file the FAFSA form, since a Student Aid Report (SAR) needs to send along with the application. Information and applications are available in the guidance office or at <http://www.refoundation.org/>. A link is available on the guidance website. Deadline is May 1, 2005.

#### OHIO COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

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The Ohio Cooperative Education Association offers a \$1000 OCEA Scholarship to students who plan to attend an OCEA college/university. Information is available at <http://www.ohioco-op.com/> or in the guidance office. Deadline is March 25, 2005.

### NEXT UPDATE

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