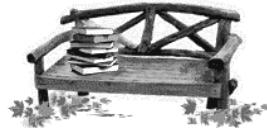


Counselors' Update



Logan Elm High School, September 2007

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. 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 you are 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. **OU-C offers an ACT test-preparation class which our English department recommends.** Remember, you can 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). SAT will also include a required writing section on the SAT I. The fee for the ACT is \$30, with an additional \$14.50 for the writing test; the SAT is \$43.

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. 27 2007*	Sept. 26, 2007	September 22– Oct 5, 2007
Dec. 8, 2007	Nov. 2, 2007	November 3-15, 2007
Feb. 9, 2008	Jan. 4, 2008	January 5-18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-21, 2008
June 14, 2008*	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

• The ACT website is <http://www.act.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. 6, 2007	Sept. 10, 2007	Sept. 11-14, 2007
Nov. 3, 2007	Oct. 2, 2007	October 3-11, 2007
Dec. 1, 2007	Oct. 30, 2007	Nov. 1 – Nov. 8, 2007
Jan. 26, 2008	Dec. 26, 2007	Dec. 27-Jan. 4, 2008
March 1, 2008	Jan. 29, 2008	January 30 – February 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 2 - April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 7 -15, 2008

• The SAT website is www.collegeboard.com

• **JUNIORS** – The **PSAT** will be given here on Wednesday, October 17, 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
The Ohio State University, Health Sciences Majors Fair	October 24, 2007 at the Recreation and Physical Activity Center (RPAC) from 3 – 5 p.m. Free (parking \$5) and open to the public. No pre-registration required.	614-292-1431
Savannah College of Art & Design – Admission presentation	Saturday, October 13, at Embassy Suites Cincinnati in Covington, KY (individual portfolio counseling available by appointment)	www.scad.edu/admission , click on SCAD in Your Area 800-869-7223
Duke University's Discover Duke	Monday, October 8, at 7 p.m. at Thomas Worthington High School	No contact information given
Muskingum College – Fall Visitation Days	Friday Freshman Days – November 9, November 16 Fall Open House – November 3	www.muskingum.edu
Shawnee State University	November 3 and February 18	www.shawnee.edu
Denison University	Day Programs – October 8, 19, or November 5 Diversity Weekend Overnight – November 10-12 Fall Overnight Program – November 11-12	www.denison.edu
Mount Union College	Fall Visitation Days – November 10	www.muc.edu or admission @muc.edu or 800-334-6682
Miami University (Ohio)	Information Sessions – Monday – Friday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. from September – April. October's Saturday sessions are at 10 and noon. Tours follow each session.	www.muohio.edu or 513-529-2531
Cleveland State University	Fall Visit Day – October 20, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Info. Sessions and tours M-W-F 2 p.m. and T-TH at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.	www.csuohio.edu/admissions/visit
OSU's College of Pharmacy	Pharmacy Day – October 27 from 9:30 – 12:30, Parks Hall, Room 104	614-688-3772 or orozco.5@osu.edu
Otterbein College	Visit Days – October 20, November 3	www.otterbein.edu
Washington University in St. Louis	Sunday, October 7 from 4 – 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton at Easton Town Center	800-638-0700 or www.admissions.wustl.edu
DeVry University	College Visit Days – October 5, November 2, and December 7 from 1 – 3 p.m.	888-837-7103 or www.devry.edu
University of Dayton	Open House – October 21, November 11	www.admission.udayton.edu/openhouse or 800-837-7433
University of Akron	Wednesday Preview Day – October 17, 2007	www.uakron.edu/admissions or 1-800-655-4884
All-Ohio Pre-Med Day	Saturday, October 27 from 8:30 – 2:30 at OSU (\$25 fee – registration form in guidance office)	http://aed.org.ohio-state.edu/ (deadline is October 10)

Scholarships

Juniors Sign up for the **PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)** to be given here on Wednesday, October 17. 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 2008 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.**

FYI (for your information)

Ohio University-Chillicothe is offering an **ACT preparation course** on October 6, and October 20, 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.

28th Annual **Columbus Kiwanis College Fair on Thursday, October 4, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.** at the Aladdin Shrine Center, 3850 Stelzer Road, Columbus, OH. Free admission and parking.

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.act.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.

Have you always **wanted to live in the Rockies**? Consider attending the University of Wyoming. Check out their new viewbook in the guidance office.

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.

College Visits

October 1	Central Ohio Technical College, 8:30
October 8	Ohio University, 1:00
October 11	Youngstown State, 11:00
October 22	Ohio Christian University, 9:00
October 25	Walsh University, 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

PICKAWAY COUNTY COLLEGE NIGHT – OCTOBER 3, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.
CIRCLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

(sponsored by Pickaway County Counselors' Association)

LEHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM 3 – 6 P.M.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4