



## **GUIDANCE UPDATE • September 23, 2005**

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Thanks to the efforts of Keith Rittenhouse in the technology department, these updates and this website are available to the Shelby community as a valuable means of obtaining information and staying current on academic and planning issues.

### **SENIOR TASKS (12)**

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Among the myriad of tasks you are accomplishing early in the year, you must fulfill the paper work issues that we discussed at the September 19 meeting. **"Transcript Release Form"**, **"Application for Graduation"**, and **"Senior Resume Form"** can all be found at the home page of the guidance department. Additionally, the senior interview with your guidance counselor should be completed before the end of October.

### **JUNIOR TASKS (11)**

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The primary concern for your junior year is to work up to your capabilities in your classes. As you may have discovered by now, 11th grade courses require more preparation time for completing assignments and studying for assessments. Keep in mind that this year will determine one third of the transcript you will send to universities with your applications next fall. Also, the work you do now will enhance your scores on the ACT test. Which leads to your second task; preparing for the ACT test.

The best preparation for the ACT test is to work hard in you classes. Also, since the ACT is a timed test, pushing yourself to read quickly and accurately is vital especially when reading articles. This will facilitate your efforts on the ACT. In general, you should consider taking the ACT on the April 8 test date. That way you are well into your second semester classes. In some cases you should consider the February 11 test date, particularly if you are taking Algebra II during the first semester. Discuss this with your guidance counselor. Remember that ACT preparation software is available in the media center. As a junior, you will also decide if you need to take the new writing portion of the ACT. See your guidance counselor for help in this decision.

Your third task is to continue exploring career, college and/or military service opportunities. OCIS, the guidance department webpage, the media center and resources in the guidance office can all be valuable resources. Again, ask your guidance counselor for help in this process.

### **PPG INDUSTRIES FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP (11)**

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PPG Industries Foundation will offer in March 2007 a four-year college scholarship to an outstanding student from Richland and Crawford counties. This scholarship is for this year's juniors. Applicants must submit scores from the PSAT test (given at Shelby on October 12). Applications are available in the guidance office. Deadline is December 16, 2005.

### **NORTH CENTRAL OHIO SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION COLLEGE FAIR (11,12)**

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The NCOSCA College Fair will be held at Mansfield Senior High School on Wednesday, October 12 from 6:30 until 8:00 P.M. You may come and go as you please. There will be financial aid information sessions at 6:30 and 7:30. This is an excellent opportunity to gather information and/or talk with admission counselors from a large number of colleges/universities and branches of the military. (This is also an outstanding chance to see the new MSH building.)

### **PSAT TEST (10,11)**

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The PSAT test will be administered at Shelby High School during the morning of Wednesday, October 12. Cost is \$12.00 and the sign up list is in the guidance office. You should consider taking this test for scholarship qualification criteria, practice for the SAT or as an additional score to use for post-secondary enrollment option program qualification. While the test is designed for juniors, sophomores may wish to take it as preparation for taking the test next year. Discuss with your guidance counselor whether this is an appropriate option for you.



**PLAN TEST (10)**

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The PLAN test will be administered at Shelby High School during the morning of Wednesday, November 9. This assessment is designed for students in grade 10. Each student who participates in PLAN receives a report that identifies academic strengths and weaknesses and helps students explore career interests. It also serves as a pre-ACT test and will give a predicted ACT score. Cost is \$9.00 and the sign up list is in the guidance office. See your guidance counselor if you have questions.

**ASVAB TEST (11, 12)**

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The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is helpful to all students whether they are planning immediate employment in civilian or military occupations or further education. The test will be administered on October 19th during 1st and 2nd blocks. There is no cost for this test and the sign up list is in the guidance office. See Mrs. Dixon for questions or further details.

**PHYSICAL THERAPY CAREER INFORMATION PROGRAM (9,10,11,12)**

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If you are interested in learning about a career in physical therapy, you will want to attend this thirty minute program during 2nd block on Tuesday, October 18 in the Little Theater. Perry Beam and Aaron Brumit from the physical therapy department of MedCentral Shelby will present information on careers in physical therapy. Sign up in the guidance office.

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST CAREER INFORMATION (9,10,11,12)**

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There continues to be a growing need for speech-language pathologists and audiologists in schools, nursing homes, medical facilities and private practice. According to the U.S. Department of Labor and Statistics, more than 200 speech-language pathologists are needed for new positions in Ohio across all settings. The Ohio Masters Network-Initiatives in Education has sent informational materials regarding this field to school libraries across the state. These materials are available in our library. Ask Mrs. Schimpf or Mrs. Bloom for assistance.

**PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS (9,10,11,12)**

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The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created to recognize students in middle and high school grades who have demonstrated exemplary community service. One application from Shelby will be forwarded to the state level where they may receive a \$1,000 cash reward and further recognition. Applicants must have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2004. Application materials are available in the guidance office and must be returned by October 31, 2005.

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY INFO (11,12)**

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You should be aware that Eastern Michigan University offers in-state tuition rates to Ohio students. Fall, 2005 tuition rates at EMU are \$6,540. Also, students who meet the criteria may participate in the Presidential Scholarship Competition which offers scholarships at EMU ranging up to full-ride. Deadline to apply is November 23, 2005. Further information is available in the guidance office or at:

<http://www.emich.edu/admissions/>



**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (12)**

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**COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

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The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards 250 merit-based scholarships in \$4000 and \$20,000 amounts. Recipients are well-rounded individuals with highly developed interests in their community. Applicants are evaluated on demonstrated leadership, commitment to community, academic achievement and employment. The application is available at: <http://www.coca-colascholars.org/>. You will most likely wish to consult with your guidance counselor for certain required information. On-line applications must be submitted by October 31.

**AXA ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

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The AXA Achievement Scholarships award \$670,000 to students who demonstrate ambition, drive, determination respect and ability. Further information and application materials are available at: <http://www.axa-achievement.com/>. Application deadline is December 15, 2005.

**SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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The SAE Engineering Scholarships are available to high school seniors who intend to earn a degree in engineering or a related science (math, chemistry, physics, biology, technologies, and computer science). Students must meet minimum requirements with regard to grade point average, SAT or ACT scores as outlined in the individual requirements of each scholarship. Additional information and applications are available at: <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm> or in the guidance office. Deadline is December 1, 2005.

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