

Ft. Recovery HS Guidance Newsletter: March 2009

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GENERAL NEWS:

Around FRHS:

1. **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 13-21, 2009](#) at Bowling Green State University, and Girls State will be held from [June 14-20, 2009](#) at Ashland University. Last year's participants were: [Dave Osterholt](#), [Jeremy May](#), [Anne Koesters](#), [Tina Roessner](#), and [Britney Metzger](#). Mrs. Kaiser has applications and informational brochures for any interested students. All applications are due in the guidance office by [March 5, 2009](#). Buckeye Boys/Girls State Delegates are also eligible to participate in the **United States Senate Youth Program's "Washington Week"**. This program offers two students delegates from each state the opportunity to be immersed in Washington activities. All expenses are paid by the Hearst Foundation.
2. **Mercer County Right to Life Oratory Contest** will be held on Monday, March 30 at 7 p.m. To enter, contestants are to research, write and present a 5-7 minute pro-life speech. Cash prizes can range from \$100-\$1000. HS juniors and seniors may submit an application no later than March 23, 2009.
3. **ASVAB Career Inventory:** On March 10, ASVAB test results will be presented to **all juniors** who took the December battery of tests. These results can be very helpful to students looking for some direction for their future occupation. Representatives from the military will come to assist students with interpretation of the results during English class.
4. **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.
5. **Seniors:** have you met with Mrs. Kaiser to discuss your future plans after high school? If not, stop by the Guidance Office!

Jobs:

6. **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.

Summer 2009 Workshops:

7. **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.
8. **University of Cincinnati 2009 Summer Honors Institute for Gifted Students:** U.C. is proud to offer the Summer Honors Institute for Gifted Students for 9th and 10th graders. Students learn from outstanding faculty and engage in a challenging, active week study. In this residential program, they'll meet gifted peers from all over the state. The descriptions of the three separate program weeks are available at: www.uc.edu/ce/honors. All the forms necessary to apply are at the How to Apply link. Primary consideration is given to early applicants. Additionally, if you have questions that are not addressed at our FAQ link, don't hesitate to contact Gay Laughlin at gay.laughlin@uc.edu or (513) 556-9176.
9. **Xavier University's Summer Honors Institute** is a two-week, residential program that offers gifted high school students from Ohio the opportunity to take a course from Xavier's strongest academic programs and earn three college credits. The 2009 program will take place from July 5th – July 18th. Contact Kandi Stinson for more information: stinson@xavier.edu or at 513.745.4286.

Miscellaneous:

10. 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> April 4, 2009 June 13, 2009	<u>Registration Deadlines</u> February 27, 2009 May 8, 2009
<u>READ THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE ACT:</u> **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. ** <u>Be sure to include 4 colleges to receive your score report with your registration!</u> 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 <i>don't</i> send them to a college you plan to attend it could cost you money later. (<i>Online Registration:</i> this can be found on the screen titled: "Your Score Report Choices", click "add a choice" and be sure to "select" the college choice. <i>Paper Registration:</i> 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 <u>well in advance</u> 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).	
<u>SAT National Test Dates 2008-2009</u> March 14 May 2 June 6	<u>Registration Deadlines</u> February 10 March 31 May 5
**Students can register for the SAT online at www.collegeboard.com . Our CEEB code is 362-165.	

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. **Win a trip to Washington D.C.!** See #46 below.
14. 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.
15. **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.
16. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!
17. **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:

18. **FAFSA:** All seniors planning to attend college this fall should file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):
 - 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.
 - Fill out the *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* anytime after January 1st (you will need tax info.)
 - File your FAFSA online at: www.fafsa.ed.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.)
 - 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".
19. **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!
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 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: ohicis03) 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. **Explore Pharmacy Visit Day** at Ohio Northern University will be on March 21, 2009. Junior visit day will be on April 18, 2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:

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

34. **Most Local Scholarship Applications (Fort Recovery) will be distributed to seniors in March during World History class, and are not included in the monthly newsletter.**
35. Any/all **applications** you complete **should be done in INK (or typed)**. Do not use pencil—appearance is important.
36. **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.
37. **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.
38. **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.

39. **If you are interviewing for a Midwest Electric 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.
40. **Wright State- Lake Campus Scholarship Packets** are now available in the guidance office. There are a multitude of scholarships available! All application materials must be submitted by March 2, 2009. Packets can also be found at <http://www.wright.edu/lake/prospective/scholarships.html>.
41. **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. This is due by March 3, 2009.
42. **“Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year” (SAMMY) 2009 Award Program**: This program recognizes outstanding scholar athletes and scholarships are available. Application will be accepted online at www.bodybymilk.com. Until March 6, 2009. Visit the website for official rules.
43. **Sinclair Community College scholarship packets** are now available in the guidance office. Applications received by March 13 will be given priority consideration.
44. **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. 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. Department winners must be certified by March 14, 2009.
45. The **Joyce Ivy Foundation** was established to assist young women in their pursuit of higher education opportunities. Applications for 2009 scholarships are now available at www.joyceivyfoundation.org. See http://www.joyceivyfoundation.org/docs/Summer_Scholar_2009.pdf for details on Summer Scholar Program. Applications are due March 16.
46. **Darke Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. (grade 10, 11, & 12)**: The Darke REC Inc. is awarding \$4,900 in scholarship for 2009.
 - 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.
 - The **Darke Rural Electric Scholarship** (up to \$2200) is available to seniors whose parents are members.
 - The **Touchstone Energy Scholarship** (up to \$2050) 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.

All three applications are available in the guidance office and are due March 16, 2009.
47. **NAIW Scholarship Essay Competition (grade 12)** The Grand Lake Area Insurance Women is sponsoring two scholarships again in 2009. The scholarships are \$500 each, and are not restricted to female students. The winners will be determined solely on the basis of a written essay relating to their college education. ***If a scholarship winner attends Wright State Lake Campus, the university will match the scholarship amount.*** Winners and their parents will be invited to the Grand Lake Area Insurance Women's Appreciations Dinner in May 2009 to be recognized and to read their winning essays. Pick up an application in the guidance office. Any questions, call Leslie Bergman at 419-586-5181 (x8986). The deadline for submissions is March 20, 2009.
48. **Leitzell Family Foundation Agricultural/ Horticultural Scholarship Award (Grade 12)**: It is the intent of this scholarship to provide financial aid to any individual from Mercer County, Ohio who shows continuous interest and enthusiasm in the field of agriculture or horticulture. Such interests could be manifested through active participation in such programs as 4-H, FFA, Scouts, etc. and must be continued into secondary education in appropriate career-oriented programs. The initial scholarship will be \$2500. This scholarship may be renewable. The recipient must maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA on a 4.00 scale for renewal. Applications must be returned to the FRHS Guidance Office March 25, 2009.

49. **The University Women's Club of Mercer County** has 2 programs available for females planning to continue their education in pursuit of a baccalaureate degree:
- **Annual Scholarship Loans** for \$700 (renewable for 4 years) Repayment of these interest-free loans begins one year after termination of college.
 - **14th Annual Scholarship Grant for \$1000**

Only one application is necessary for both programs. Call Sandy Dieringer at 419-586-1548 if you have questions. Applications are due March 27, 2009.

50. Rhodes State Scholarship Opportunities:

- "Rhodes State Foundation" Scholarship application can be found at www.rhodesstate.edu/departments/development/scholarships.asp, and is due March 27, 2009. An information sheet is available in the guidance office.
- "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.

51. **DARE Scholarship:** One student from each school in Mercer County will be awarded a \$350 DARE Scholarship. All seniors who have remained true to their DARE promise (not to use drugs or alcohol) are invited to the annual DARE luncheon on April 16, 2009 at the Elks Club of Mercer County. Applications are due by March 28.

52. **South Shore Sportsman Club Inc.** will offer two *renewable* \$500 scholarships to high school graduates or college students pursuing a field in **conservation and/or wildlife management**, or fields related to these vocations. Applications are due March 31, 2009.

53. **Mercer County Pork Producers** are offering five- \$300 scholarships to students who's parent or guardian are members. Applicants need not be attending college to qualify. However, the applicant must be attending a 2 or 4 year college, technical or breeding school, OR intend to pursue a career in agriculture (just farming). Applications are due March 31, 2009.

54. **Engineering 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: Mechanical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Design Engineering, or Tool Engineering at an accredited four-year institution. Deadline for scholarship applications is March 31, 2009.

55. **IPFW Scholarships:** There is a book of scholarship information in the guidance office for students planning to attend Indiana University/Purdue University-Ft. Wayne. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2009.

56. **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 April 1.

57. **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.

58. 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.

59. **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. Deadline for this scholarship is April 4.

60. **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.

61. **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.
62. **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 of 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.
63. **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.
64. **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.
65. **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.
66. **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.
67. **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.
68. **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.
69. **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).
70. **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.
71. **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.
72. Check out <http://www.schoolsoup.com/>, <http://studentaid.ed.gov/> and <http://www.fastweb.com/> for scholarship and college information.
73. **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!
74. **If you receive a scholarship**, be sure to send a **Thank-You note** showing your appreciation.

Upcoming Dates:

- March 9 School of Advertising Art college rep. will be here 5th period
- March 10 ASVAB Test Interpretation for Juniors
- March 16-20 OGT Testing Week
- March 24 OSU (Lima Campus) college rep will be here 3rd period

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

-Mrs. Kaiser