

Ft. Recovery HS Guidance/Scholarship Newsletter: September 2010

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GENERAL NEWS:

Around FRHS:

1. **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.
2. **Mrs. Kaiser will be visiting all JUNIORS in English classes** on September 14 and 15 to discuss several topics and hand out a lot of information. **She will be in SENIOR English classes on September 9 and 14.** Several of these documents can be found on the guidance homepage of the FRLS website at <http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org>.

Job Opportunity:

3. **JR Manufacturing** is looking to hire 3-4 high school students for clean-up and to box parts. Applicants must be at least 16 years old.

Miscellaneous:

4. **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. In general, colleges in the Midwest prefer applicants to take the ACT, while those on the coasts may prefer the SAT. Many 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!**

<u>ACT National Test Dates 2010-2011</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011

<u>SAT National Test Dates 2010-2011</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
October 9	September 10
November 6	October 8
December 4	November 5
January 22	December 23
March 12	February 11
May 7	April 8
June 4	May 6

**Students can register for the SAT online at www.collegeboard.com/sat-register. Our CEEB code is 362-165.

5. **Practice ACT and AP Exams 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. 34 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.
6. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!

7. **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:

8. **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!
9. **Upcoming College Fairs:**
- **Coldwater High School College Fair:** over 35 colleges and military reps will be at the Coldwater HS Commons on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **St. Marys High School College and Tech Night:** very similar to Coldwater's fair....Wednesday, September 22, 2010 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **Students with Learning Disabilities:** a college fair will be held at Gahanna Lincoln High School (Columbus Area) on October 5, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - **Lima Campus College Fair:** over 60 colleges present as well as financial aid/college planning session @5:30 p.m.- Rhodes State Cook Hall Gymnasium on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 from 6-7:30 p.m.
10. **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.)
11. **Fall Open Houses** (this is a very short list: most colleges have special visit days—see Mrs. Kaiser for details)
- **Indiana University East** (Richmond, IN): September 24 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 - **University of Akron:** October 2, 29, November 3, 6
 - **Rhodes State:** Wednesday, November 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - **Wright State Lake Campus:** November 18 from 4-7 p.m. (apply for FREE!)
12. A **Construction Career Expo** will be held at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on October 5, 2010. 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. Registration must be returned by Friday, September 24.
13. **United States Military Academy Nomination Applications** may be requested through Senator Brown's website: <http://brown.senate.gov> and must be submitted by October 1, 2010.
14. **Prospective College Athletes** who plan to play Division I or II sports must register with the **NCAA Clearinghouse** at 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. The cost to register with the Eligibility Center is \$65.
15. **Miami University** (Oxford, Ohio) is offering its "Bridges" program this fall. The Bridges experience is designed for high-achieving underrepresented seniors from all over Ohio who are interested in learning more about the opportunities at Miami. Bridges is an all-expense paid (meals, lodging, entertainment, etc.) overnight program on Miami's beautiful campus in Oxford, Ohio. Session I: November 7-8; Session II: November 14-15 (transportation will be provided from Dayton for session II).
16. Many Colleges hold **Fall Open Houses** on Saturdays. Check out the displays by the office, or see Mrs. Kaiser for specific dates.
17. **Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**
- Ohio Career Information System: <http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us> (username and password can be found on p. 34 of your student handbook). Click on "undergraduate school sort" and follow the prompts to see your results.
 - Check out <http://www.collegeboard.com/> Click on "for Students" and then "College Search". Follow the prompts to reveal a list of schools that have just what you are looking for.
 - Another good website is 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 overcame challenges to going to college such as peer pressure, lack of family support, and financial barriers.

SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:

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

18. **Imagine America Scholarship for 2010 graduates:** FRHS can select up to three students ([one student has already been selected](#)) to receive this \$1000 scholarship. 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 senior year. High school graduates of 2010 can start applying on January 1, 2010. Students must plan to attend a “**career college**” (**such as Lincoln Tech, International Business College, Kaplan, DeVry**) to be eligible. Students should visit the website for more information and may apply online at www.imagine-america.org.
19. **Wendy’s High School Heisman Award Program** is open to athletes who have a minimum “B” average. Wendy’s gift cards will be awarded to the first 41,000 students that complete an application. Info can be found at: www.wendysheisman.com and are due October 3.
20. **AEP Horatio Alger Scholarship** is open to students who have financial need (\$50,000 or less AGI, or an explanation), 2.0 GPA, and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. See website for details: <http://www.horatioalger.org>. Applications are due October 30.
21. **2011 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 1.
22. **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 260-481-0115. Applicants must apply to IPFW by December 15, 2010.
23. Check out schoolsoup.com and fastweb.com for additional scholarship and college information.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Lots of College Reps are visiting FRHS this fall (check the calendar near the office)
- October 13 PSAT Test (optional National Merit Scholarship test for Juniors)
- October 21, 22 Coldwater, St. Marys College Fair
- October 25-29 Fall OGT Week
- November 3 Americanism Test
- November 9 Tri-Star Presentation for Sophomores
- November 10 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

-Mrs. Kaiser