

JUNIOR GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

So you can plan ahead, this chart lists the day and time that colleges will be coming to Marlington.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
29	NEOUCOM	11:54 A.M.
<u>OCTOBER</u>		
3	YSU	1:00 P.M.
4	B-W	10:28 A.M.
5	MUC	10:28 A.M.
10	OHIO DOMINICAN	10:25 A.M.
14	HOCKING	8:00 A.M.
18	MALONE	10:50 A.M.
19	CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY	10:28 A.M.
20	MARIETTA	1:00 P.M.
21	AKRON	10:24 A.M.
25	STARK STATE	9:40 A.M.
26	HIRAM COLLEGE	2:20 P.M.
<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
2	OHIO NORTHERN	7:45 A.M.

The following schools are possibly visiting. Please check the official list posted outside guidance office:

Ashland, Akron-Nursing, OSU-ATI, OU, Bohecker's, Walsh

ALL COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES WILL MEET IN THE DISTANCE LEARNING LAB. PARENTS ARE WELCOME.

Seniors: You may only miss **two** classes (total) and any number of study halls.

Juniors: You may only miss **one** class (total) and any number of study halls.

If you have a study hall at the time of a presentation, you are definitely encouraged to attend. The more you hear about colleges, the more knowledgeable you become. Most presentations are taped. You may request the tape from Ms. Cline.

COLLEGE FAIRS

STARK COUNTY:

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY - STARK BRANCH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005
6-8 P.M.

CLEVELAND:

CLEVELAND CONVENTION CENTER
500 LAKESIDE AVE.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005
8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

COLLEGE FAIR FOR STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

GAHANNA LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
140 S. HAMILTON ROAD
GAHANNA, OHIO (COLUMBUS AREA)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

ON THE WEB:www.act.org - ACT infowww.collegeboard.com - SAT infowww.ncaaclearinghouse.net - NCAA athletic eligibility info**FINANCIAL/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:**www.educaid.cowww.wiredscholar.comwww.salliemae.comwww.fastweb.comwww.gocollege.co**COLLEGE CATALOGUES**

On the northwest shelves in the library are catalogues on colleges about (200). These are arranged by alphabet and are there for the student's use. Check them out!!!!

YOUR CEEB/ACT SCHOOL CODE IS:**363 – 080****Junior Year****When to Start**

September	Think about yourself-what type of person you are and what interests you have. Then investigate career goals and what particular jobs interest you.	Interest inventory tests; career and college guidebooks. Talk with your guidance counselor, teacher, parents and friends.
October-December	Take the PSAT Test (October 12) Identify factors important to you in a college; two-year or four year; majors; facilities; location; size; etc. Don't let cost be a factor yet. It's too early. Meet with college representatives who visit your high school. Write or call for information on schools of interest.	Guidance Counselor Attend College night programs in your area. Use library resource books, guidance counselor. Guidance counselor; college guidebooks.
January - March	List college you are seriously considering (try to narrow your choices to 4 or 6). Be sure you are on their mailing list. Compare the literature received, weigh pros and cons. Decide on the colleges you'd like to visit.	
April - August	Begin visiting colleges-talk with students and faculty. Ask plenty of questions and note college admission and scholarship deadlines. Take the ACT and/or SAT Look into the summer college classes to help you get a head start on college.	

STUDENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to participate in an Ohio High school Athletic Association sanctioned sporting event, a student-athlete must currently be enrolled in a member school and have received passing grades in a minimum of five (5) one-credit courses, or the equivalent, in the immediately preceding grading period. See your guidance counselor if in doubt.

COLLEGE PLANNING

Listed below are questions to help you establish your priorities and to help make your college selection.

A. QUESTIONS ABOUT ADMISSION POLICIES

1. What high school courses are required?
2. Are entrance tests required? Which ones? What range of score is accepted?
3. Does the college require a certain grade point average? Rank in class?
4. Will my activities and involvement in high school be considered?
5. Is there an essay on the application and is it read?
6. What decision making process is used?
7. Are personal interviews or letters of recommendation required?
8. Are there special requirements for impacted majors?
9. What percent of applicants are admitted?
10. Can admission denials be appealed?
11. What are the application filing dates?

B. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COLLEGE

1. Where is the college located (urban, rural)?
2. What is the surrounding community like?
3. Is the college public, private, parochial?
4. What is the current enrollment?
5. What special programs are offered?
6. Does the college have general education requirements? What are they?
7. Does the college have special programs for transfer students?
8. What is the academic calendar?

C. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDENT POPULATION

1. Where do the majority of students come from?
2. What types of activities are available?
3. Do most of the students commute or live on campus?
4. Are there sororities and fraternities on campus?
5. What athletic programs are available? Are they a major part of the social life?
6. Is the surrounding community supportive of the college?
7. Does the college have a campus visitation program?
8. Is housing available/guaranteed for Freshman?

D. QUESTIONS ABOUT ACADEMICS

1. What is the average class size? Smallest? Largest?
2. How many students complete a degree?
3. What about career opportunities and job placement after college?
4. How does registration work? Are classes guaranteed?
5. Do students graduate in four or five years?
6. What are the most popular majors?
7. Are students taught by full time faculty members, teaching assistants or a combination of the two?
8. What percent of graduates are accepted to graduate schools?
9. Are counseling services available?

E. QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

1. What percent of students receive financial aid?
2. What are the financial aid filing dates?
3. Are on campus jobs available?
4. What types of grants, scholarships, and loans are available?
5. How is financial aid awarded?
6. What is the typical financial aid package for a Freshman?
7. What are the notification dates for financial aid recipients?
8. Are there special scholarships for athletics, the arts, leadership, academic achievement?

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APPLICATIONS - What to do and how to do it!

When filling out applications, whether for a college or a scholarship, please be NEAT. We have seen committees who automatically disregard a messy application or essay. Many of you may need to TYPE OR PRINT your forms.

If you need letters of recommendations, please ask your references politely and give them at least a two-week deadline. It helps to have your list of activities for their reference. We would recommend that if they do not have their own computer to make address changes, then they should address the letter "To Whom It May Concern". You can use the letter for several applications. Thank you notes are in order after you have picked up your letter.

When you need a transcript, follow these steps:

- 1) Pick up a **"Transcript Request Form"** from the guidance office.
- 2) Complete the form.
- 3) Attach any **"counselor form"** from the application.
- 4) Put both forms in your counselor's mailbox.

Your transcript will be returned to you in a **sealed envelope along with any counselor form** from the application. **DO NOT OPEN!!!!**

Please check over your application information to be sure that it's complete before sending. You should write your social security number on your check. **You are responsible to mail all parts of the application.**