

Ft. Recovery HS Guidance Newsletter: April 2009

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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. **Seniors:** have you met with Mrs. Kaiser to discuss your future plans after high school? If not, stop by the Guidance Office!

Jobs:

3. **Sollmann Electric Co., Sidney** is interested in giving employment to **students who plan to become electricians or be involved in the electrical trades upon completing high school.** They would like to have the students work for their company through the year, then attend an electrical trade school in the fall with the intent of becoming qualified electricians. You may call 937-492-4447 or see Mrs. Kaiser for more information.
4. **B-Alert, Inc. would like to employ seniors** to market their 911 Emergency strobe light and panic button systems. Students work in their own area or county, and will receive \$100 (or more) for every system sold. Interested students should call 877-955-2600 for more information.

Summer 2009 Workshops:

5. **Dayton Regional STEM Academy** for upcoming juniors and seniors will be offered July 20-August 7, 2009. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and must be considering a STEM related career. Students selected to participate will receive a **\$600** (or more) **stipend** and can earn dual high school and **college credit.** For more information, go to www.wright.edu/stem/academy or call 937-775-3135.
6. **HS Juniors: Ball State's** College of Architecture and Planning is offering a summer workshop: **"Introduction to Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning"** from July 12-24, 2009. It offers immersion into environmental design and problem solving. For more information, see the poster outside the guidance office or Mrs. Kaiser for an application. Deadline is May 23, 2009.
7. **Attention Juniors: The University of Dayton** is offering a **Summer Advancement Program** for area rising seniors. The courses listed in the application are for college credit, and **tuition is FREE.** Students are responsible for books and other fees. Most classes run from June 22 to August 1. Applicants must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA. (Fulfilling these qualifications does not automatically guarantee admission to the program.) Online applications are available at http://admission.udayton.edu/academics/Summer_Advancement/.
8. **Summer Honors Institutes** will be held this year on college and university campuses around the state, and are open to current ninth and tenth grade Ohio students who meet the criteria for gifted identification. Tuition is free, and most residential Summer Honors Institutes offer a limited number of scholarships to cover room and board costs for gifted students from low income families. Information about each Summer Honors Institute is available from the ODE Website. To access the Summer Honors Institute start page, visit www.ode.state.oh.us and search "Summer Honors Institute."

Miscellaneous:

9. **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 prefer the SAT. Many colleges accept either the ACT or the SAT. **FRHS students usually take the ACT** (1-3 times).

<u>ACT National Test Dates 2008-2009</u>	<u>Registration Deadlines</u>
April 4, 2009	February 27, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009

READ THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE ACT:

Students can register for the ACT via paper packet or online at: www.actstudent.org. **Our CEEB code is 362-165. If registering online, be sure to complete the process in one sitting (approx. 25 minutes), or your session may "time out". You must use a credit card to register online.

Be sure to include 4 colleges to receive your score report with your registration! Students can send their scores to 4 institutions for FREE. **Some colleges will only honor ACT scores directly from ACT (Ohio State, Miami University, Ohio University, and the NCAA Clearinghouse are examples). There is no harm done if you send your ACT scores to a college that you will not be attending. However, if you *don't* send them to a college you plan to attend it could cost you money later. (*Online Registration:* this can be found on the screen titled: "Your Score Report Choices", click "add a choice" and be sure to "select" the college choice. *Paper Registration:* see block "O".)

I strongly encourage students to **take the optional "writing" portion of the test one time. There is no need to take the writing portion more than once.

if you are on an **IEP/504 Plan and would like special testing accommodations for the ACT (i.e. extended time), you must see Mrs. Kaiser well in advance of the registration deadline to file your paperwork. You will need to register via a paper packet.

Students may take the ACT at any time: you need not be a junior or senior. Younger students sometimes take the ACT for the purpose of practicing and studying for future tests. The following are the times I suggest students take the ACT: **Seniors should take the October (and December?) ACT. **Juniors** should take the ACT for the first time in February, April and/or June.

** **Fee Waivers** are available for the ACT...check out the details on the website to see if you qualify: www.actstudent.org

** **Beware of internet sites, phone calls, etc. that require payment for practice test materials.** There are plenty of FREE study materials available to you. Practice tests are available in the guidance office and online.

Hints for the ACT: Take challenging classes, and STUDY FOR IT! Pace yourself, and don't leave any questions blank (it is to your advantage to guess).

SAT National Test Dates 2008-2009

May 2
June 6

Registration Deadlines

March 31
May 5

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

10. 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: think and password: infohio). This account will be good until June 30. (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.

11. ACT Prep Courses: See Mrs. Kaiser for more details...

- Sylvan Learning Center (Celina YMCA and other locations) is offering 5 different sets of classes. Each class is offered 6 weeks prior to test date. Three out of four Sylvan Prep students raise their ACT score by 5 points or more. Cost: \$600.
- Edison Community College: next prep session is Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 10-26. Cost is \$70. Call 800.922.3722 ext. 7816 for details.

12. The Children's Buy-In Program (CBI) from Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services was established in April and was expected to cover 5,000 kids with **special health needs whose working parents are struggling to cover their health care costs**. So far, only two children have successfully been enrolled. Part of this is due to the eligibility requirements and the other is simply because families aren't aware of the program. CBI targets working families with income ABOVE \$42,000 per year. A brochure can be found at <http://www.caresource-cbi.com/pdfs/cbi/oh/SolicitationBrochure.pdf> which includes income requirements, covered services and associated costs. Families can apply online at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/OHP/cbi/index.stm>. If you have any questions, contact Toni Bigby, Consumer Advocacy Director, CareSource Management Group 65 E. State Street, 8th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 255-4673 (o) (937) 396-3659 (fax) Email: Toni.Bigby@csmg-online.com.

- 13. Mercer County S.T.O.P. (Students Teaching Other Prevention) Group is looking for new members.** This is a county-wide group for students interested in maintaining a drug and alcohol free lifestyle. The STOP group is very active in community service activities, and is an important part of S.T.A.R. weekend (for Junior High Students). See the poster outside the office for meeting dates. The program's advisor is: Ashley Westerfield 419/586-4030.
- 14. Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!
- 15. 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 INFO:

- 16. 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.)
 3. File your FAFSA online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov preferably by 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.)
- Notes:*
- Paper FAFSA's (for students without internet access) can be obtained by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).
 - *Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) on the FAFSA:* Students who are Pell Grant Eligible and have completed a rigorous HS course of study (i.e. **Honors Diploma**) may also be eligible for this financial aid award. The Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) is for first-year undergraduate students (eligible to receive up to \$750) and second-year undergraduate students (eligible to receive up to \$1,300). The ACG eligibility criteria are listed on the website (www.fafsa.ed.gov). So, if you are filling out your FAFSA and you are prompted with a question asking if you believe you are eligible for the ACG, respond "yes".
- 17. 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!
- 18.** I have **Tech Prep information** available for any **Tri-Star** students who wish to fill out the college credit articulation applications.
- 19. Ball State University** has created the **Good Neighbor Award** for Ohio students (class of 2009) whose legal, primary residence is in Butler, Mercer, Shelby, Darke, Preble or Van Wert counties. **This award allows eligible students to attend BSU to pay in-state tuition for all four years.**
- 20. Prospective College Athletes** who plan to play Division I or II sports must register with the **NCAA Clearinghouse** at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net. Students/parents can view the 2008-09 Guide by clicking on "General Information" and then "Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete" on the left side of the page. The Guide 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 \$60.
- 21. WSU Lake Campus** has added units of specialization (including **agricultural studies**) to its Organizational Leadership degree program. **They also offer a BSN degree (nursing), as well as bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Education, English, Liberal Studies, Computer Science and Criminal Justice.** Contact Jim Sayer at the Lake Campus for more details.
- 22. Attention Juniors:** If you are applying for a **2-3 year healthcare degree program** (nursing, dental hygiene, physical therapy assistant, radiology, etc.), you may want to apply in the spring of your junior year. Be sure to schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor at the college, and ask if there are any pre-admission requirements. These programs can be very competitive, and usually have waiting lists!
- 23.** When applying to college, **always ask if there is a separate financial aid / scholarship application!** You should try to get as many scholarships and grants as possible.
- 24. Miami University Access Initiative:** Miami University will provide tuition and fees for all new first-year students from Ohio entering the Oxford campus that has family incomes of less than \$35,000. The program will continue to provide tuition and fees for eligible students for up to four years.
- 25. Harvard University would like to pay the tuition of an honor student graduating high school whose family earns less than \$60,000 per year.** They offer a sliding scale for tuition for all salaries over \$60,000, so Harvard may be just right for you! To find out more about Harvard offering free/reduced tuition rates visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/> or call the school's financial aid office at (617) 495-1551.
- 26. John Jay Center for Learning** (affiliated with Ivy Tech State College and Indiana Wesleyan) in **Portland, IN** offers beginning-level college courses Call 260-729-5525.

27. **Indiana University-Purdue University Ft. Wayne** (IPFW) offers **in-state tuition** to Ohio students who have an ACT composite of 24 and rank in the top 25% of their class OR a 27 on the ACT. There is no application necessary, just apply to IPFW and you will qualify for the Chancellor's Merit Award. Transfer students who have 24 semester hours and a 3.0 GPA are also eligible.
28. 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.
29. **Interested in Engineering or Engineering Technology?** The West Central Ohio Manufacturing Consortium (WCOMC) is an organization of local manufacturers who are intent on employing a skilled workforce focuses on engineering technology in the coming years. The WCOMC would like you to consider Rhodes State College. Students can learn more about the WCOMC and its benefits by calling Doug Durliat at 419-995-8353 or Durliat.d@rhodesstate.edu. Visit the website at www.wcomfg.com.
30. **Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**
 - Check out 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.
 - Ohio Career Information System: <http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us> (username: ftrecov and password: ohio03) Click on "undergraduate school sort" and follow the prompts to see your results.
 - 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!
 - www.college.gov 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.
31. At **select universities** (Bowling Green is an example), **seniors can take the ACT at any time** for the purpose of increasing their scores for merit-based scholarships. The student must be accepted to that university, and their score will only be used at that particular university. Also, some schools will **waive their application fee** if the student applies online or if you tour their campus (Ohio Northern is an example). See an admissions counselor for details.
32. **Some HS courses can be applied to college!** We currently have articulation agreements with several area colleges via the West Central Ohio Tech Prep Consortium (**Tri-Star, PLTW, Vo-Ag**, etc.). Also, 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 articulating these credits.

Open Houses:

33. **Shawnee State's engineering technology** program is holding a "Plastics Day" on April 10. Call 900-959-2778 for more information.
34. **Explore Pharmacy Visit Day** at Ohio Northern University will be on March 21, 2009. Junior visit day will be on April 18, 2009.
35. **ITT Technical Institute**, Dayton is hosting their Senior Open House on Thursday, April 18, 2009 from 10a.m. -4 p.m. RSVP to Eric Moore at 937-264-7700.
36. **IPFW** (Indiana Univ./Purdue Univ. Ft. Wayne) Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 1-3 p.m. Register online at www.ipfw.edu/admissions.

SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:

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

37. Most **Local Scholarship Applications** (Fort Recovery) were distributed to seniors in March during World History class, and are not included in the monthly newsletter. If you did not receive the local scholarship information, see Mrs. Kaiser ASAP.
38. Any/all **applications** you complete **should be done in INK (or typed)**. Do not use pencil—appearance is important.
39. **ROTC (Military) Scholarship** information is available. Military recruiters visit FRHS throughout the year, and set up in the Commons area at lunch so students can gather information about the military and ask questions.
40. **The University of Akron has Choose Ohio First scholarships** for students entering **science, technology, engineering and/or math** (STEM). PLTW students are excellent candidates for these scholarships since they are well aware of what it takes to succeed in STEM and have already begun to develop several problem solving skills. Students who have applied to The University of Akron and would

like to be considered for one of these scholarships, should send their names to Ed Evans at The University of Akron: evanse@uakron.edu.

41. **Ohio Northern University** would like to have the names and addresses of seniors who may qualify for one of their many scholarships and awards. If you are considering ONU, see Mrs. Kaiser ASAP and ask to be added to the list so scholarship information can be mailed to you.
42. **Imagine America Scholarship:** FRHS can select up to three students to receive this \$1,000 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 2009 can start applying on January 1, 2009. Students must plan to attend a “**career college**” (such as **Lincoln Tech, International Business College, DeVry**) to be eligible. Students should visit the website for more information and may apply online at www.imagine-america.org.
43. **Sinclair Community College scholarship packets are** now available in the guidance office. Applications received by March 13 will be given priority consideration.
44. **Lincoln College of Technology Scholarship:** Lincoln College of Technology has a 2009 High School Select Scholarship program that includes a \$1,000 guaranteed tuition scholarship to a senior from FRHS. Applications are due to Mrs. Kaiser by ASAP!
45. **Legislative Scholarship Program:** The Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools is awarding 186 scholarships to 2009 graduating seniors. These awards range from \$2,000-\$12,100. Applicants must plan to attend one of the specific career-technical colleges listed on the application (**Art Institute of Ohio, ITT, National College, 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 1, 2009.
46. AAA Ohio Auto Club will again offer high school seniors the opportunity to apply for one of ten **\$1,000 grants** by competing in the AAA School Safety Patrol \$1000 Grant Award Program. The program is limited to high school seniors who once served as a member of a AAA School Safety Patrol team. The grant awards are not limited only to students planning to attend a university or college. Applications can be found online at www.aaaohio.com or pick one up in the Guidance Office and are due April 3, 2009.
47. **William D. Squires Scholarships:** The William D. Squires Scholarship is primarily need-based and is only for students from Ohio. (Each applicant must have an EFC (from FAFSA/SAR) of less than \$8,000.) A minimum GPA of 3.2 is required. The eight page scholarship application can be viewed and printed from the website: www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org. Postmark deadline is April 4.
48. **Mercer County Sportsman Assn. Scholarship:** This \$500 scholarship is available to any Mercer County high school senior with a 2.5 GPA or higher. The purpose is to encourage students to enter the following courses of study: Natural Resources, Environmental, Biological, Conservation, or Law Enforcement studies (or other fields related to protection, improvement, or public education concerning wildlife and nature). Applications due April 10, 2009.
49. **Mote & Associates Scholarship** (Greenville, Ohio): The scholarship is for a commendable student seeking a post high school education or enrolled in an accredited college program in the field of **engineering, surveying, architecture, or a closely related field of study**. Applications can be completed on-line at www.moteassociates.com; or may be requested by contacting the company at 937-548-7511. Applications must be returned to the office of Mote & Associates, Inc., 214 West Fourth Street, Greenville, Ohio by April 10, 2009.
50. **The Winners Club Scholarship:** This scholarship is for students who are pursuing a degree in the field of **education**. A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required. Applications are online at: <http://winnersclubscholarship.visioncomm.net>, and must be submitted between February 1 and April 15, 2009.
51. **C. R. Meyers Memorial Scholarship:** The Ohio Association of Litter Prevention and Recycling Professionals (OALPRP) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student from Ohio who will be enrolled (or is presently enrolled) at an accredited Ohio College, University or Technical School. This individual must be enrolled in a major relating to **environmental sciences and/or environmental education**. Deadline is April 15, 2009.
52. **Ft. Recovery American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship:**
 - **Past President's Parley- Nurses Scholarship:** Candidates must be a child or grandchild of a veteran who has served in a war, and must be a senior in high school. **Applicants must plan to study nursing.** Applications due April 15th.

53. **Urbana University Scholarship Testing** will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9-noon. One full-tuition and one half-tuition scholarship will be awarded. Student with a minimum 3.0 GPA and a 21 (or higher) ACT composite can register via the website at www.urbana.edu.
54. **Nursing Scholarship:** The JTD Hospital Foundation will be offering \$1,000 scholarships to local residents studying nursing for the 2009-2010 academic year. To be eligible for the scholarship, the individual must be a high school senior, current college student, or adult returning to school who is a resident of Auglaize or Mercer counties or graduate of a high school in those counties. Joint Township Hospital and Grand Lake Health System employees are not eligible. Final applicants will be chosen and must be available for interview on Saturday, June 13 between 9 AM and 12 NOON. Application may be received by contacting the JTD hospital Foundation at (419)394-3335, ext. 3574. Applications must be completed and returned by April 24, 2009.
55. **Rhodes State Scholarship Opportunities:**
- “Rhodes to Success” Achievement Scholarship, available in the guidance office (deadline: April 24, 2009).
 - 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.
56. **2009 Mercer County Farm Bureau Scholarship:** High school seniors entering college in the fall of 2009 majoring in Agriculture are eligible. Parents of the applicant must be members of the Mercer Co. Farm Bureau in good standing. A \$500.00 scholarship will be given and student must maintain a 2.0 GPA for the quarter/semester. Applications are due by May 1, 2009.
57. **Dayton’s CW Televisions and WSU Scholarship:** Win a 4-year scholarship to **Wright State University** by writing an essay with a maximum of 200 words entitled “How a college education will transform my life and my community!” See Mrs. Kaiser for more information and applications. Deadline for entry is May 29, 2009.
58. The Ohio Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity is offering six **Balanced Man Scholarships** totaling \$3,500 to the outstanding freshman males entering The Ohio State University next year. To qualify, applicants must be attending the main campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH in the fall of 2009 and complete and return application to (with transcript) by June 1, 2009. Applicants are in no way obligated to join the fraternity.
59. **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. Call 419-586-9950 for an application. Applications due by June 1.
60. **Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants Scholarship:** To apply for this \$1,000 scholarship you will need to write an essay on one of the two topics 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 are between the ages of 16 and 30. More information can be found at <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>. Registration deadline is June 20, 2009.
61. **BigSun Scholarship:** The BigSun Organization is offering a \$500 scholarship to a **student athlete**. The successful applicant will be a high school senior 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 27, 2009.
62. **AES Engineers Scholarship:** Students are NOT required to be taking Engineering courses to be eligible. Students must submit an essay of no more than 1000 words in answer to one of the two questions that are posted on: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> Amount of the award is \$500.00 and deadline for entry is October 6, 2009.
63. **Loans for Future Medical Students:** The Medical Educational Foundation Academy of Medicine of Lima and Allen County is offering no-interest loans to assist with tuition while students are in medical school. If interested, see the flyer in hallway or call Susan L. Hubbell, M.D. at (419) 226-9810.
64. **The American Cancer Society’s Youth Survivor Scholarship** Program is designed to provide young cancer patients or survivors assistance in pursuing higher education from an accredited school. Applicants must be under the age of 25, plan to attend an accredited university or community college, live in Ohio, and have been diagnosed with cancer before age 21. To obtain an application or for more information, contact your American Cancer Society (888.227.8405).
65. **American Legion Scholarships:** There is a copy of *Need A Lift?* In the guidance office. This 152 page catalog lists scholarships, grants, and loans. It also contains extensive information on scholarships for

veteran's dependents. Visit www.needalift.org to view the catalog online. There is also information on scholarships, grants, and loans based on specific majors at: www.srnexpress.com.

66. **The Ohio Board of Regents** (<http://regents.ohio.gov/sgs/index.php>) sponsors several programs for college-bound students:

- **Ohio Academic Scholarship:** given to at least one FRHS student, \$2,205 for up to four years of study, students do not fill out an application...recipients are chosen using a formula based on GPA and ACT scores. The HS guidance counselor submits student information for scoring. *[The OAS Program has been suspended for 2009 due to lack of funds.](#)*
- **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.
- **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.
- **Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program:** \$3,000 for up to 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. Must apply before July 15.
- **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.
- **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 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.

67. Check out <http://www.schoolsoup.com/>, <http://studentaid.ed.gov/> and <http://www.fastweb.com/> for scholarship and college information.

68. **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!

69. **If you receive a scholarship**, be sure to send a **Thank-You note** showing your appreciation.

Upcoming Dates:

- April 23 Focus Group Day
- Local Scholarships are due this month. (All seniors received this information in W. History.)
- AP Exams in May:
 - May 6: AP Calculus
 - May 7: AP Lit and Comp
 - May 11: AP Biology
 - May 12: AP Chemistry
 - May 14: AP World History
- May 17 FRHS Commencement

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

-Mrs. Kaiser