

Ft. Recovery HS Guidance/Scholarship Newsletter: January 2012

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GENERAL NEWS:

Around FRHS:

1. **Attn: Juniors-- Buckeye Boys/Girls State Applications are now available.** These week-long summer camps are sponsored by our American Legion Post, and are designed to educate Ohio's youth in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting involved in the process, delegates learn more about City, County and State Government in one week than they will learn in an entire semester of high school. Boys State will be **June 10-17, 2012** at Bowling Green State University. Girls State will be held **June 10-16, 2012** at the University of Mount Union. **Last year's (2011) participants were: David Tobe, Brandon Stammen, Brenda Link, Abby Backs, and Alison Koch.** Mrs. Kaiser has applications and informational brochures for any interested students. Applications are due in the guidance office by **February 2 (Boys State) and January 5 (Girls State).**
2. **Seniors:** have you met with Mrs. Kaiser to discuss your future plans after high school? If not, stop by the Guidance Office!
3. **National High School Oratorical Contest (9-12):** The purpose of the American Legion's National Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for the acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship. **Students must speak and display knowledge of a constitutional amendment.** Local and National Scholarships are available for the winners (up to \$18,000). So, if you like public speaking, and you are interested in the amendments of the constitution, this might be for you—see Mrs. Kaiser for more details. Department winners must be certified by March 12.
4. **See the last section of this newsletter for important Financial Aid Information!**

Miscellaneous:

5. **Are you making good life decisions for your future?** This is a good question for students to ask themselves as they transition to adulthood. Getting a DUI or being convicted of a crime could prohibit you from becoming hired/certified in the career field of your choice, or from enlisting in the military. Think about what impact your actions and appearance (hairstyle, tattoos, piercings, etc.) will make in getting a job before you do something you may regret later. Listen to your parents—they DO know what they are talking about☺.
6. **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. Most 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!** *(IEP/504 students requesting extended time must see Mrs. Kaiser 2 weeks prior to the registration deadline.)*

2011-12 ACT National Test Dates

February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

Registration Deadlines

January 13, 2012
March 9, 2012
May 4, 2012

**Students can register for the ACT online at <http://www.actstudent.org>. Our CEEB code is 362-165.

2011-12 SAT National Test Dates

January 28, 2012
March 10, 2012
May 5, 2012
June 2, 2012

Registration Deadlines

December 30, 2011
February 10, 2012
April 6, 2012
May 8, 2012

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

7. **FREE Practice ACT and AP Exams are 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. 33 in your student handbook). This is a very good website!
 - <http://www.actexampracticetests.com> has study tips and ACT questions with detailed answer explanations.
8. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!

Summer Opportunities:

9. The **Joyce Ivy Foundation** is looking for high-achieving female sophomores or juniors who would benefit from a scholarship to attend a summer academic program at an **Ivy League** or equivalent college. Since 2005, over 70 young women in Michigan and Ohio have been named Joyce Ivy Summer Scholars, enabling them to spend between two and eight weeks studying under faculty at leading institutions including Harvard, Brown, Yale, Columbia, Penn, Johns Hopkins, and Smith. Students are encouraged to apply for this great opportunity. Applications can be found at <http://www.joyceivyfoundation.org>. Deadline is March 12.

COLLEGE / CAREER INFO:

10. **Don't wait too long to complete your applications!** You never know when school will be delayed or cancelled, so ask for letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc., well in advance!
11. **Seniors planning to attend college or a trade school should have already applied!** If you need help with the application process, see Mrs. Kaiser. When applying to college, **always ask if there is a separate financial aid / scholarship application and obey their deadlines!** You should try to get as many scholarships and grants as possible.
12. Many colleges hold a **President's Day Open House** in February. Visit the university's website on call for details.
13. **Articulated Credit:** We currently have articulation agreements with some area colleges (WSU Lake, UNOH, for example) for FRHS courses in Accounting, PLTW, Ag, Tri-Star, etc. You need to **ASK your college advisor** if you can articulate any of your HS credits to college! This can SAVE you TIME and MONEY.
14. FRHS students can take an **AP Exam** (sign up is in March) to try to earn college credits. If you are taking an AP course, I strongly encourage you to study hard, and take the test!! Be sure to ask your college admission counselor about earning these credits as well.
15. **Attention Juniors:** Many **allied health programs** (nursing, dental hygiene, radiology, etc.), have pre-admission requirements (i.e. observation hours, specific coursework) and waiting lists. Make an appointment with a college advisor to learn more about the admission process and ask if you should apply in the spring of your junior year.
16. **Military recruiters visit FRHS (and homes) throughout the year.** For additional information about a career in the military, visit <http://todaysmilitary.com/careers>.
- **Attention Juniors: Thinking about attending a military academy after graduation?** You might want to attend a **Summer Seminar** to see what life as a cadet is all about. Go to the website of the academy of your choice and look under "Admissions" for more information.
17. **"Get a Passport" Initiative:** many colleges are encouraging students to arrive on campus in possession of a passport. The student with a passport is more likely to think about a course, internship or co-op experience, or undergraduate research project that involves foreign travel.
18. **John Jay Center for Learning** (affiliated with Ivy Tech State College and Indiana Wesleyan) in **Portland, IN** offers beginning-level college courses at a very reasonable cost Call 260-729-5525.
19. **Public or Private College?** Keep all of your options open, and don't rule out Private Colleges based on the cost! In many cases, you can afford the tuition...apply for the scholarships and grants available to you. Sometimes, you can attend a private school for the same price as a public one. Studies show that students who attend private colleges often graduate 1-2 years earlier than those who attend public colleges. In the past, the Ohio Student Choice Grant is an automatic award to students opting for private universities.
20. **College Open Houses:** most colleges have special visit days—many on Saturdays. See Mrs. Kaiser for details. Here is a very short list...
- **Wright State (Dayton):** NEW! WSU Virtual Open House: January 18...admission reps, campus housing, etc. will be available online. Register at www.collegeweeklive.com.
 - Raider Open House: February 25, 9-noon
 - Path to Health Professions Day: February 20, 2012(register by Feb. 16)
 - Women in Engineering Day: TBA, Spring 2012
21. **Prospective College Athletes** who plan to play Division I or II sports must register with the appropriate clearinghouse. Both eligibility centers require that test scores (i.e. ACT) be sent directly from the testing agency. SEE MRS. KAISER IF YOU NEED TO REGISTER WITH EITHER OF THESE ATHLETIC CLEARINGHOUSES!
- **NCAA Clearinghouse:** 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.
 - **NAIA:** www.playnaia.org. Cost is \$60.
22. **Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**

- **TOP PICK!!** Ohio Career Information System: <http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us> (username and password can be found on p. 33 of your student handbook). There are lots of great options along the left side of the webpage! To find colleges with your desired major, click on “school sort” and follow the prompts.
- 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 have overcome challenges such as peer pressure, lack of family support, and financial barriers, to go to college.

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID:

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

- 23. FAFSA:** All seniors planning to attend college this fall should file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):
1. Go online and obtain a PIN at: www.pin.ed.gov (2 PIN's are required: 1 for the parent and 1 for the student). Parents who already have a PIN (used for a previously filed FAFSA) do not need another PIN.
 2. Fill out the *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* anytime after January 1st (you will need tax info.). You can print a hard copy by going to www.fafsa.gov and typing “fafsa on the web worksheet” in the search box.
 3. File your FAFSA online at: www.fafsa.gov prior to February 15. (If your tax returns are not yet completed, it is okay to estimate on the FAFSA. You can go back and edit them later via the website.) There is a NEW enhanced feature called “IRS Data Match” that will save you a lot of time after your taxes have been filed—it pre-populates many of the field on the FAFSA.
 4. Paper FAFSA's (for students without internet access) can be obtained by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).
 5. If you have **extenuating circumstances** that will affect your families income in the next year (job loss, death of a parent, possible homelessness, etc.), discuss it with a financial aid counselor at your college! They can work to re-assess your financial aid award.
- **NEW feature on the FAFSA that will SAVE YOU TIME:** use the **IRS Data Match** to automatically retrieve your tax info!
- 24. Financial Aid Night (students and parents):** A financial aid night will be held **Wednesday Jan. 25, 2012** at 6:00 pm in the High School Commons. All students (grades 9-12) and their parents are invited to learn more about the college financial aid process and filing the FAFSA. A representative from Ohio Northern University will be here to present (6-7 p.m.) and answer questions (7-7:30 p.m.). Every college bound junior/senior (4-year and technical degrees) is strongly urged to attend. In the case of inclement weather, listen to WCSM or PG14 for cancellation information. (This presentation will take place as long as the speaker is able to make it to FRHS, regardless if we have school or not.)
- 25. Need help filling out your FAFSA online?** Attend *College Goal Sunday* at WSU-Lake Campus on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 2 p.m. You can get one-on-one assistance and complete the FAFSA that day! Pre-register at: <http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org>,
- 26. Imagine America Scholarship for 2012 graduates:** FRHS can select up to three students 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 the senior year **High school graduates of 2012** can start applying on **January 1, 2012**. Students must plan to attend a “**career college**” (such as **Lincoln Tech or Kaplan**) to be eligible. Students should visit the website for more information and a list of participating schools. Apply online at www.imagine-america.org.
- 27. 2012 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest:** Write an essay (less than 1,000 words) that demonstrates an understanding of political courage. More details can be found at www.jfklibrary.org. Deadline is January 7.
- 28. OSU Alumni Scholars Program (Grade 12):** Applicants must be ranked in the top 10% of graduating class, demonstrate involvement in community and school activities, and show a sound interest and positive attitude towards college work to be able to receive a one-time \$600 scholarship (two scholarships will be awarded). Letters of recommendation can be attached to the application and are very important. Application and transcript must be turned in to Mrs. Kaiser no later than January 10.

29. **Burger King Scholars Program:** \$1,000-\$50,000 scholarships are available to all high school seniors, BK employees, and their children. For a student to qualify he/she must be a high school senior, and a U.S. resident that meets the programs criteria. To obtain information about eligibility criteria, visit http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html. Applications are due January 10.
30. **BGSU** is offering scholarships (nearly \$20,000) **to incoming freshman who are considering teaching either secondary science or math** (ACTION program). Applications can be found at www.bgsu.edu/action. All ACTION scholarship applications are due January 18.
31. **Midwest Electric** has a number of scholarships available. Applicant must be a son or daughter of a Midwest Electric customer. Scholarship forms are available at www.midwestrec.com under My Community.
- The General **Scholarship** (up to \$1000 or more) A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required. Personal interviews will be held February 7.
 - The **Touchstone Energy Scholarship** (up to \$2700) will be awarded to a senior that reflects the Touchstone Energy core values of accountability, integrity, innovation and commitment to community, as well as their drive and dedication to achieving a college education despite any personal obstacles/special challenges they've faced.
- After applying for either scholarship, students MUST provide Mrs. Wenning with a copy of the letter they receive stating their interview date and time to be excused from school.** Completed applications must reach Midwest Electric by January 20.
32. **Ball State University** is taking application for its Miller Scholars program. The program is for incoming freshman interested in studying business. More information can be found at <http://cms.bsue.edu/>. Deadline to apply is January 31, 2012.
33. **Stolly Insurance SUCCEED Scholarship** is available to students who are currently enrolled in post-secondary education, or plan to enroll within the next year. Find more information on this \$750 scholarship at <http://www.stolly.com/> Deadline is February 1.
34. **Grand Lake Area Insurance Professionals Scholarship:** two scholarships (\$500 and \$1000) will be awarded to a high school senior residing in or attending a school in Auglaize or Mercer county. If the winner attends WSU-Lake Campus, the university will match the scholarship amount, doubling the award. The award is based solely on a written essay on the topic indicated. Deadline is February 1.
35. **BGSU Scholarship:** Bowling Green State University has a scholarship for incoming freshmen majoring in Biology. At least one \$500.00 scholarship will be offered. If you have any questions you can contact 419-372-2332 or dmclean@bgsu.edu. Applications are due February 6, and are available in the guidance office.
36. **4-H Scholarships:** In the past, Ohio 4-H offers a variety of scholarships to its members—most of these being for current year graduates and a few for members already attending college. The application and information is available on the Website at <http://www.ohio4h.org>. Click on the Youth and Opportunities link and then go to Awards and Scholarships. Completed paperwork and materials is due to the Extension Office by February 6.
37. **KFC Colonel's Scholars Program (\$20,000):** applicants must be 2012 graduates with a GPA of 2.75 or higher, must be pursuing a Bachelor's degree, and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year public in-state college in the fall. Students can complete their application online at www.kfcscholars.org until February 8, 2012.
38. **Western Buckeye Chapter of Credit Unions (Coldwater) Scholarship** will award 5- \$500 scholarships. One of these winners will be eligible to win another \$2500 scholarship at the state level. To qualify, the applicant must be at least a senior in high school and plan to participate in post-secondary studies, including professional, vocational, and academic studies that are not limited to colleges and universities. Applications must be submitted no later than February 10.
39. **Wright State Lake Campus / Western Ohio Educational Foundation Scholarship Packets** for the **2012-2013** WOEFLake Campus scholarships for new non-traditional, current, returning and transfer students are now available in the guidance office. Applications can also be found online at <http://www.wright.edu/lake/prospective/scholarships.html>. Application deadline is **February 15**.
40. **Cargill Community Scholarship:** This program is administered by the National FFA Organizations. However, students do not need to be in FFA to be eligible. Students are selected based on academic achievement and leadership in extracurricular and civic activities. Cargill awards 350 \$1000 scholarships and \$200 to each winner's school library. Applications are available online at www.cargill.com (keyword: scholarship) and at www.ffa.org. A signature of a Cargill employee (3 Sidney locations) is required on the application. Applications are due by February 15.
41. **Best Buy** scholarship applications are available at www.at15.com. Students need solid grades plus community service or work experience. Application deadline is February 15.
42. **National Co-Op Scholarships** will be awarded to high school seniors and community college transfer **students who plan to participate in college cooperative education** at one of the 10 NCCE Partner Colleges and Universities (**including Univ. of Cincinnati and Toledo**). There will be 155 RENEWABLE scholarships awarded at a value of \$6,000 each. (A FR student received one of these in 2007!) Students must be accepted

into the college and can apply online at www.co-op.edu. Deadline is February 15, but early submission is encouraged.

43. **Darke Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. (grade 10, 11, & 12):** The Darke REC Inc. is awarding \$4,900 in scholarship for 2012.
- The **Darke Rural Electric Scholarship** (up to \$3900) is available to seniors whose parents are members. Personal interviews will be held March 2, 2012. ****After applying, students MUST provide Mrs. Wenning with a copy of the letter they receive stating their interview date and time to be excused from school.** Deadline to apply is February 15.
 - The **Touchstone Energy Scholarship** (up to \$2200) will be awarded to a senior that has overcome adversity, obstacles, or personal challenges on their way to excellence. Applicants' parents must be members of a Touchstone Energy Ohio Rural Electric Cooperative. Deadline to apply is February 15.
 - They will sponsor two students (sophomores or juniors) for an **all expense paid trip to Washington D.C.** but your parents must be a member of Darke Rural Electric. Deadline to apply is March 1.
44. **GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship:** for college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. Recipients will each receive \$40,000 in college scholarship funds. Additional information can be found at <http://www.reaganfoundation.org/ge-scholarship.aspx>. Application deadline is February 17.
45. **Farm Credit Service Scholarships:** Farm Credit Services is offering scholarships to members, their dependents and spouses of the ag lending cooperative. These scholarships will be awarded based on academic record, leadership and community involvement. To apply, go online to www.e-farmcredit.com and click on Community, then Scholarships (or call 1-800-444-3276 / 419-586-4229). Application deadline is February 29.
46. **First Choice Credit Union, Coldwater** will award two \$750 scholarships to high school seniors (or current college students) who are **members of a First Choice Credit Union, Inc.** and are in pursuit of a post-secondary education of any kind, and is not limited to colleges and universities. Applications are due March 1.
47. **Technical Majors: Midmark Corporation** is offering one Technical Scholarship to a graduating high school senior from Darke, Miami, Mercer, Auglaize and Shelby county school. The scholarship is worth \$20,000 and comes with summer employment opportunities and a full time position after the completion of their degree. There is a three year work obligation after graduation at Midmark. Eligible students must be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in one of the following areas: Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Information Technology, Computer Information Systems, and Management Information Systems at an accredited four-year institution. Deadline for scholarship applications is March 1.
48. **Cooper Farms** will award \$3,000 in scholarships at each of its Ft. Recovery, St. Henry, and Oakwood facilities. This scholarship is open to all seniors, and applications should be submitted to the St. Henry facility by March 2.
49. **Rhodes State Scholarship Opportunities:**
- "Rhodes State Foundation" Scholarship application can be found at www.rhodesstate.edu. Deadline is March 9.
 - "Rhodes to Success" Achievement Scholarship application is available in the guidance office. Requirements include a 3.5 GPA and/or 24 ACT composite. Deadline is May 1.
 - Tech Prep (Tri-Star, PLTW, Ag) graduates are also eligible for a \$1000 Tech Prep Scholarship. These awards are renewable for all tech prep students who complete their first year at Rhodes with a 3.0 cum GPA or higher.
50. **MED Foundation of Mercer Health Scholarship (grade 12):** Mercer Health is offering a one year \$1,500 scholarship to graduating seniors pursuing a career in the medical profession. The goal of the MED Foundation is to award one scholarship to each school in Mercer County. Applicants must have an ACT score of 23 or higher. Application forms are available in the guidance office. Applications are due March 9.
51. **Ohio Association of Garden Clubs** is offering 4 scholarships to **HS seniors and current college students** pursuing a degree in a horticulture related education. Deadline is March 15.
52. **US Bank Scholarships:** U.S. Bank will again award up to forty \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors planning to enroll next fall at an eligible four-year college participating in the U.S. Bank No Fee Education Loan Program. Scholarship award recipients are selected through a random drawing process. Further details, including college or university eligibility, can be found on the website. Students can apply online at: <http://usbank.com/scholarship> now through March 2012.
53. **Legislative Scholarship Program:** The Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools is awarding 275 scholarships to 2012 graduating seniors. These awards range from \$2,000-\$16,038. Applicants must plan to attend one of the specific career-technical colleges listed on the application (Art Institute of Ohio, Brown Mackie ITT, Lincoln Tech, Miami-Jacobs, Kaplan, Virginia-Marti, etc.) to be eligible for these scholarships. All are associate's degree or diploma programs...see poster for degree programs. Deadline is April 2.

54. Lincoln College of Technology Scholarships:

- **2012 High School Select-** a \$1,000 guaranteed tuition scholarship to a senior from FRHS (Tri-Star also can award a \$1000 scholarship). Applications are due to Mrs. Kaiser by April 13.
- Students take a **scholarship test** when they visit Lincoln Tech for additional awards

55. Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program (\$1000): Open to seniors who: intend to pursue an animation related field at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Visit the website for more information: www.animationcareerreview.com, and search "scholarships". Deadline to apply is May 1.

56. The Mercer County Civic Foundation has a small pool of **student loan funds** available to undergraduate students. These low-interest \$900 college loans are renewable, and the 4% interest rate does not begin to accrue until 6 months after graduation from college, and are interest-free if repaid within that time. Applications due by June 1st.

57. B. Davis Scholarship (\$1000): This website was developed solely for the purpose of helping students locate and apply for scholarships: <http://www.studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm>. Deadline is May 28.

58. Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship: To apply for this \$1,000 scholarship you will need to write an essay on the topic found on the website. The A&F Scholarships are available to all high school **juniors and seniors** as well as all students currently registered in any accredited post secondary institution who is between the ages of 16 and 30. More information can be found at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Registration deadline is June 15.

59. BigSun Scholarship: The BigSun Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a **student athlete**. The successful applicant will be a high school senior participating in a sport OR be attending a post secondary institute and currently involved in some sport at that institution. Visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply. Deadline is June 22, 2012.

60. American Legion Scholarships: Students can access the *Need A Lift? College and Financial Aid Handbook* online at www.needalift.org. This catalog lists scholarships, grants, and loans. It also contains extensive information on scholarships for veteran's dependents.

61. The Ohio Board of Regents (<http://regents.ohio.gov/sqs/index.php>) sponsors several programs for college-bound students (deadline dates may change: see the website for the most up-to-date information):

- **Ohio College Opportunity Grant:** students must attend an Ohio public university MAIN campus and have an EFC of \$2190 or below. Apply by completing the FAFSA.
- **Ohio War Orphans Scholarship:** for children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict. (Death or disability need not be a result of/or related to military service.) Applications are available from the Ohio Board of Regents. Due: July 1.
- **Ohio National Guard Scholarship:** 100% tuition and general fees at all Ohio public colleges and universities
- **Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund:** for children and spouses of peace officers, fire fighters and certain other safety officers who are killed in the line-of-duty. Applications must be requested from the Ohio Board of Regents or the college financial aid office.
- **Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program:** up to \$5,000 for four years of study, but must agree to work as a nurse in the state of Ohio for a minimum of five years after graduation, must file the FAFSA, then apply online for the NEALP.
- **Choose Ohio First Scholarships:** are available at many Ohio colleges. These scholarships are for students majoring in a STEM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Math and Medicine**) career or planning to teach disciplines related to STEM. Students wishing to apply for these scholarships must do so through the university's financial aid office.
- **Ohio Education and Training Voucher Program:** must be in foster care, or adopted from foster care

I am not sure if the following 3 programs are still being offered:

- **Regents Graduate/Professional Fellowship Program:** Students are nominated by their undergraduate colleges and universities. Fellowships provide \$3,500 each year for two years. Deadline is March 1.
- **Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship:** Recipients may receive up to \$1,500 each year for undergraduate studies. Recipients are selected on class rank, GPA, ACT scores, and activities. Nominations are made by the high school and the scholarship is awarded equally across Ohio's congressional districts.
- **Ohio Teachers Corps Program:** The intent of the program is to provide financial incentives to first-year teachers who opt to commit to a minimum of five (5) years of service at an Ohio school defined by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as hard-to-staff. Specifically, the program seeks to support first-year teachers who are appropriately licensed and assigned to teach in the subject area of foreign language, science or mathematics. Applications available from the Ohio Board of Regents.

Additional Questions? Contact State Grants and Scholarships at 888-833-1133.

62. Check out schoolsoup.com, fastweb.com, ChristianConnector.com (and big33.org through Feb. 17) for additional scholarship and college information.

63. Most **Local Scholarship Applications** (Fort Recovery) will be distributed to seniors in March during World History class.

64. **Don't wait too long to complete your applications!** You never know when school will be delayed or cancelled, so ask for letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc., well in advance!

UPCOMING DATES:

- January 9 Tri Star Open House (for parents and students) 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- January 11 Tri Star Applications due (for 2012-13 school year)
- January 11-13 Semester Exams
- January 13 End of first semester
- January 25 Financial Aid Night—6:00 p.m.
- February 2012-2013 Registration Process Begins
- February 8 PSEO Informational Meeting (parent/student attendance is mandatory for those who wish to participate next year)
- February 12 College Goal Sunday (get help filing your FAFSA at WSU-LC) 2:00 p.m.
- February 27 High School Information Night (8th graders/parents) 6:30 p.m.

If you have additional questions, please stop by the guidance office or email me at: kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org

-Mrs. Kaiser