

**Senior Guidance Notes  
November 9, 2010**

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.

**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 600,000 scholarships worth \$1 billion and over 4,000 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](http://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](http://www.finaid.org)  
[studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)  
[studentaid.ed.gov/guide](http://studentaid.ed.gov/guide)

Another helpful website is [www.CollegeBasics.com](http://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](http://www.collegeboard.com/sat).

ACT also has a website at [www.actstudent.org](http://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, 2011, 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](http://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](http://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.

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 13, at 2:00 PM. 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.

**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](http://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. I have copies of the PROFILE Student Guide which will provide information about how to apply for financial aid using the online PROFILE application. 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](http://PrincetonReview.com)

Students planning to attend Bowling Green beginning in fall 2011 housing sign-up is now available including the opportunity to request housing in their brand new residence hall. Let me know if you need more information about this.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship. Students interested in applying for this scholarship may access the application website at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). Deadline: December 1, 2010 at 8:00 p.m.

The Young Buckeyes of Central Ohio are offering two scholarships. This group is associated with The Ohio State University Alumni Association. The two scholarship opportunities include one in the amount of \$3000. This scholarship is open to all students who are in the top 10% of their high school graduating class and demonstrate involvement in school and community activities. The second scholarship will be awarded to five females in the amount of \$3000 each in the name of Mirolo Charitable Foundation. Applicants must be females who intend to major in a business related field, who are in the top 10% of their graduating class and demonstrate involvement in school and community activities. Applications may be obtained on the website [www.youngbuckeyes.com](http://www.youngbuckeyes.com) under the "Documents" section. Deadline: January 7, 2011.

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, 2010. I can make you a copy of the application.

AXA Achievement Scholarship ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Criteria include being active in your community, leading a project that benefits others, or overcoming personal challenges. Download an application at [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com). Deadline: December 15, 2010

Glenna R. Joyce Scholarships cover all standard expenses of attending four years at The Ohio State University or the University of Notre Dame. The Ohio State University Joyce application is a joint application with the Battelle Scholarship and the application is online at [www.honors-scholars.osu.edu/hosa/](http://www.honors-scholars.osu.edu/hosa/). There is no special application for Joyce Scholarship at Notre Dame other than the standard application for admission and the application for financial aid (<http://financialaid.nd.edu>)

The Hartford Fair will award two scholarships of \$1000 each. Requirements include 500 word essay, high school transcript, three reference letters. Applicant must live within the Hartford Fair District and be a member of one of the following 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, or Steer Pool. Deadline: 4:00 pm March 1, 2011

U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship Program will award forty \$1,000 scholarships in a random drawing. No Essays. Program runs October through March. Apply online at [usbank.com/scholarship](http://usbank.com/scholarship).

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>.

Big 33 Scholarship Foundation student applications open Friday October 15, 2010 thru Feb 12, 2011. Students can apply for scholarships by accessing the Big 33 website [www.big33.org](http://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](http://www.co-op.edu). Deadline: February 15, 2011

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I also have information and/or packets from the following colleges:

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy - New York, Los Angeles  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Troy, New York  
Miami University - Oxford, Ohio  
Washington University in St. Louis - St. Louis, Missouri  
DeVry University  
Emory University - Atlanta, Georgia  
St. Michael's College - Colchester, Vermont  
Bowling Green State University - Bowling Green, Ohio  
Pittsburgh Technical Institute - Oakdale, Pennsylvania  
Cazenovia College - Cazenovia, New York  
Ithaca College - Ithaca, New York  
University of Evansville - Evansdale, Indiana  
DePauw University - Greencastle, Indiana  
Defiance College - Defiance, Ohio  
College of Mount Saint Vincent - Riverdale, New York  
Virginia Military Institute - Lexington, Virginia  
Waynesburg University - Waynesburg, Pennsylvania  
Wittenberg University - Springfield, Ohio  
Ohio Wesleyan University - Delaware, Ohio