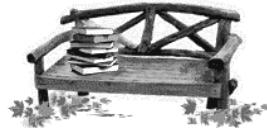


Counselors' Update



Logan Elm High School, September 2008

Welcome back. In the next few months you will be making a lot of decisions about your future. If you need information or guidance, we can be your first stop. We will print a **Counselor's Update** each month to keep you informed of important facts on career options, testing dates, scholarships, financial aid, and other information that you might find helpful. The **Update** is also available on Logan Elm's website, www.loganelm.net. We will have an informational meeting on 'The College Process' for junior and senior students and parents immediately following parent-teacher conferences on October 9. If you have other questions, please stop by to see us—we're here to help.

College Entrance Exams

Most colleges require scores from either the SAT or the ACT on freshman applications. Information and registration packets for both exams are available in the guidance office, or you can register online. The ACT is the college entrance exam most frequently required by Ohio's colleges and universities, and is the one we typically recommend for any college-bound student if he/she is planning to take only one. However, scores from the SAT may be requested by some colleges, and may give you a competitive edge for scholarships. College entrance exams are usually taken the spring of the junior year or early in the senior year. Tests can be taken more than once to improve scores. Seniors need to take the test no later than the December testing date to be considered for certain scholarships or admission to honors programs or selective colleges. A sample test is included in the registration packets. **Our high school code is 361-170.** You can have scores sent to three colleges of your choice for no additional fee. Most libraries have materials that can help you study, and there are several software programs that are very helpful. Remember, they prefer that you register online for these tests (websites given below). The ACT assessment includes an optional writing section. This option will be required for admission to some colleges and universities, including Ohio State. A listing of schools which either require or recommend the writing test is available on the ACT web site (see below). The SAT will also include a required writing section on the SAT I. The fee for the ACT is \$31, with an additional \$15.00 for the writing test; the SAT is \$45.

Deadlines for registration for the ACT and SAT are as follows:

ACT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Registration with late fee</u>
Oct. 25, 2008	Sept. 19, 2008	September 20 – Oct 3, 2008
Dec. 13, 2008	Nov. 7, 2008	November 8 - 20, 2008
Feb. 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2009	January 7 - 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009	February 28 - March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009*	May 8, 2009	May 9 - 22, 2009

• The ACT website is www.actstudent.org

*Test given at Circleville High School in October and June

SAT

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Registration with late fee</u>
Oct. 4, 2008	Sept. 9, 2008	Sept. 10 - 16, 2008
Nov. 1, 2008	Sept. 26, 2008	September 27 - October 10, 2008
Dec. 6, 2008	Nov. 5, 2008	Nov. 6 – 18, 2008
Jan. 24, 2009	Dec. 26, 2008	Dec. 27 - Jan. 6, 2009
March 14, 2009	February 10, 2009	February 11 - 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	March 31, 2009	April 1 - 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	May 5, 2009	May 6 -15, 2009

• The SAT website is www.collegeboard.com

• **JUNIORS** – The **PSAT** will be given here on Wednesday, October 15, beginning at 8 a.m. This is the only way you can enter the competition for a National Merit Scholarship. Sign up for the test in the guidance office. There is a \$13 fee.

College Visitation Days/Open House Dates

College	Dates/Locations	Contact
College of Mount St. Joseph (Cincinnati, OH)	Discovery Day: December 3 Get Acquainted Day: October 25, or March 21	www.msjeu.edu/visit to register online
University of Dayton	Open House: September 14, October 5, November 16	www.admission.udayton.edu/openhouse or 800-836-7433
Ohio Dominican (Columbus, OH)	Open House: September 20, October 18, November 8, December 6, January 19, February 16, or March 7	1-800-955-6446 or www.ohiodominican.edu
The Ohio State University	Campus visits require reservations. Visit the online registration web site to schedule your visit	www.campusvisit.osu.edu
Otterbein College (Westerville)	Visit Days: September 27, November 15	UOtterB@otterbein.edu or www.otterbein.edu
New York University	Reception in Columbus on October 7 at the Hyatt Regency on North High Street	www.admissions.nyu.edu/receptions
Shawnee State (Portsmouth)	Visits should be scheduled	www.shawnee.edu or 1-800-959-2778
Chamberlain College of Nursing (Columbus)	Open House: Tuesday, September 16, 3 – 7 p.m. Experience Nursing Day: October 16, 9:30 – 1:00	1-877-518-6474 or www.chamberlain.edu/columbus

Scholarships

Juniors Sign up for the **PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)** to be given here on Wednesday, October 15. This is the only way you can qualify for National Merit Scholarship Corporation's scholarship programs.

Seniors **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** is using their web-based application form again this year. Applications are available at www.coca-colascholars.org. This scholarship must be completed on-line by October 31. Applicants are evaluated on the following: demonstrated leadership in school, commitment to community, academic achievement, and part-time employment.

The **Horatio Alger Association** awards scholarships to students who have overcome adversity and have financial need (\$50,000 or less adjusted gross family income), involvement in school and community activities, and a minimum 2.0 GPA. You must intend to pursue a bachelor's degree in the fall of 2009 to qualify. More information is available at www.horatioalger.org. The deadline is October 30.

} Most colleges and universities have several scholarships available for students enrolling at their institutions. Be sure to ask the admissions and financial aid offices for information on scholarship opportunities. There are often early deadlines for these awards—AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER!

FYI (for your information)

Ohio University-Chillicothe is offering an **ACT preparation course** on September 20 and October 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at OU-C. The cost is \$50 (non-credit) or \$139 (one college credit). Applications are available in the guidance office.

A **national Christian college fair** will be held at Grace Brethren Church's R. Fred Hogue Center at 8225 Worthington-Galena Road in Westerville from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, September 15. Find out more by calling 1-888-4CFAIRS.

The **University of Cincinnati** would like you to know that they prefer online applications. You should also know the priority deadline for institutional scholarships is December 15. Admission files must be completed by that date to be considered for all scholarships. Their priority deadline for the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning is November 15.

The **University of Cincinnati's College of Applied Science** announces the CAS Technology Scholars Program. Students can earn \$2,000 toward their degree. The deadline is February 1, 2009.

Otterbein College will waive the application fee for students who apply online. They have a new Allied Health major for students who are interested in physical or occupational therapy, physician's assistant, exercise science, and related fields.

Pickaway HELPS is offering an ACT prep class for \$40. The classes will be held at Pickaway Co. Educational Service Center on Saturday, October 4 or Wednesday, October 8. Call 474-5383 for more information.

The **28th annual Columbus Kiwanis College Fair** will be held on Thursday, October 4, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, Ohio. Parking and admission are free. More information is available at 614-221-FACT.

The **2008 Columbus Suburban College Fair** will be held on Sunday, October 5, from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Clements Center, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

Pickaway HELPS is also offering a college fair at Teays Valley High School's gymnasium on September 18 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

A **college fair for students with learning disabilities** will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6, at Gahanna Lincoln High School (cafeteria). This is an opportunity to compare and contrast the wide range of accommodations offered by various colleges. Contact Phyllis Solove at solovep@gjps.org of 614/468-5500, ext 126 for additional information.

Online registration for the ACT will give you access to the most up-to-date list of test centers, immediate confirmation of test center assignment, and the ability to print your admission ticket. You can also establish a free account to make changes to your registration, view your scores, and request additional score reports. The web site is www.actstudent.org.

Seniors, be sure to carefully **review your credit checks and return them to the guidance office** along with your student **profile sheet**. The profile sheet provides staff members with information they can use to highlight your accomplishments in a letter of recommendation.

Bring any **change of address or phone number** to Mrs. Wagner ASAP. It is very important that we have your current address on file!

The U.S. Department of Education provides a web site for students to access information on **financial aid, career development, educational planning**, and other topics. Check out www.students.gov.

The law requires us to give **names and addresses of our junior and senior students to the military**. If you do not want this information released, let the guidance office know immediately.

The **University of Findlay** offers a direct-entry program into their **School of Pharmacy**. Students who are admitted are assured a place in all six years of the program as long as standards are met. The deadline is early. Apply NOW.

FOR MEN ONLY – Registration for the selective service is required by law. You must register within 30 days of your 18th birthday. You can do so at your local post office or on-line at www.sss.gov.

Be recognized for your volunteerism! The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes young volunteers at the local and state level. Visit www.prudential.com/spirit for an application form. It must be printed, signed and submitted to Mr. Williams by October 31. Logan Elm can nominate one student for recognition.

College Visits

September 17	Waynesburg at 10:30 Otterbein at 11:30
September 18	Lake Erie College at 8:00 Tiffin at 10:00
September 19	OU at 9:30
September 24	University of Toledo at 9:00 Ohio State School of Cosmetology at 11:00
September 25	Capital University at 11:30
October 2	Urbana at 10:30
October 9	West Virginia Wesleyan at 11:00
October 10	Wright State at 12 noon
October 14	Wilmington at 12:30
October 21	Shawnee State at 9:00

*Check the daily announcements for college representative visits. Students wishing to attend must sign up in the guidance office BEFORE the scheduled visit. Priority is given to seniors.

10 Steps to Selecting the Right College*

1. Determine the type of college you wish to attend. Small, large, private, public, 2-year, 4-year, etc.
2. Decide how far away from home you wish to be. Do you want to be able to go home often?
3. Involve your parents in an honest discussion. What is the family financial picture? Do you and your parents have the same expectations of your college experience?
4. Prioritize your academic and extracurricular interests. What is your intended major? Do you want to play a particular sport or be involved in music or theatre? Make a list of your priorities.
5. Do your research! Attend college fairs, check out the internet and college catalogs, talk to friends, counselors, teachers, and parents. Make a list of 3-6 colleges that really interest you.
6. Get more information on your top choices. Look at financial aid offerings, admission criteria, support services, and campus climate. Check out the college's web site.
7. Schedule a college visit and/or interview. Be sure to schedule a time to speak with all the appropriate campus staff. This could include admissions, financial aid, academic services, academic departments, coaches, etc.
8. Be prepared to get your questions answered. Make a list of your questions and write down the answers so you can make comparisons. Take an unofficial transcript and list of your extracurricular activities. If you have an interview, be sure to dress appropriately, be on time, and get the name and address of those you meet so that you can write thank you notes. Look at the local community as well as the campus.
9. Meet your deadlines. The earlier you apply for admission and financial aid, the better.
10. Evaluate your admission offers and make your selection.

*Taken from information from Davis & Elkins College

**LEHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM 3 – 6 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
MEETING ON 'THE COLLEGE PROCESS' FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS
AND THEIR PARENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PARENT-
TEACHER CONFERENCES**