

Ft. Recovery HS Guidance/Scholarship Newsletter: September 2011

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GENERAL NEWS:

Around FRHS:

- 1. Don't get scammed on practice tests and financial aid/scholarship apps--watch for warning signs!**
 - You have to pay a fee or "taxes"
 - Credit card or bank account information required
 - Money-back offers or guarantees
 - Provides "exclusive" information
 - Unsolicited emails or phone callsReport scams to the proper authorities (BBB, Attorney General, National Fraud Information Center, etc.).
- 2. 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. Keep in mind that commitment to a few organizations and being able to describe the contributions you have made (not just stating that you are a "member") is much more important than being a one year non-contributing member of several clubs. It's not what you are in, **it's what you do to contribute** to what you are in **that matters!**
- 3. Mrs. Kaiser will be visiting all JUNIORS and SENIORS in English classes** on September 12 and 13 to discuss several topics and hand out a lot of information. Several of these documents can be found on the guidance homepage of the FRLS website at <http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org>.
- 4. Juniors interested in taking the PSAT** must see Mrs. Kaiser. Cost is \$15, and the test will be given on October 12.
- 5. Nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award!** Indiana's NewsCenter is looking for nominations from students about why you feel your favorite teacher should be the recipient of the monthly Golden Apple Award. If the teacher you nominate wins, Indiana's NewsCenter will visit the school and feature that teacher on a future newscast. Nomination forms can be found at www.incnow.tv (click on Features, then Golden Apple link).

Miscellaneous:

- 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

October 22, 2011
December 10, 2011
February 11, 2012
April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

Registration Deadlines

September 16, 2011
November 4, 2011
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

October 1, 2011
November 5, 2011
December 3, 2011
January 28, 2012
March 10, 2012
May 5, 2012
June 2, 2012

Registration Deadlines

September 9, 2011
October 7, 2011
November 8, 2011
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.
 - The U.S. Army sponsors a site to help with test preparation: www.march2success.com.
8. **ACT Prep Courses:** See Mrs. Kaiser for more details...
 - Edison Community College: These classes review math and English skills, test taking and time management tips, test questions and practice problems. The classes meet T/TH, September 27-October 13. There are two sessions available: the first session meets from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and the second session meets from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call 937/778-7864.
9. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!
10. **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:

11. **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!
12. There is a need for **skilled labor positions** (construction, pipe fitting, sheet metal, electricians, ironworkers, HVAC, heavy equipment operators, cement and masonry, etc.). See Mrs. Kaiser for more information on Apprenticeship Programs and how to earn a Journeyman’s Card.
13. **Upcoming College Fairs:**
 - **John Jay Center College Fair (Portland, IN):** over 15 colleges, financial aid presentations, and much more! Students will be eligible to win an iPad2. September 14 from 4-8 p.m.
 - **Coldwater High School College Fair:** over 35 colleges and military reps will be at the Coldwater HS Commons on Monday, September 19, 2011 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - **St. Marys High School College and Tech Night:** very similar to Coldwater’s fair....Wednesday, September 21, 2011 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, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - **Lima Campus College Fair:** over 60 colleges present as well as financial aid/college planning session, Rhodes State Cook Hall Gymnasium on November 1, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
14. **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.)
15. **Fall Open Houses:** most colleges have special visit days—see Mrs. Kaiser for details
16. **United States Military Academy Nomination Applications** may be requested through Senator Brown’s website: <http://brown.senate.gov>.and must be submitted by September 26, 2011.
17. **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.
18. **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. Participants will receive a \$50 application fee waiver and a \$10,000 scholarship to Miami. Bridges is an all-expense paid (meals, lodging, entertainment, etc.) overnight program on Miami’s beautiful campus in Oxford, Ohio. See Mrs. K for more details. Applications are due September 16.
19. Many Colleges hold **Fall Open Houses** on Saturdays. Check out the displays by the office, or see Mrs. Kaiser for specific dates.

20. **Applications for students interested in attending a military academy** can be found at <http://brown.senate.gov> and can be completed in the spring of your junior year in HS or anytime thereafter. Questions? Call 888-896-6446 (press 1 for Cleveland). Application packets can be submitted between August 1 and September 26, 2011.
21. **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. 34 of your student handbook). To find colleges with your desired major, click on "undergraduate 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 / GRANTS / LOANS:

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

22. .. **Imagine America Scholarship for 2011 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 2011** can start applying on **January 1, 2011**. 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. ..
23. The Ohio Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is offering six **Balanced Man Scholarships** totaling over \$12,000 to the outstanding freshman males entering the following Ohio colleges: **OSU, Miami, UC, and Toledo** next year. Applicants are in no way obligated to join the fraternity. Application deadlines vary by school (April 29-September 23). See www.sigepbms.com or Mrs. Kaiser for details.
24. **AES Engineers Scholarship (open to all majors):** Applicants must answer one of the essay questions from the website at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. Their belief is that achieving a high grade point average should not be the only criteria for determining who deserves to be helped. For that reason they are offering a scholarship that will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluating the essays that are submitted. Deadline is October 7, 2011.
25. **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 2.
26. **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 260-481-0535. Applicants must apply to IPFW by December 15.
27. Check out schoolsoup.com, fastweb.com, and big33.org (through Feb. 12) for additional scholarship and college information.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Lots of College Reps are visiting FRHS this fall (check the calendar near the office)
- September 19, 21 Coldwater, St. Marys College Fair
- October 12 PSAT Test (optional National Merit Scholarship test for Juniors)
- October 19 Blood Drive
- October 24-28 Fall OGT Week
- November 8 Americanism Test
- November 8 Tri-Star Presentation for Sophomores
- November 15 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