

**Senior Guidance Notes
October 24, 2011**

These notes are designed to make you and your parents aware of scholarships made available by colleges, businesses, and organizations, and of other information and deadlines pertinent to seniors. Please read them through carefully, share them with your parents, and contact me about any forms you might need or to get further information about any of the items mentioned. These notes are also posted on the Newark Catholic website under Academics, and then click on Guidance Counseling.

Mr. Lusk

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Newark Catholic is pleased to have FastWeb college scholarship and college search services available to our students. It can access over 1.5 million scholarships worth over \$3.4 billion and thousands of detailed college profiles. It creates a customized profile for each student which is constantly updated as new information becomes available, and the best thing about it is that it's absolutely free. We have a hyperlink to FastWeb through our NC website on the guidance page or you can access it through www.fastweb.com.

Some other websites you might want to visit to learn more about the whole college process and financing a college education are:

**www.finaid.org
studentaid.ed.gov
studentaid.ed.gov/guide**

Another helpful website is www.CollegeBasics.com. It offers tips and insider secrets about planning for college, applying for college, financial aid, scholarships, admissions essay, college interviews, and much more. There is no charge, and you do not have to register or give any personal information.

SAT has a website for students and parents which includes information for college applications online, scholarship search, online SAT registration and preparation, college search, career search, and SAT test dates. To get access to this information type www.collegeboard.com/sat.

ACT also has a website at www.actstudent.org which will help you in registering and preparing for the test, as well as providing you with information about college and career planning.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be arriving soon. I will have it announced when they come in. Your parents may not mail the form until January 1, 2012, but they should do so as soon as possible after this date. The government is strongly urging people to use the on-line version of the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov instead of filling out a paper form. Completing the on-line FAFSA will shorten the processing time from weeks to days. In addition, the help screens and checks built into the on-line form greatly reduce the possibility of making an error or omission that might delay processing or require correction. Something you may do now is to get your PIN registration numbers

at www.pin.ed.gov. These numbers are not required, but they may speed up processing. They may be used by students and parents throughout the aid process, including subsequent years. The PIN allows parent and student to electronically sign the FAFSA, as well as other grant and loan forms. Both parent and student should have their own PIN numbers.

Another form which we will be receiving soon is the FAFSA on the web worksheet. By filling out the information on this worksheet you will have all the information needed to complete the FAFSA online. This will greatly simplify the process for you.

College Goal Sunday is February 12 at 2:00. It offers you the opportunity to have expert help completing and submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Financial aid professionals from Ohio colleges and universities will be available to walk you and your family through the financial aid application you must complete to qualify for scholarships, grants, loans, and other forms of assistance. It will be offered at OSUN/COTC. I will give you more details regarding registration as they become available. You may participate in this program no matter what school you plan to attend. There is no charge. The website for this program is www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org.

SENIOR BOYS; If you are about to turn 18, you must register with the U.S. Selective Service. You can do this online at www.sss.gov or you can do it at your local post office. You must do it because it is the law and also because you will not be eligible for any type of federal financial aid for college or you may not renew your driver's license until you are registered with the Selective Service.

Some colleges you are applying to (although not many at all) may require your parents to fill out a form called the Financial Aid Profile (FAP) in addition to or in place of the FAFSA. Check to see if this is the case for any of your colleges. This form needs to be done on-line.

Another excellent source for doing college searches, finding online applications, downloading applications, and doing scholarship searches is the PrincetonReview.com.

University of Dayton is having an Open House on November 13. If you want information about this program call 1-800-837-7433.

Some important updates from OSU, Columbus. Admission application deadline: February 1, 2012. FAFSA deadline: February 15, 2012. December 1, 2011 is the priority deadline to be considered for the full range of scholarships. There is a supplementary sheet with additional updates from OSU at the end of these notes

The Licking County Library will host a free workshop on finding resources for college on Thursday, October 27, from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in Meeting Room A at the Newark Library. For more information contact the library at 740.349.5553

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus of Ohio will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to Catholic High School students in grades 9-12. Requirements are financial need, GPA of 2.5 or higher, academic awards, community and/or parish involvement and extracurricular activities. Preference may be given to children and grandchildren of K of C members, living or deceased. Deadline: November 15, 2011. I can make you a copy of the application.

Glenna R. Joyce Scholarships cover all standard expenses of attending four years at The Ohio State University or the University of Notre Dame. At the Ohio State University, students are identified as candidates for the Joyce scholarship through the Honors & Scholars (H&S) Application. The H&S Application is available at hsapp.osu.edu There is no special application for Joyce Scholarships at Notre Dame other than the standard application for admission and the application for financial aid (<http://financialaid.nd.edu>)

The Coca Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3 million in scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, commitment to community, and academic achievement. For eligibility requirements and application information visit the website www.coca-colascholars.org. Click Apply On-line, then Four Year.

BigSun Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a student athlete no matter which sport they are participating in. Find out how to apply by visiting the website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com>. Deadline: June 22, 2012

Big 33 Scholarship Foundation student applications open Friday October 17, 2011 thru Feb 24, 2012. Students can apply for scholarships by accessing the Big 33 website www.big33.org

National co-op scholarship program at schools which offer the NCCE co-op program. The National Commission will award 155 merit co-op scholarships of \$6,000 each, for a total renewable value of \$4,000,000. For more information contact www.co-op.edu. Schools in Ohio which offer this program are Toledo and Cincinnati. Deadline: February 15, 2012

The Horatio Alger Scholarship Program will award scholarships valued from \$2,500 to \$20,000. You can submit an online application at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships. Deadline: October 30, 2012

I also have information about becoming a school-based speech-language pathologist.

I also have information about programs and scholarships from the following colleges:

Pittsburgh Technical Institute - Oakdale, Pennsylvania
St. Francis University - Loretto, Pennsylvania
University of Notre Dame - South Bend, Indiana
Miami University - Oxford, Ohio
University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, Ohio
Washington University in St. Louis - St. Louis, Missouri
Ithaca College - Ithaca, New York
Kettering University - Flint, Michigan
Case Western Reserve University - Cleveland, Ohio
Aquinas College - Grand Rapids, Michigan
Gannon University - Erie Pennsylvania
Defiance College - Defiance, Ohio
Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, Ohio
Otterbein University - Westerville, Ohio
Emory University - Atlanta, Georgia
St. Michael's College - Colchester, Vermont
Waynesburg University - Waynesburg, Pennsylvania
West Virginia University - Morgantown, West Virginia

Time and change...

Please note the following important updates from Ohio State's office of Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience:

Dates and deadlines

- Admissions application deadline: February 1, 2012
- FAFSA deadline: February 15, 2012. Our goal is to send financial aid awards by mid-March.
- December 1, 2011, is the priority deadline to be considered for the full range of scholarships. Students who (1) apply for admission by this date, (2) apply to the Honors and Scholars Programs by December 15, and (3) are selected for the Honors Program will also be considered for the Honors Presidential and Medalist Scholarships. All scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis.
- Fall semester 2012 starts on August 22, 2012.

Changes to Honors and Scholars, top scholarships

- All autumn semester Columbus campus applicants are welcome to apply to the Honors and Scholars Programs. Successful applicants typically have strong academic records, sustained extra-curricular or work experiences, and demonstrated leadership abilities.

To apply, students should first apply for admission to the university; admissions applicants are e-mailed their unique Ohio State Username, a necessary credential to complete an Honors and Scholars application at hsapp.osu.edu.

- National Merit/Achievement/Hispanic finalists designating Ohio State as their first-choice institution by March 1, 2012, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship (up to \$2,000 with financial need).
- See meritawards.osu.edu for details on these and other merit scholarships.

Be aware that...

- Ohio State has gone paperless: our online application is available at apply.osu.edu.
- Ohio State's application fee will increase to \$60 for domestic students and \$70 for international students for students applying to enroll in the fall of 2012 or later.
- New freshmen may not apply to enter the university in the summer session (of 2012); that term will be uniquely truncated by the conversion to semesters.
- Starting in the fall of 2011, full-time enrollment at Ohio State is 12-18 hours (rather than 12+ hours).
- Our school counselor site (hscounselors.osu.edu) provides counselors with the application status of students from their schools. Request log-in credentials by following the instructions on the website.