



SENIOR TASKS (12)

- If you have not yet met with your counselor for your senior interview, schedule a time with Mrs. Dixon or Mr. Grady now.
- You should be well along your task of completing and submitting college applications. Remember, if you submit an application over the internet, let your counselor know so that your transcript and other documents can be sent.
- Students interested in participating in Division I or Division II athletics should register with the NCAA clearinghouse at [www](http://www.ncaa.org).
- Students and parents should each acquire a PIN number for completing the FAFSA form. Go to the homepage of this website for the link.
- Refer to the timeline and college admission process handout you received in September.
- When questions arise, get accurate information by seeing Mrs. Dixon or Mr. Grady.

JUNIOR TASKS (11)

- Remember, your primary task is to continue to achieve academically. Your 11th grade year is the most important one-third of the transcript that colleges and scholarship organizations will use in evaluating you next year.
- Decide when you will take the ACT test. In general, you should wait until you are well along in Algebra II before taking this assessment. If you are taking Algebra II this semester, you may want to consider the February test date. The remaining test dates and registration deadlines are listed below.
- Determine if you should take the optional writing portion of the ACT test. Your guidance counselor can help you in this regard.
- Continue to explore career and college options using the links on the guidance website. OCIS is a particularly useful site. If you have misplaced the Shelby High School username and password, stop in the guidance office. (We are not permitted to post them on our website.)
- When questions arise, get accurate information by seeing Mrs. Dixon or Mr. Grady

REMAINING ACT TEST DATES (10,11,12)

<i>December 10, 2005</i>	You can still test on a standby basis.
<i>February 11, 2006</i>	Regular registration deadline is January 6, 2006.
<i>April 8, 2006</i>	Regular registration deadline is March 3, 2006.
<i>June 10, 2006</i>	Regular registration deadline is May 5, 2006.

TEST RESULTS (10,11,12)

Students who took the PSAT or PLAN test will receive their results during an informative meeting with the counselors in December. OGT and OPT results will be mailed to parents during January. ASVAB test results will be distributed during a meeting on December 16.

PHARMACY CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION (9,10,11,12)

Sign up in the guidance office for a 20-30 minute presentation on pharmacy careers to be held on Monday, December 5 at the beginning of 2nd block. Marcia Triska, an experienced and knowledgeable pharmacist will present information during this informal session.



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SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION GUIDELINES (10,11)

To be considered for admission to the Military, Naval, Air Force or Merchant Marine Academies, an applicant must have a nomination. Students interested in the Coast Guard Academy apply directly to the Academy as no nomination is necessary. Nominees are evaluated on character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, goals and motivation. Juniors interested in applying to a military academy should continue their preparation based on these factors. In particular, students should focus on achieving the best scores possible on the SAT or ACT test. Students may be nominated by Senator DeWine, Senator Voinovich; or Congressman Oxley. You should plan on contacting their offices in the spring.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE (11)

Buckeye Boys State will be held June 10-18, 2006 on the campus of Bowling Green State University. Juniors will be invited to represent Shelby High School after January. Interested students are encouraged to visit the official website for Buckeye Boys State at <http://www.ohiobuckeyboysstate.com/> to get an overview of the program and explore the opportunities it can offer.

FEDEX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (11,12)

Employment opportunities are available for those 18 and older at FedEx Ground in Shelby. Contact Stacy at 419-347-2483 or email at: stacy.crouse@fedex.com.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE (12)

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB OF RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS

The OSU Alumni Club of Richland County will award four scholarships to graduating seniors. A one-year full tuition scholarship to the OSU Mansfield Campus, a one-year half tuition scholarship to the OSU Mansfield Campus and two \$600 scholarships to any OSU campus will be awarded to residents of Richland County who rank in the top 25% of their high school graduating class. Applicants may also be considered for other merit scholarships awarded by the Ohio State University-Mansfield. Applications must be returned to your guidance counselor by January 9, 2006. Applications are available in the guidance office.

BIG 33 SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship opportunity is open to any high school senior in Ohio or Pennsylvania who has attained a 2.0 GPA for the previous two academic years (grades 10 and 11). Applicants are evaluated on academics, service, need, leadership, obstacles overcome, special talents and unique endeavors. Scholarship information is available in the guidance office or at <http://www.big33.org/>. Deadline is February 6, 2006.

NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

One hundred thirteen merit co-op scholarships at a total value of \$2,260,000 are being offered. Criteria include a GPA of 3.5 or better and a typed one-page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program. Students must complete all the required admission material and be accepted at one or more of the NCCE partner colleges. In Ohio those schools are: Antioch College, the University of Cincinnati and the University of Toledo. Information and applications are available in the guidance office or online at <http://www.co-op.edu/>. Deadline is February 15, 2006.

OHIO NEWSPAPERS FOUNDATION MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ohio Newspapers Foundation will award three \$1,500 scholarships, one each to a minority high school senior who plans to pursue a newspaper journalism career. Applications and information



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are available in the guidance office or at <http://www.ohionews.org/>. Deadline is March 31, 2006

NFIB FREE ENTERPRISE SCHOLARS AWARD

Four hundred NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 will be awarded. Students must demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit/initiative. Applicants must be nominated by a dues-paying member of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), who can be identified by the NFIB logo displayed at the place of business. Applicants are encouraged to apply online at www.scholarshipadministrators.net starting January 2, 2006. Applications will be accepted from January 2 until March 15, 2006.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OHIO DIVISION'S SURVIVOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the American Cancer Society Ohio Division's Survivor Scholarship program. This program is a scholarship opportunity exclusively for students with a history of cancer. Applicants must have been diagnosed with cancer before age 21. Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, leadership, and community service. To obtain an application or for more information about the program, call 1-888-ACS-OHIO or visit the website; <http://www.cancer.org/ohiogrants/>.

NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

North Central State College offers several scholarships. Students must have a 2.5 GPA or higher and complete the scholarship application and FAFSA by March 1, 2006. Applications are available in the guidance office or at <http://www.ncstatecollege.edu/studentsvcs/finaid/highschoolscholarship.htm>.

ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Elks National Foundation awards more than two million dollars annually in college scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide, through the Most Valuable Student contests. The largest award is \$60,000. Recipients are at or near the top of their class; active in school and community activities; recognized as leaders by their peers; and need financial assistance to attend college. Applications are available in the guidance office. Further information is available at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/>. Deadline is January 13, 2006.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION LEGACY AWARDS

Any child or grandchild or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2003, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2003 is eligible to apply. Legacy Awards are on-year, \$1000 scholarships. The Foundation offers a total of up to 500 awards. Applications are available in the guidance office or at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/>. Deadline is January 13, 2006.

SAM WALTON COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Sam Walton Community Scholarship is a non-renewable \$1,000 award for the student's first year of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university. To qualify, the student must be a graduating high school senior and may not be a Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB employee, or be the child or legal dependent of a Wal-Mart or SAM'S CLUB employee. The scholarship is available on-line until January 20, 2006. Interested seniors should logon to <http://www.walmartfoundation.org/> for more information. Students must apply at <http://www.scholarshipadministrators.net/>. Applicants must use the access code: SWCS to complete the application process. No paper applications are available.



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CLARA ABBOTT FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you have a parent who works for Abbott? If so, you may be eligible for a scholarship from The Clara Abbott Foundation. Scholarships are awarded based solely on financial need. Call 1-866-754-1333 or visit <http://clara.abbott.com/> for more information. Deadline is December 15, 2005.

TOYOTA COMMUNITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Toyota Community Scholars Program will award 100 renewable scholarships, valued at \$10,000 or \$20,000 payable over four years, to seniors who enroll at a four-year college or university in the United States starting in the fall of 2006. "We are seeking a candidate who has an outstanding academic record, is an effective leader, and has a well-documented record of service both within and outside the school setting. While academic performance is a prime factor in the selection process, please note that the distinguishing characteristic will be the overall impact of the student's contribution(s) in the area of community service..." The nominee must have initiated or be actively involved in a service program addressing a school or community need. Interested students must see Mrs. Dixon or Mr. Grady by November 29.

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