

HHS Senior Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Seniors – make the most of this school year as you work towards your future beyond high school. We are looking forward to working with each of you as you plan for the transition to college or careers next fall. To help you get started, we will meet in Government & Economics classes this week to review admissions and application procedures, important dates etc. Please read the *Senior Newsletter* carefully- it will be coming to you monthly through the beginning of next semester. Included will be important dates and events concerning college admissions, deadlines, visits, career information, etc. Please share this information with your parents so they can best assist you in your choices.

Mr. Tasker

Senior Counselor A-L

Ms. Reichart

Senior Counselor M-Z

College Visitations

All seniors are permitted two days of excused absence per year for the purpose of making college visits. You are strongly encouraged to schedule these visits during days off school (Sept. 19, Oct. 14, Nov. 4 & 28). Pick up a **College Visitation Form** from the Guidance Office to be signed by your parent / guardian and the College Representative with whom you meet. The form is to be returned to Mrs. Klippel in the high school office when you return to school. To get the most out of your visit, follow the suggested guidelines provided on the visitation form. Most colleges have special visitation days of a general nature and for specific college majors. Listings of Ohio's independent colleges visitation days may be found at (www.ohioprivatecolleges.com). For Ohio's public universities and out-of-state schools or for more specific information on activities, check with the college admissions office. Information about Ohio's public and private colleges and universities may also be found at Ohio Public Colleges/Universities.

(www.opuac.org)

Medina County College Fair

The 2009 Medina County College & Career Fair will be held on **Wednesday, October 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** at the Medina County Community Center, 735 Lafayette Road. Plan to attend and invite your parents. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with college reps, pick up materials, etc.

College Entrance Exams

If you have not yet taken or plan to retake the ACT/SAT note the following dates:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
ACT	October 22 December 10	September 16 November 4
SAT*	October 1 November 5	September 9 October 7

*If you still need to take SAT II (Achievement) Tests, this should be done ASAP.

If you are planning to register online, be sure to use the correct **Highland High School Code (363-355)**.

Senior Interviews

Our goal is to meet with each of you by the end of the semester to assist you in your college and career plans and in making the transition to post-secondary education. Due to increasing enrollment at many colleges and universities, deadlines for applications, testing, scholarships etc., will be approaching rapidly. We encourage you to schedule an appointment ASAP to get an early start on the application process. Please see Mrs. Gamauf or your counselor to schedule an appointment. We also encourage your parents to participate in the Senior Interview; please have them call for an appointment.

Making Application

To submit an application, students must bring the completed application materials including the **College Application Checklist** to the Guidance Office for processing. All items on the College Application Checklist that apply must be completed before submitting your application for processing, including the transcript release signed by your parent/guardian (18 yr. olds may sign for themselves). We will handle the transcripts, mailing, etc. The first two transcripts are free; there will be a \$1 charge for more requests.

It is strongly recommended that students planning to attend The Ohio State University, Bowling Green, KSU, Cincinnati, and Toledo make application ASAP. At many colleges residency continues to be tight and preference will be given to early applicants and those with strong academic credentials. **You must allow 10 business days for processing of all applications.**

Recommendations

Decide whom you will ask for recommendations and ask them now. As a general rule, you should ask those who are most familiar with your abilities, accomplishments, activities or talents. When you ask, provide an addressed and stamped envelope with the appropriate college forms. If we are sending everything from the Guidance Office, letters of recommendation must be submitted along with your completed application.

College Admission Materials

Most colleges offer online applications, scholarship information, profiles etc., which may speed processing time. The Guidance Resource Room is available during study halls for:

- ~Researching Colleges and Careers
- ~Completing College Applications
- ~Writing College Essays
- ~Studying for PSAT, ACT or SAT
- ~Independent Studying

This resource area also has catalogs available for each of the state schools in Ohio as well as many private schools in Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, etc. The handouts detail admission requirements, application deadlines, tuition/room and board costs, whom to contact, transfer policies, and selection criteria.

If you are still undecided about a college major or career access the internet version of **OCIS** (Ohio Career Information System). Check with the Guidance Office or the Library Media Specialist for user name and password information.

Choosing A College

Save yourself some time and money by researching university and trade/technical school admission guidelines. For example, at OU the general guidelines are top 30% of class plus 21 ACT or 990 SAT or top 50% of class plus 23 ACT or 1060 SAT. KSU has set unconditional admission standards of 2.5 GPA and 21 ACT or 980 SAT with sixteen core courses. **(Keep in mind these are not rigid cutoffs; guidelines act as "ballpark" figures for minimum requirements and DO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR!)**

To Re-Test or Not To Re-Test

Unless you have a good reason to re-test (admissions and/or scholarship eligibility), why spend the time and money? Check with the Guidance Office or the college for more information. For many students, the real question is how to best intervene to improve one's performance. Some possibilities include:

***Use the practice materials provided in the registration packet.

***Check out the **Learning Express Library** available through INFOhio Electronic Resources for Students.

***Take a course. Check the Guidance Bulletin Board for information on upcoming classes.

Common Application:

These schools accept the Common Application:
Baldwin-Wallace College, Case Western Reserve University, College of Wooster, Denison University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kenyon College, Lake Erie College, Marietta College, Miami University, Oberlin College, Ohio Northern University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Otterbein University, University of Dayton, University of Findlay, Wittenberg University, and Xavier University.

Attention 18 Year Old Males

Young men must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Failure to do so

may affect your college financial aid!

<http://www.sss.gov/regist%20information.htm>

College Visits 2011-2012

MUST SIGN UP IN GUIDANCE OFFICE PRIOR TO VISIT 9/6/2011

Dates and times are subject to change. Announcements will be made each morning of the visit.

<i>College</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
University of Toledo	Friday, September 02, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Denison University	Tuesday, September 13, 2011	8:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
John Carroll University	Tuesday, September 13, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
University of Mount Union	Thursday, September 15, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Cleveland State University	Thursday, September 15, 2011	12:45 PM	Guidance Conference Room
Ohio Wesleyan University	Wednesday, September 21, 2011	8:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Westminster College	Monday, September 26, 2011	10:20 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Notre Dame College of Ohio	Monday, September 26, 2011	11:15 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Ashland University	Monday, September 26, 2011	12:45 PM	Guidance Conference Room
Heidelberg University	Tuesday, September 27, 2011	8:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Wittenberg University	Wednesday, September 28, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Ohio State University ATI	Monday, October 03, 2011	8:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Urbana University	Tuesday, October 04, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
The University of Akron	Tuesday, October 04, 2011	12:00 PM	Auditorium
Bowling Green State University	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Hiram College	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	10:15 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Miami University	Wednesday, October 12, 2011	11:15 AM	TBA
Otterbein College	Thursday, October 13, 2011	11:15 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Eastern Michigan University	Monday, October 17, 2011	11:15 AM	Guidance Conference Room
University of Cincinnati	Wednesday, October 19, 2011	9:45 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Walsh University	Wednesday, October 19, 2011	12:45 PM	Guidance Conference Room
Baldwin-Wallace College	Monday, October 24, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Kent State University	Monday, October 24, 2011	10:15 AM	TBA
Ohio Northern University	Monday, November 07, 2011	9:30 AM	Guidance Conference Room
Cleveland Institute of Art	Thursday, December 01, 2011	12:45 PM	Guidance Conference Room

**COLLEGE VISIT LIST WILL BE UPDATED AS NEW COLLEGE VISITS ARE ADDED.
PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE UNDER
“COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS 2011-2012”
FOR UPDATES.**

Student Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT) Last Name First Name

College Deadline _____ Check if Early Decision

For Office Use Only

Copy or print from Website and submit to Guidance each time you need a transcript sent.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM/ COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION (please print clearly)

Please allow **TEN** working days for processing.

1. Please indicate the application deadlines imposed by the college. Also indicate if you are applying Early Decision.
2. Whether applying on-line or by paper, you must look for and download any forms that your college requires your counselor to complete, typically named College Prep Form, Secondary School Report or Counselor Report/Form.
3. If your college uses the Common Application, you must invite your counselor and teacher(s) to complete the required forms.
4. Return this form and application materials to the Guidance Office.
5. Remember that it is your responsibility to send your AP, ACT and SAT test scores directly to the Colleges/Universities/NCAA.

► Counselor Contact/High School Information:

<i>Craig Tasker</i>	<i>A – L</i>	<i>330-239-1901 Ext 5213</i>
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<i>CEEB Code</i>		<i>363355</i>
<i>High School Address</i>		<i>4150 Ridge Road</i> <i>Medina OH 44256</i>

I give permission to Highland High School to send out paper/electronic transcripts to the college named on this request form.

Parent Signature if Student is Under 18 Years Old Date Submitted to Guidance

Date Sent to College/University (Office Use)

Name of College/University/NCAA

Address

City State Zip

- I applied on-line through the above College/University Website.
OR
- Attached application is completely filled out and signed.
OR
- I applied using the Common Application. . .
- I have invited my counselor online to complete the Secondary School Report.*
- I have invited a teacher(s) online to complete the Teacher Recommendation.*

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- College Prep Form, Secondary School Report or Counselor Report/Form attached.
OR
- No Counselor Form/Recommendation required.

I have asked the following teacher(s) to write a letter of recommendation to be included and mailed with the application materials: _____

- OR**
- Teacher will mail recommendation separately.

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- Application Fee _____Enclosed _____Paid Online _____N/A
- I requested AP/ACT/SAT to send my scores directly to this school.