

FT. RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL

GUIDANCE/SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2014

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GENERAL NEWS:

1. Parents (and students) can attend “**How to Help Your Son or Daughter Choose a College**” presentation on Thursday, November 13, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. This program is usually offered every-other-year. More details will appear in the Fort Site Journal.
2. **Junior and Senior Parents—save the date!** FRHS will host a **Financial Aid Night** on **Tuesday January 27, 2015 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the HS Commons. This presentation will be very helpful in explaining the financial aid process for college.
3. **Attention parents of college-bound seniors:** If possible, try to file your **2014** tax forms before February 15, **2015**. This is the FAFSA deadline for many Ohio colleges. (If you are unable to file by this date, don’t worry—you can estimate your AGI, etc. on the FAFSA and revise those numbers later.)
4. Check out the **high school calendar** on the school website to stay informed of what is happening at FRHS!
5. All FRHS Sophomores attended a **Tri-Star** Orientation on **November 4**. Everyone received a program catalog, information sheet, and field trip form later in the week. Tri-Star tours will be **December 9**. **If any parent is interested in chaperoning, contact Amy Kaiser at kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org.**
6. **Are you making good life decisions for your future?** This is a good question for students to ask themselves as they transition to adulthood. Getting a DUI or being convicted of a crime could prohibit you from becoming hired/certified in the career field of your choice, or from enlisting in the military. Think about what impact your actions and appearance (hairstyle, tattoos, piercings, etc.) will make in getting a job before you do something you may regret later. Listen to your parents—the DO know what they are talking about©.
7. **Seniors: create (and use) a “normal” email address** (ex: amy.kaiser@gmail.com). You are moving into the “real” world, and colleges and employers frown upon unprofessional email addresses.
8. We often get pleas from **local companies who are unable to fill their jobs in skilled trades** to promote these careers to HS students. Here is an excerpt from a recent email:
*“Over the course of the past 12 months of intensive searching I have only found two maintenance men and one toolmaker worth hiring. And none of the three were superstars. I still have 7 openings I can’t get filled and 73% of my maintenance men and toolmakers are over the age of 55... The bottom line is there simply isn’t enough of these people out there ...For kids in local high schools who know they aren’t going to college, the skilled trades area is a way to make a very good living without a college degree. A kid can go work on a factory assembly line for \$12-\$20 per hour **or he can work in a skilled trade area for \$18-\$30 per hour.**”*
9. **Take Action Video Contest** allows high school students to submit a 60-second video on consumer scams, cybersecurity, or identity theft for a \$2500 scholarship. More details can be found at www.OHiAttorneyGeneral.gov/TakeActionContest. Deadline is December 12.
10. The **Mercer County STOP** group is seeking new members for 2014-15. “Students Teaching Others Prevention” is a group where high school students can meet new friends who can support them in times of negative peer pressure. The STOP group comes together to learn about ways to stand strong in their belief not to use alcohol, tobacco, drugs, as well as help prevent bullying and suicide. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! You can participate if you are drug free or want to be encouraged to start over.**
Upcoming STOP meetings (all meetings are held at Celina Frist Church of God, 850 Fairground Rd.—east entrance)
 - **Monday, November 10** from 7-8:30 p.m.
They will discuss issues, upcoming events, and offer support for one another!
Contact Laura Sanford at 419-584-1000 for more information.
11. **All students: Be sure to log your service hours, academic awards, and activities!** This will be extremely helpful to you when filling out scholarship, job, and college applications. These log forms can also be used for induction into National Honor Society. Keep in mind that being a committed (contributing) member to a few organizations is much more important than being in several clubs. **NEW, SIMPLIFIED** forms are available in the Guidance Office.
12. Did you know that INFOhio’s **Learning Express Library** (<http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/LearningExpress.asp>) has lots of FREE resources for you? Login information is on p. 36 of your student planner.
 - Academic Recourses (for Elem/MS/HS, diagnostic testing)
 - Job Exploration
 - Practice Tests (ACT, SAT, AP Exams, GRE, ASVAB Military Test, etc.)

Job Opportunities (check out the postings near the guidance office as well)

13. **Briarwood Village, Coldwater** is looking for nursing assistants and hospitality aides. **They also train State Tested Nursing Assistants (STNA)**. Contact Kathy Otte at 419-678-2311 if you have questions.
14. **Farm Help Needed:** Afterschool, evenings and weekends. No experience necessary. Call Nikki Post at 419-852-3597 for more information.
15. The Mercer County One Stop Office is offering a **youth employment program (TANF)** for 14-21 year olds for the purpose of preparing for a career that is rewarding and meets personal goals. Applicants must meet income eligibility guidelines (students on an IEP may also be eligible). Call 419/586-5106 ext. 524 (Elizabeth Rinderle) or ext. 529 (Carol Weitzel) for more information.
16. **Job Corps** is a federal program that provides career-technical training for your people looking for an alternative to college, or who may be at risk for not completing high school. For more information, see www.recruiting.jobcorps.gov or call 800-733-JOBS.
17. Go to <http://hometownopportunity.com/> for information on **jobs in Mercer/Auglaize Counties!**

Volunteer/Community Service Opportunities (check out the postings near the guidance office as well)

****remember to log your service hours****

18. Anyone interested in **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** should see Mrs. Kaiser. High School students are needed on Thursdays after school at St. Henry Elementary.
19. Any student interested in **tutoring** (elem/MS/HS) should see Mrs. Kaiser. Tutors are always needed during study halls, after school, evening
20. **Psi Iota Xi Sorority** is in need of student volunteers for various activities throughout the year. Contact Cathy Etzler at 419-852-2572 for more information.
21. **Fort Recovery is celebrating its 225th year anniversary in June 2016.** The committee is looking for students and community members to help make the celebration memorable and fun! Please attend the planning meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings will be held in the Community Room of the new Athletic Complex. Contact Roger Broerman (419/375-4738), Bob Hull (419/852-9542) if you have questions. All are welcome!

Miscellaneous:

22. **All students who plan to go to college should take a college entrance exam.** An ACT (or SAT) test score is a requirement for admission to many colleges and universities. Stop by the guidance office for more information.

ACT College and Career Readiness Scores: English 18 / Math 22 / Reading 22 / Science 23

****IEP/504 students requesting extended time must see Mrs. Kaiser two weeks prior to the registration deadline.****

<p><u>ACT National Test Dates</u> December 13, 2014 February 7, 2015 April 18, 2015 June 13, 2015</p>	<p><u>Registration Deadlines</u> November 7, 2014 January 9, 2015 March 13, 2015 May 8, 2015</p>
<p>Students can register for the ACT online at http://www.actstudent.org/start. Our CEEB code is 362-165.</p>	
<p><u>SAT National Test Dates</u> November 8, 2014 December 6, 2014 January 24, 2015 March 14, 2015 May 2, 2015 June 6, 2015</p>	<p><u>Registration Deadlines</u> October 9, 2014 November 6, 2014 December 29, 2014 February 13, 2015 April 6, 2015 May 8, 2015</p>
<p>Students can register for the SAT online at sat.org/register. Our CEEB code is 362-165.</p>	

23. **FREE Practice tests:**

- Booklets available in the Guidance Office
- www.actstudent.org/sampletest, www.actstudent.org/onlineprep, or <http://www.actexampracticetests.com>
- <http://infohio.org/ER/secure/LearningExpress30.asp>. (This is a very good website and has practice **AP exams** as well!). Click on "Learning Express Library" and then "College Prep Center". You will need to create a user account (username and password can be found on p. 36 in your student handbook).

24. ACT Prep Courses:

- **Edison Community College** and **Sylvan Learning Center** offer classes to review math and English skills, test taking and time management tips, test questions and practice problems. The classes usually meet 6 weeks prior to each ACT national test date. See Mrs. Kaiser for more information.
25. The Ohio Department of Health's **Help Me Grow** program provides information and support for first time mothers. Contact Sandy Dorsten at 419-586-1721 for more information.
26. **The National Council for Adoption** offers help to expectant moms who need advice. Adoption gives you and your child the opportunity to live your lives to the fullest and not limit each other's chances. They ask that you consider the possibilities by calling 1-866-355-7965 or visiting iChooseAdoption.org.
27. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!

COLLEGE AND CAREER INFO:

General Info:

28. Career Spotlight

- **The University of Cincinnati** now offers a **Medical Sciences major**, which will prepare students for advanced training in medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, and graduate school in biomedical research. Highlights of the program include: Housed in the College of Medicine, providing students access to medical school faculty and resources. Admission to the major is competitive, and will likely be limited to students that have obtained strong grades and have taken high-level science courses. This major provides a unique opportunity for students to learn more about a medical program before applying to medical or other professional schools. For more information, please visit the [Medical Sciences website](#), or contact David Wiczorek, Ph.D. Director of Admissions, Medical Services.
 - **Ursuline College** has a three year BSN (Nursing) program. Average starting salary is \$57,000/year and you will begin earning one year early! Learn more at ursuline.edu/BSNin3.
 - **The John Jay Center in Portland** (along with Indiana Wesleyan University) is starting another **Associate of Business** degree cohort in January 2015. Participants will take one class per week and can still maintain a full-time job. It is free to apply and classes are very affordable. Call Carolyn Carducci at 260-729-5525 ext. 223 for more information.
 - **Mount Carmel College of Nursing** offers direct entry in to their nursing program and no waiting list. To learn more, call Kim Campbell at 614-234-5800.
 - **Manufacturing Careers** are in high demand in our area. An increasing number of high-tech jobs are unfilled because the demand is so great. Electricians, Welders, Engineers, etc. are needed. **Twenty-five percent** of the workforce in West Central Ohio is in manufacturing. The median wage for skilled trades/manufacturing is \$50,000 per year.
 - **The Military can help finance your education.** Find out more at todaysmilitary.com
29. The John Jay Center in Portland offers classes for the **High School Equivalency Exam** (formerly known as GED). Call 260-729-5525 for more information.
30. Students interested in **job shadowing at Mercer Health** should contact Betsy Schoenleben at 419-678-5119 or bschoenleb@mercer-health.com to request a job-shadowing packet. Be specific about the area(s) you are interested in (you can list more than one). Students are required to get a Tb test prior to shadowing.
31. University of Dayton
- **Women Engineering Program** (overnight event): November 14-15 (6 p.m.-10 a.m.)
 - **Explore Engineering:** November 15 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Reservations are required at <http://go.udayton.edu/exploringengineering>.
32. Edison Community College will again host its "We Are IT" conference for females interested in **Information Technology, Engineering, and Science** on Friday, November 14. This program is designed to provide a broad-based introduction to STEM careers. They had a sold-out crowd last year, so apply early!
33. The Mercer County Sherriff's Office sponsors an "explorers program" for **students interested in careers in law enforcement**. Call Captain Mark Heinll at 419-586-7724 for more information.
34. **Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**
- **OhioMeansJobs** has a wealth of information about current job openings as well as occupation searches, wages, Ohio colleges, interest inventories, and much more! Website: <https://ohiomeansjobs.com/>
- Helpful Hints:
- Start by clicking on K-12 (cardinal with the graduation hat)
 - Navigate using the Guided Tour
 - #5-- College and Career Readiness Assessment & Training Center has college test preparation. (You don't need to register, but if you do, it will save your results.)

- If you build a resume on the K-12 side, it is private. Save and post on the adult side (monster.com) later.
 - Begin building your personalized “backpack” of information!
 - **The Occupational Outlook Handbook**, <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/a-z-index.htm> offers a wealth of information on today’s jobs, wages, duties, and employment trends. This is an outstanding site!
 - **The College Board**: Check out <http://www.collegeboard.com/> Click on “Students” to begin.
 - <http://www.college-scholarships.com/ohio.htm> has links to colleges, universities, career schools, and technical schools (with contact information). There are also many scholarship links.
 - Sinclair Community College has a “**career coach**” link on their website <http://www.sinclair.edu/explore/careercoach/> that is really good! It gives up-to-date statistics about occupations, wages, and how many people are employed in that profession.
 - www.voluntarysystem.org gives you statistics about many colleges across the nation. These are great websites to help you narrow down your choices!
 - <http://www.college.gov/wps/portal> was designed by students for students, and features first-person accounts of students who have overcome challenges such as peer pressure, lack of family support, and financial barriers, to go to college.
35. **Prospective College Athletes** who plan to play Division I or II sports must register with the appropriate clearinghouse. Both eligibility centers require that test scores (i.e. ACT) be sent directly from the testing agency. See Mrs. Kaiser if you need to register with either of these athletic clearinghouses because I need to mail your transcript to them! Cost is approximately \$65.
- **NCAA Clearinghouse**: www.eligibilitycenter.org
 - **NAIA**: www.playnaia.org.

Vocational:

36. See the scholarship near the end of this newsletter. **Scholarships are available for several certifications at vocational schools.**
37. There is a need for **skilled labor positions** (construction, pipe fitting, sheet metal, electricians, ironworkers, HVAC, heavy equipment operators/engineers, cement and masonry, etc.). See Mrs. Kaiser for more information on Apprenticeship Programs and how to earn a Journeyman’s Card.
38. **Electrician Journeyman’s Test**: Two new sections beginning at the John Jay Center (Portland) in January. \$225 each, cost includes textbook.
- *Designed for working electricians looking to increase their knowledge and skill*
 - *Each section prepares the student for different parts of the exam and comes with a certificate of completion*
 - *Prepares participants for the Indiana or Ohio State Licensing exam*
 - *Led by Doug Tipton, Journeyman Electrician and certified National Center for Construction Education and Research instructor. [Visit this website for more information.](#)*
39. **Interested in earning a CDL?** Clark State Community College offers several programs for CDL drivers (as well as other specialty areas). Call 866.CDL.4185 or visit www.clarkstate.edu/truck_driving.php.
40. **Apollo Career Center** (Lima) offers many adult-education classes and certification programs in **skilled trades**. Call Doug Durliat at 419.995.8353 if you would like more information.

College:

41. **Seniors planning to attend a 4-year college should apply by the end of November.**
- *ASK* if there is a separate financial aid / scholarship application (You should try to get as many scholarships and grants as possible)
 - *COMPLETE* applications online, in ink, or type. Do not use pencil—appearance is important.
 - *IF AN ESSAY IS REQUIRED, please do your best. The essay makes a big difference in admission and scholarship decisions.*
 - *GIVE DETAILS*
 - don’t just say you’re a member of a club, tell what you do in that club
 - give the number of hours you have contributed
 - explain what challenges you have had, and what you’ve done to overcome obstacles
 - if the application doesn’t allow you to give details, mail a letter requesting it be added to your file
 - *SUBMIT 1-2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION **if** the admission process is competitive*
 - *OBEY DEADLINES!*
 - Let Mrs. Kaiser know when you have completed/submitted your application so she can mail your transcript to the university.

42. **College Essays:** Many colleges require an essay for admission and/or scholarship consideration. Here is some helpful advice:
- Ask the admissions representative HOW the essays are used (and judged). Will your essay be used for placement into an English course? Used holistically in the admission decision?
 - Write about something personal: a challenge you have faced, someone or something that has had an impact on your life, etc.
 - Have someone proofread and critique your essay.
 - Keep in mind that the people reviewing your essay read thousands of them. Make sure yours is interesting and will be unique!
43. **Upcoming College Fairs/Open Houses** *(there are MANY more than this...these are just a few I received mailings on)*
- **Bowling Green:** December 6, February 16
 - **Ohio State Lima** (both events are from 9-12 noon)
 - **Explore Biology, Health Sciences, Psychology and Social Work** programs- November 7
 - **Business, Education, English, History and Theater** programs- November 21*To RSVP, go to Lima.OSU.edu/RSVP and enter the access code EXPLORE7 (Nov. 7) OR EXPLORE21 (Nov. 21)*
 - **Rhodes State**
 - **Preview Rhodes:** November 5 from 6-8 p.m. (perfect for juniors and seniors—RSVP at www.rhodesstate.edu/preview)
 - **Transfer Fair** (for students interested in starting at a community college and transitioning to another college later will be April 1. You can tour Rhodes in the AM and attend the transfer fair in the PM. This is a great way to get a lot done in one day!
44. **Catalogs are available in the guidance office that highlight ALL of Ohio's 2-Year, Private and Public Colleges.** These books are excellent resources for students to make comparisons between schools...they let you know enrollment, tuition rates, admission policies and fees, locations, and much, much more! These catalogs can also be accessed online:
- **Ohio's Public Universities:** <http://www.OPUAC.org>
 - **Ohio's Private Colleges and Universities:** <http://www.aicuo.edu> (click on "resources", then "2014-15 Counselor's Guide")
 - **Ohio's Two-Year Colleges:** <http://www.ohiocommunitycolleges.org/> (click on "resources", "publications", then scroll down to "A Guide to Ohio's Two-Year colleges")
 - You can also find information **on non-Ohio** colleges via collegeboard.com or ohiomeansjobs.com
45. **Rhodes State** students who would like to be considered for 2015 **Occupational Therapy Assisting, Physical Therapy Assisting, and Radiographic Imaging** clinical entry should begin the selective admissions process this fall. The deadline will be in February. Information can be found at www.rhodesstate.edu/pta www.rhodesstate.edu/ota and www.rhodesstate.edu/rad Students can certainly be admitted next fall, complete their general education and basic related courses and apply for 2016 clinical entry.
46. **Public or Private College?** Keep all of your options open, and don't rule out Private Colleges based on the cost! In many cases, you can afford the tuition...apply for the scholarships and grants available to you. Sometimes, you can attend a private school for the same price as a public one! Studies show that students who attend private colleges often graduate 1-2 years earlier than those who attend public colleges.
47. **Notes about a few of Ohio's public universities:**
- Students planning to attend **UC** must apply by **December 1** to be eligible for their full-range of scholarships.
 - UC, OSU and Miami do not accept test scores on student transcripts; **scores must be received directly from the testing company** (i.e. ACT). Most others prefer the scores are sent directly.
 - The **writing** portion of the ACT/SAT is required for admission to UC, OSU and Toledo, as well as several private colleges. WSU uses it for English placement.
48. **John Jay Center for Learning** (affiliated with Ivy Tech State College and Indiana Wesleyan) in **Portland, IN** offers beginning-level college courses at a very reasonable cost Call 260-729-5525.
49. Several Colleges offer **FREE** (or reduced) **tuition** for students who meet low income qualifications. Here are a few examples:
- **Miami University Access Initiative:** Miami University will provide tuition and fees for all new first-year students from Ohio entering the Oxford campus that has family incomes of less than \$35,000. The program will continue to provide tuition and fees for eligible students for up to four years.
 - **Harvard University** (and others) has similar programs. Be sure to ask if you are eligible!
- YOU need to ASK the college (or check their financial aid site) if they have such a program. Don't be afraid to apply to your dream school!

Military:

50. Attention students in grades 9-11: **If you are interested in applying for admission to a US Military Academy, start planning NOW.** Academy Nomination Applications (US Air Force, Military, Naval and Merchant Marine Academies) are due in September or October of your senior year. It is a very prestigious honor to attend a military academy, and admission is highly competitive.
- Junior year is when the Academy application process truly begins. Students will start by filling out the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire, which becomes available online March 1 every year.
 - Between March 1 of their junior year and December 31 of their senior year, students must also request [nominations](#) from a designated nomination category.
 - See Mrs. Kaiser ASAP if you are interested in a US Military Academy.
51. **Interested in joining the military after graduation?**
- There is information in the guidance office on all branches of the military and each service academy.
 - **You need to take the ASVAB test to be considered for enlistment.**
 - Military recruiters visit FRHS (and homes) throughout the year. For additional information about a career in the military, visit <http://todaysmilitary.com/careers>.
 - NROTC (full-tuition) scholarships are available.
 - **The Army ROTC** offers many incentives for students who wish to go to college and enlist in the military. Full-ride scholarships are available. Inquire at your desired college to see if an opportunity exists with the ROTC that might be right for you.
 - University of Dayton contact is Alton Womack, 937/416-5611
 - Attention Juniors: You might want to attend a Summer Seminar to see what life as a cadet is all about. Go to the website of the academy of your choice and look under “Admissions” for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:

These are in order by due date. See Mrs. Kaiser for additional information.

52. **Financial Aid: Seniors need to get a PIN** at www.pin.ed.gov This is one of the things you will need in order to apply for federal financial aid for college—so keep it in a safe place. You will need 2 PINs total: 1 student PIN and 1 parent PIN (parents use the same PIN for all children). Tell your parents to make their tax appointments for January (if possible). This information is necessary to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in February.
53. **Don't get scammed on practice tests and financial aid/scholarship apps--watch for warning signs!**
- You have to pay a fee or “taxes”
 - Credit card or bank account information required
 - Money-back offers or guarantees
 - Provides “exclusive” information
 - Unsolicited emails or phone calls
- Report scams to the proper authorities (BBB, Attorney General, National Fraud Information Center, etc.).
54. **Imagine America Scholarship for 2014 graduates:** FRHS can select up to three students to receive this \$1000 scholarship—FRHS will award this to the first 3 eligible students who apply each year. Only recent high school graduates who are qualified applicants and who meet the following recommended guidelines should apply: Likelihood of successful completion of postsecondary education, high school grade point average of 2.5 or greater, financial need, and demonstrated voluntary community service during the senior year. Students must plan to attend a “**career college**” (such as **Lincoln Tech or Kaplan**) to be eligible. Students should visit the website for more information and a list of participating schools. **2015 grads can begin to apply after January 1, 2015.** Apply online at www.imagine-america.org.
55. **Specialized Carriers & Rigging Foundation** is offering \$1000-\$5000 grants to individuals looking to take a continuing education course (such as welding or diesel mechanics) or attend vocational/technical college. Apply online at <https://scrfoundation.fluidreview.com/>. Grants are awarded throughout the year.
56. **Sussle Scholarship** (\$500): Sussle is an encyclopedia of the things YOU care about. This is not your usual scholarship. There is no application or essay, and it's actually fun. By participating, you will be posting your knowledge for the benefit of others, and in return, the best contributor will win the scholarship. Eligibility: HS seniors and college students. See <http://sussle.org/scholarship> to enter. Deadlines: end of each month.
57. **Prudential Spirit of Community Scholarship:** Middle or high school students who have made a difference through volunteering can apply online for this \$1,000 award at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Submission deadline is November 4.
58. **Jack Kent Cooke** scholarships are available to seniors with a 3.5 GPA, 26 ACT and have a family income of \$95,000 or less. See <http://info.jkcf.org/newcollegescholarship> for more information. Deadline to apply is November 4.

59. **Notre Dame Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program** is for students who demonstrate high academic, moral, leadership and service. Program benefits include \$25,000 per year. Call 574-631-1111 or email hysp@nd.edu with any questions. Deadline to apply is November 15.
60. **Rhodes State Scholarship Application** can be found at www.RhodesState.edu/scholarships (click on apply now/STARS online).
- **Foundation Scholarships**- Fill out one application for over 50 scholarships! Due date is December 5.
 - **PSEOP**- \$1000 for students who successfully complete a course at Rhodes their senior year. Due May 1.
 - **Tech Prep**- \$1000 for students in a Tech Prep program at Tri-Star. Due May 1.
 - **Rhodes to Success**- \$1000 Academic Scholarship. Due May 1.
 - **Associates of Arts or Sciences**; \$1000 –Start your bachelor's degree coursework at Rhodes and save money! Deadline is August 15, 2015.
61. **Mercer County Elks is offering several scholarships.** Visit www.elks.org for more information.
- **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**: senior applicants must exhibit scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Awards range from \$4,000-\$50,000. Applications need to apply at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm by **December 5**.
 - **Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards**: eligible applicants are: any child, grandchild, step-child, step-grandchild or legal ward of a living Elk who joined on or before **April 1, 2012**, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, **2012**. The Elk must be a paid member- up through March **31, 2015**. Great-Grandchildren are not eligible. Scholarship awards are \$4000. Applicants must take the ACT or SAT by December 31. The ENF Legacy Award Application is only available online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy/rules.cfm and is due by noon on **January 30**.
 - **Emergency Educational Grants** are available to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. Contact Jane Heiby at 419-925-4232 for more information.
62. **Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW):**
- **Chapman Scholars Program** awards full tuition, fees, room, board and textbooks for four years. Requirements are an ACT composite of 29 and ranked in the top 5% of class or an ACT composite of 32. You must apply to IPFW by December 15.
 - **Doermer Scholarship**: is for business majors only and also included full tuition, fees, books, room, and board. Apply by December 15.
 - **Chancellor's Merit Award(?)**: in-state tuition for students who rank in the top 25% of their class and have an ACT of 24 or above.
63. **AXA Achievement and Community Scholarships**: AXA is offering sizable scholarships (up to \$25,000 each). Winners are known as AXA Achievers. They are students who set and reach ambitious goals; demonstrate drive, determination and ability to succeed in college and who have respect for self, family and community. . To learn more about the scholarship go to www.axa-achievement.com. Apply early as only the first 10,000 applicants will be considered. Application deadlines are December 15 and February 1, respectively
64. **NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award** is for seniors who operate their own small business. Apply at www.NFIB.com/YEA by December 18.
65. **Free Speech Essay Contest** for juniors and seniors (up to \$10,000): Enter at <http://www.thefire.org/student-network/essay-contest/> by January 1, 2015.
66. **2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest**: Write an essay on an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1956. This is open to students in grades 9-12. More details can be found at www.jfklibrary.org. under the Education tab. Deadline is January 5.
67. **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship**: for college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Recipients will each receive \$40,000 in college scholarship funds. Additional information can be found at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-scholarship.aspx>. Application deadline is January 8.
68. Engineers Foundation of Ohio is offering scholarships to seniors and current college students who desire **careers in engineering**. Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA and ACT math=29, English =25. Brochures are available at: http://ohioengineer.com/images/stories/pdf/scholar_broch_14.pdf and applications can be found at http://ohioengineer.com/images/stories/pdf/scholar_app14.pdf. Due date is January 15.
69. **Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarships** (\$1000-\$5000) are available for senior interested in history, politics, or military service. Visit <http://qwcf.org> for more information. Deadline is January 15.
70. **OSU Alumni Scholars Program (Grade 12)**: Applicants must be ranked in the top 10% of graduating class, demonstrate involvement in community and school activities, and show a sound interest and positive attitude towards college work to be able to receive a one-time \$600 scholarship (two scholarships will be awarded). Letters of recommendation can be attached to the application and are very important. Application and transcript must be returned by January 18.
71. **BGSU** is offering scholarships (\$4000-\$5200 per year) to incoming freshman who are considering **teaching secondary (or middle childhood) science or math** (ACTION program). Applications can be found at

- www.bgsu.edu/action. Many other colleges have a similar program. All ACTION scholarship applications are due January 23.
72. **Ball State University** is taking application for its Miller Scholars program. The program is for incoming freshman interested in studying business. **A recent FR grad received this award!!** More information can be found at <http://cms.bsu.edu/> (search: Miller Scholars). Deadline to apply is January 31.
 73. **Ohio Valley Associated Builders and Contractors Emerging Leaders Group** is offering 2-\$1000 scholarships to students in grades 10-12 who plan to attend a post-high school program in a construction related field. Applications are due February 1.
 74. **Playing with Purpose** scholarships are available to current high school students in grades 10-12 with a “C” average or higher. You must be a current varsity athlete in at least 1 sport and be a committed Christian. Apply at www.playingwithpurpose.org by February 1.
 75. **Celina Insurance Group** is offering a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior who will be pursuing a 2 or 4 year degree in the insurance industry (Accounting, Actuarial Science, Business, Communications, Computer Science, Finance, Pre-Law, Risk Management, etc.) Applications due February 10.
 76. **National Co-Op Scholarships** are available to students entering a WACE partner college (University of Toledo and Cincinnati are examples) in the 2015-16 academic year. A recent FR graduate did receive one of these scholarships©. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to apply. Visit www.waceinc.org for more information. Deadline is February 15.
 77. **MED Foundation of Mercer Health Scholarship (grade 12)**: Mercer Health is offering scholarships to graduating seniors pursuing a career in the medical profession. The goal of the MED Foundation is to award one scholarship to each school in Mercer County. Applicants must have an ACT score of 25 or higher. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Applications are due February 28.
 78. **Wright State Lake Campus / Western Ohio Educational Foundation Scholarship Packets** for the 2015-2016 WOEFL/Lake Campus scholarships for new, non-traditional, current, returning, and transfer students are now available online at www.wright.edu/lake/scholarships. Application deadline is March 1.
 79. **Lincoln College of Technology Scholarships**:
 - **2015 High School Select**- a \$1,000 guaranteed tuition scholarship to a senior from FRHS (Tri-Star also can award a \$1000 scholarship). Applications are due to Mrs. Kaiser by March 12.
 - Students take a **scholarship test** when they visit Lincoln Tech for additional awards
 - Apply for the **Imagine America** scholarship (see above)
 80. **The Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools** (in conjunction with the Ohio Legislature) is awarding over 400 scholarships to 2015 graduating seniors. These awards range from \$2,000-\$44,000. Applicants must plan to attend one of the specific career-technical (Ohio) colleges listed on the application (Art Institute of Ohio, Brown Mackie ITT, Lincoln Tech, Miami-Jacobs, Kaplan, Virginia-Marti, etc.) to be eligible for these scholarships. **All are associate’s degree or diploma programs**...see poster for degree programs. Deadline is April 10.
 81. **Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program** (\$1000): Open to seniors who: intend to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Visit the website for more information: www.animationcareerreview.com, and search “scholarships”. Deadline to apply is June 1.
 82. **Aspiring Pharmacy Technician Scholarship Program** (\$1000): Open to high school seniors. Visit <http://www.pharmacytechnicianreview.com/> and click on Pharmacy Technician Review on the right side of the page. Deadline to apply will be June 1.
 83. **Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship** (\$1000): for students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college. More info can be found at <http://www.fashion-schools.org/> (at the bottom of the page). Deadline June 1.
 84. **The Mercer County Civic Foundation** has a small pool of **student loan funds** available to undergraduate students. These low-interest \$900 college loans are renewable, and the 4% interest rate does not begin to accrue until 6 months after graduation from college, and are interest-free if repaid within that time. Interested students should call Glenn Hux at 419/586-9950 for an application. Applications are due by June 1.
 85. **Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship**: To apply for this \$1,000 scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic found on the website. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school **juniors and seniors** as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution who are between the ages of 16 and 30. More information can be found at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Registration deadline is June 15.
 86. **BigSun Scholarship**: The BigSun Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a **student athlete**. The successful applicant will be a high school senior participating in a sport OR be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution. Visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. Deadline is June 19.
 87. **Looking for more scholarships?**
 - Try a Google search (ex. “scholarships for communications majors”)
 - Schoolsoup.com

- Fastweb.com (they have links for your specific age (HS, college, adult), and grade!)
 - <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>
 - www.ChristianConnector.com to register for a \$2500 scholarship to a Christian College
 - www.legion.org/needalift (sponsored by the American Legion)
- **Remember: you should **never** pay to apply for a scholarship.

UPCOMING DATES:

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| ○ November 4 | Americanism Test |
| ○ November 4 | Tri-Star Presentation for Sophomores |
| ○ November 4, 13 | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| ○ November 13 | How to Help Your Son/Daughter Choose a College presentation |
| ○ November 21 | Student Council Blood Drive |
| ○ November 24 | Pie/Dessert order pick-up |
| ○ December 9 | Interested Sophomores visit Tri-Star |
| ○ December 17-19 | SEMETER 1 EXAMS (adjusted HS schedule) |

If you have additional questions, please stop by the guidance office or email me at: kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org

-Mrs. Kaiser