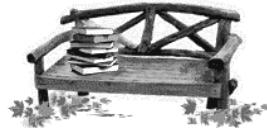


Counselors' Update



Logan Elm High School, September 2009

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 things 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 8. 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 \$32, 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. 24, 2009	Sept. 18, 2009	September 19 – Oct 2, 2009
Dec. 12, 2009	Nov. 6, 2009	November 7 - 20, 2009
Feb. 2, 2010	Jan. 5, 2010	January 6 - 15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6 - 19, 2010
June 12, 2010*	May 7, 2010	May 8 - 21, 2010

• 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. 10, 2009	Sept. 9, 2009	Sept. 23, 2009
Nov. 7, 2009	Oct. 1, 2009	October 15, 2009
Dec. 5, 2009	Oct. 30, 2009	Nov. 12, 2009
Jan. 23, 2010	Dec. 15, 2009	Dec. 30, 2009
March 13, 2010	February 4, 2010	February 18, 2010
May 1, 2010	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010

• The SAT website is www.collegeboard.com

• **JUNIORS** – The **PSAT** will be given here on Wednesday, October 14, 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 2, February 15 Get Acquainted Day: October 17, or March 20	www.msj.edu/visit to register online
University of Dayton	Open House: September 13, October 18, November 15	www.admission.udayton.edu/openhouse or 800-837-7433
Ohio Dominican (Columbus, OH)	Campus Visitation Days: October 3, November 14, January 18, February 20, or March 20	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: October 3, November 7	UOtterB@otterbein.edu or www.otterbein.edu
ITT Technical Institute (Columbus)	National Senior Open House: October 17	www.ITT-Tech.edu or 614/868-2000
Shawnee State (Portsmouth)	Fall Open House: Saturday, October 31	www.shawnee.edu or 1-800-959-2778
Chamberlain College of Nursing (Columbus)	Open House: September 12 Experience Nursing Day: September 22 or November 12, 9:30 – 1:00	1-877-518-6474 or www.chamberlain.edu/columbus
Miami University (Ohio)	Bridges: A Program of Excellence – Overnight visit at Miami, \$50 application fee waiver, \$4,000 renewable scholarship if accepted	www.muohio.edu/bridges
Carnegie Mellon (Pittsburgh)	Fall Information Sessions: Columbus @ Crowne Plaza Columbus North on September 22 at 7:30	http://my.cmu.edu/site/admission/page or 412/268-2082

Scholarships

Juniors Sign up for the **PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)** to be given here on Wednesday, October 14. 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!**

College Visits

September 3	University of Rio Grande	8:30
September 10, 2009	Navy & Air Force	Lunch
September 14	Ashland University	7:45
	Shawnee State	10:00
September 16	Lake Erie College	8:30
	Otterbein	11:30
September 17	Lake Erie College	8:30
	Ohio University	1:00
September 22	Urbana	1:30
September 23	Ohio State School of Cosmetology	11:00
September 28	Marines	Lunch
September 30	Capital	11:30
October 8	Walsh	1:00
October 9	Bowling Green	9:30
October 12	Ohio Dominican	11:00
October 13	Waynesburg (PA)	11:30

*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. Military representatives are available during lunches.

FYI (for your information)

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 Thursday, September 17. 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.

A **college fair for students with learning disabilities** will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 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. See Mrs. Franks in the guidance office 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.

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 November 2. Logan Elm can nominate one student for recognition.

Waynesburg University (Pennsylvania) offers Ohio students who have a 3.0 GPA and wish to major in the sciences or math the opportunity to compete for the Ohio Honors Scholarship. This is for **full tuition and room and board** for four years! The total value is over \$100,000. Call or e-mail admissions@waynesburg.edu or 1-800-225-7393.

Want more information on colleges, scholarships, and how to apply? Check out www.inlikeme.com for information **on everything from finding a college to comparing the ACT and SAT**. We do not recommend that you pay for any information that may be linked to this site.

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 3 – 6 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

**MEETING FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS AND PARENTS ON “THE
COLLEGE PROCESS” IN THE CAFETERIA IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**