

# FT. RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL

## GUIDANCE/SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2012

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### GENERAL NEWS:

#### Around FRHS:

1. **College Visits at FRHS (grades 11-12):** Several College/University/Military Representatives visit FRHS each year. Check out the calendar outside the office (or on the school website>Guidance Homepage) for upcoming visits. Juniors and seniors may sign up for a visit in the guidance office. (This must be done at least two days prior to the visit.)
2. **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.).
3. **All students: Be sure to log your service hours and activities!** This will be extremely helpful to you when filling out scholarship, job, and college applications. These hours can also be used for induction into National Honor Society. Forms are available in the guidance office. Keep in mind that commitment to a few organizations and being able to describe the contributions you have made (not just stating that you are a "member") is much more important than being a one year non-contributing member of several clubs. It's not what you are in, **it's what you do to contribute** to what you are in **that matters!**
4. Parents can attend "**How to Help Your Son or Daughter Choose a College**" presentation on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the FRHS Commons.
5. **Juniors interested in taking the PSAT** must see Mrs. Kaiser. Cost is \$14, and the test will be given on October 17.
6. Girls in grades 10-11-12 can compete in the **Miss Pumpkin Contest** (Bradford) on October 10. Applications are due Oct. 3. See Mrs. Kaiser for details.

#### Miscellaneous:

7. **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. Most colleges accept either the ACT or the SAT. **FRHS students usually take the ACT (1-3 times).** **STOP BY THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AND PICK UP A YELLOW INFORMATION SHEET, INFORMATIONAL FLYER, AND A PRACTICE TEST PRIOR TO REGISTERING!** (*IEP/504 students requesting extended time must see Mrs. Kaiser 2 weeks prior to the registration deadline.*)

#### 2012-13 ACT National Test Dates

October 27, 2012  
 December 8, 2012  
 February 9, 2013  
 April 13, 2013  
 June 8, 2013

#### Registration Deadlines

September 21, 2012  
 November 2, 2012  
 January 11, 2013  
 March 8, 2013  
 May 3, 2013

\*\*Students can register for the ACT online at <http://www.actstudent.org>. Our CEEB code is 362-165.

#### 2012-13 SAT National Test Dates

October 6, 2012  
 November 3, 2012  
 December 1, 2012  
 January 26, 2013  
 March 9, 2013  
 May 4, 2013  
 June 1, 2013

#### Registration Deadlines

September 7, 2012  
 October 4, 2012  
 November 1, 2012  
 December 28, 2012  
 February 8, 2013  
 April 5, 2013  
 May 2, 2013

\*\*Students can register for the SAT online at [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register). Our CEEB code is 362-165.

## 8. Important changes to ACT/SAT test day policy:

- To be admitted to the ACT/SAT test on testing day students **MUST** bring their admission ticket (which will have their picture on it starting in October) **AND** a valid picture I.D. Students can no longer use newspaper photos, yearbooks, or recognition by test center staff as criteria for admission. If students do not have a valid I.D. the FRHS office staff can print the DASL demographics page (w/the imported picture). This page must bear the school stamp/seal and student signature. The student will have to sign the paper again when he/she checks in for the test.
- Students are no longer able to "walk in" on test day to test as "stand-bys" or change their test center or test date; this must all be done online prior to test day. The students will then get a new admission ticket that will allow them to test.
- If you have any questions you can check: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or <http://sat.collegeboard.org>

## 9. FREE Practice ACT and AP Exams are online at:

- <http://www.infohio.org/ER/secure/LearningExpress.asp>. Click on "Learning Express Library". You will need to create a user account (username and password can be found on p. 33 in your student handbook). This is a very good website!
- <http://www.actexampracticetests.com> has study tips and ACT questions with detailed answer explanations.
- The U.S. Army sponsors a site to help with test preparation: [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com).

## 10. 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.

11. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!

12. **Pregnant/need help?** Family Life Center of Auglaize County can offer some help. Phone: 419-394-9756. They also offer a support group for New Moms and Moms to be...call 419-300-9756 if interested.

## **COLLEGE / CAREER INFO:**

13. **Requests for a US Service Academy** can be made by contacting John Boehner's office at 1-800-582-1001 (Adam Eversole) by October 26.

## 14. 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!*

## 15. 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).
- The **writing** portion of the ACT/SAT is required for admission to UC, Kent State, OSU and Toledo.

16. 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!

17. **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 "2012-13 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")

- 18. 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.
- 19. A Construction Career Expo** may be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in early October. Many apprenticeship programs will be present with informational sessions, booths, hands-on activities and construction equipment. A \$500 scholarship and door prizes will be awarded. See Mrs. K for details.
- 20. Interested in earning a CDL?** Clark State Community College offers several programs for CDL drivers. Call 866.CDL.4185 or visit [www.clarkstate.edu/truck\\_driving.php](http://www.clarkstate.edu/truck_driving.php).
- 21. Want to be a CNC operator?** Apollo Career Center is offering classes beginning in November. Call Doug Durliat at 419.995.8353 if you would like more information.
- 22.** 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.
- 23. College Visits at FRHS (grades 11-12):** Several College/University/Military Representatives visit FRHS each year. Check out the calendar outside the office (or the "HS Guidance Calendar" on the school website>Guidance Homepage) for upcoming visits. Juniors and seniors may sign up for a visit in the guidance office. (This must be done at least two days prior to the visit.)
- 24. 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! Cost is approximately \$65.
  - **NCAA Clearinghouse:** [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). The website provides important information and key steps for high school student-athletes and parents as they begin the initial-eligibility process.
  - **NAIA:** [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org).
- 25.** Edison Community College, Piqua is holding a conference for **girls interested in IT, Science and Engineering** on Friday, November 16, 2012. For more information, call 937.778.7885.
- 26. College Open Houses:** most colleges have special visit days—many on Saturdays. See Mrs. Kaiser for details. Here is a very short list of what I've received in the mail...
  - **Ohio State (Columbus):** October 13 (Honors and Scholars Day is November 2)
  - **Ohio State (Lima):** October 19, November 16, January 25, and February 18
  - **Rhodes State (Lima):** October 30 and February 18 ([www.rhodesstate.edu](http://www.rhodesstate.edu))
  - **Wright State Lake Campus:** November 15, 4-7 p.m.
  - **Wright State Main Campus (Raider Open House):** November 10 and March 9
    - **Business Day:** October 12
    - **Athletic Training Day:** October 12
    - **Health Professions Day:** February 18
    - **Women in Engineering Day:** Spring 2013Students can schedule visits at [www.wright.edu/admissions](http://www.wright.edu/admissions)
  - **Youngstown State:** October 20 and November 16
  - **UNOH (Lima):** November 2 and 3
    - **Scholarship testing** will be on both days—**We have had several students do very well on these test days and won BIG money!!** Register online at [www.unoh.edu](http://www.unoh.edu).
- 27. Need some advice on** how to choose a career, college, and **how much money to borrow for college?** Check out these YouTube videos: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eatzv8Jt6G8> or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVXI67QM2OA&feature=related>.
- 28. Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**
  - **TOP PICK!!** Ohio Career Information System: <http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us> (username and password can be found on p. 33 of your student handbook). To find colleges with your desired major, click on "school sort" > "undergraduate" and follow the prompts.
  - Check out <http://www.collegeboard.com/> Click on "Students" to begin.
  - Another good website is [www.voluntarysystem.org](http://www.voluntarysystem.org) It 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.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:**

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

29. **Imagine America Scholarship for 2012 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 **High school graduates of 2013** can start applying on January 1, 2013. 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. Apply online at [www.imagine-america.org](http://www.imagine-america.org).
30. **AES Engineers Scholarship (open to all majors):** Applicants must answer one of the essay questions from the website at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. Their belief is that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason they are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted. Deadline is October 5.
31. **Mercer County SWCD Scholarship:(Grade 12):** The Mercer County Soil and Water Conservation District, along with the Marion Mutual Insurance Association will be offering a \$1000 college scholarship to a local high school senior OR college freshman or sophomore. To be eligible, a student must be pursuing or planning to pursue a degree in an agricultural or environmental related field. Questions? call 419/586-3289. Applications are due October 25.
32. **Coca-Cola Scholars Program:** Each year the Coca-Cola Foundation awards 250 achievement-based scholarships. Awards total \$3 million. Apply online at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org). Applications must be received by October 31.
33. **Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest** sponsored by Fort Recovery VFW and its Auxiliary is open to all HS students. Chance for \$46,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. There are local, district, and state awards. Information on how to enter can be found at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under “What’s Happening”. Submit entries to Sharon Link, c/o Fort Recovery VFW Post, P.O. Box 596, Fort Recovery. Deadline is Nov. 1.
34. **2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Scholarship:** students who have taken part in community service activities can apply online for this \$1,000 award at <http://spirit.prudential.com>. Submission deadline is November 6.
35. **Mercer County Elks is offering several scholarships.** Visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for more information.
  - **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship:** senior applicants must exhibit scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Awards range from \$1000-\$15,000 per year. Applications need to be received by **December 7.**
  - **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, 2010**, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, **2010**. The Elk must be a paid member- up through March **31, 2013**. Great-Grandchildren are not eligible. Awards are \$4,000. 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](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars), and is due by **February 1.**
36. **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. Students can register by calling 260-481-0535. Applicants must apply to IPFW by December 15.
37. **2013 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest:** Write an essay (less than 1,000 words) that demonstrates an understanding of political courage. More details can be found at [www.jfklibrary.org](http://www.jfklibrary.org). Deadline is January 5.
38. **Rhodes State Scholarship Opportunities:**
  - “Rhodes State Foundation” Scholarship application can be found at [www.rhodesstate.edu](http://www.rhodesstate.edu) . Deadline is December 5.
  - “Rhodes to Success” Achievement Scholarship application is available in the guidance office Requirements include a 3.5 GPA and/or 24 ACT composite. Priority deadline is December 14, but applications will be accepted until May 1.
  - “Associate of Arts and Sciences Scholarship” is available for students who plan to attend Rhodes and then transfer to another college or university for their bachelor’s degree. Requirements include a 2.8

GPA and/or 21 ACT composite. Priority deadline is December 14, but applications will be accepted until May 1.

- “Tech Prep” (Tri-Star, PLTW, Ag) graduates are also eligible for a \$1000 Tech Prep Scholarship. These awards are renewable for all tech prep students who complete their first year at Rhodes with a 3.0 cum GPA or higher.

### 39. Lincoln College of Technology Scholarships:

- **2013 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 13.
- Students take a **scholarship test** when they visit Lincoln Tech for additional awards
- Apply for the **Imagine America** scholarship (see above)

**40. 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](http://www.animationcareerreview.com), and search “scholarships”. Deadline to apply is June 1.

**41. Aspiring Pharmacy Technician Scholarship Program** (\$1000): Open to high school seniors. Visit <http://www.pharmacytechnicianreview.com/>. The application link can be found on the right side of the page. Deadline to apply is June 1.

**42.** Check out [schoolsoup.com](http://schoolsoup.com), [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com), and [big33.org](http://big33.org) (through Feb. 12) for additional scholarship and college information.

### UPCOMING DATES:

- Lots of College Reps are visiting FRHS this fall (check the guidance calendar near the office or online)
- October 3 Blood Drive
- October 9 Parent-Teacher Conferences, “How to Help Your Son/Daughter Choose a College” Presentation (6:30 p.m.)
- October 17 PSAT Test (optional National Merit Scholarship test for Juniors)
- October 22-26 Fall OGT Week
- October 26 End of 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks
- November 6 Americanism Test
- November 6 Tri-Star Presentation for Sophomores
- November 13 PLAN Test (practice ACT) for all Sophomores

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

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