



Counselors' Update

Logan Elm High School, December 2009

Most of us are happy during the holiday season. Memories of past Christmases and anticipation of good times with family and friends put us in a positive frame of mind. For others, Christmas may not bring much joy. Each of us has the opportunity to make Christmas a happier time for someone. We can visit an elderly neighbor or relative; volunteer to babysit for a busy mom; help someone with a difficult job; donate clothes, food, or toys; give an unexpected gift; or just make an extra effort to smile and be pleasant. The best way to find our own happiness is to bring joy to someone else.

Pickaway County Counselors' Financial Aid Information Night Circleville High School, Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m.

Scholarships

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Stipulations</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
AXA Achievement Community Scholarship	\$2,000	Download application at www.axa-achievement.com	February 15, 2010
Cargill Community Scholarship	\$1,000	Require signature of a Cargill employee, applications online at www.ffa.org	February 15, 2010
M□E Companies, Inc., Scholarship	\$1,000	Graduate from Pickaway County, 2.5 GPA, recommendations, priority given to students pursuing civil engineering	March 31, 2010
Ben Kasler Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Senior athlete with at least one varsity letter in wrestling, 2.75 GPA	February 15, 2010
Printing Industry Scholarship Foundation (PIEF)	\$1,500	Must be entering a printing or graphic communications field of study. Log on to www.pianko.org and click on the "student" tab for complete information	February 28, 2010

FYI

- Students can also get help for the ACT on ACT's website (www.actstudent.org). The cost for their **online test prep** service is \$19.95 for one year.
- **Capital University and Army ROTC** offer a **full ride scholarship and stipend of \$300-\$500 per month**. The deadline for application is January 10, 2010. There is no obligation to apply. Visit www.goarmy.com/rotc for the application and more information.
- **Ohio Business Week** is a hands-on experience with business in a fun college setting. Students can attend Youngstown State on June 20 - 26 or Ohio Dominican on July 11 - 17. For more information, log on to www.ohiobusinessweek.org.
- **Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics** offers two-year degree programs in aviation maintenance, aviation electronics, electronic systems and mechanical systems. Find out more at www.pia.edu.
- **Columbus State** Community College is offering a new **full tuition scholarship** for students interested in a **career in math or science**. Check their web site or the guidance office for more information on the Future Scientists of Ohio Scholars Program scholarship.

- **Malone College** announces their **Piano Tuition Scholarship Competition**. The application deadline is January 8, 2010. Details are available in the guidance office.
- The **University of Rio Grande** is offering a new **B.S. degree program in Chemistry**. Find out more at www.rio.edu/chemistry.
- Check out **Kettering University's merit scholarship** opportunities at www.admissions.kettering.edu/apply.
- **Bowling Green** has a **continuing scholarship** program in Biological Sciences. Students must have applied or been accepted to Bowling Green. More information is available in the guidance office.
- **Want to start your own business?** DECA has implemented a new web site at www.entrepreneurU.org, which provides students and parents with a searchable database of college entrepreneurship programs. They also have scholarship opportunities listed.
- **Young female entrepreneurs** should check out www.GirlsGoingPlaces.com. **Prizes up to \$10,000** are awarded to reward enterprising community-minded girls from ages 12 – 18 who demonstrate budding entrepreneurship.
- The **American Legion** now has their college financial aid handbook online at www.legion.org/needalift. They have information **on scholarships and other financial aid**.

Important Dates

December 21 – January 1	Christmas Break
January 7	One-hour Delay
January 13	County-wide Financial Aid Meeting at Circleville High School, 7 – 8 p.m.
January 18	No School – Martin Luther King Day
January 22	End of 2 nd 9 weeks
January 29	Grade cards out
February 14	College Goal Sunday

Special Note - If Christmas finds you or someone you know **needing advice or someone to talk to**, the Scioto-Paint Valley crisis line is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Trained volunteers can connect you to community resources, provide counseling, or just be there to listen--and no one needs to know you called. The number is **477-2579**.

Some Thoughts on Christmas

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace. ~Agnes M. Pharo

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. **Luke 2:9-14***

The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas. ~W. C. Jones

*Somehow, not only for Christmas but all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you.
And the more you spend in blessing the poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing, returns to you glad.
~John Greenleaf Whittier*

Merry Christmas