

## Ft. Recovery HS Guidance Newsletter: May 2009

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### GENERAL NEWS:

#### Around FRHS:

1. Mrs. Kaiser visited seniors in World History on Monday, May 4 to finalize future plans, scholarships, etc.. The meeting agenda can be found on the guidance webpage.
2. All underclassmen (grades 9-11) will update their activity sheets and should receive tentative 2009-2010 class schedules this month.
3. **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.

#### **Some possible Community Service Activities:**

- Volunteers are needed at Mary Help of Christians (Catholic Church) Vacation Bible School, July 27-30, 2009. Contact Deb Martin at 419-375-2916.
- "Adopt a flower bed" at Mary Help of Christians Church. Volunteers are needed to maintain flower beds by planting, weeding, watering, etc. All materials are provided. Call 419-375-4153 for more information.
- Effort for Africa: see Mrs. Schade-Hein.

#### Jobs:

4. The **Minster Machine Company** is looking for students and adults to employ and place in internships. Those interested must see Mrs. Kaiser ASAP. The categories are as follows:
  - 2009 graduates pursuing **4-year engineering degrees**
  - 2009 graduates pursuing **2-year technology degrees**
  - 2009 graduates who have completed a **Tri-Star Skilled Trades** program
  - Adults returning from **Military** service or those trained in **Skilled Trades**
  - Upcoming Juniors and Seniors who will be enrolled in a **Tri-Star Skilled Trades** program next year
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Nature's Green Nursery** is looking for spring/summer/fall workers. Students must be able to work after school and in the summer. Students who can drive are preferred, but anyone can apply. Stop out or call Lisa Moeller at Nature's Green on St. Rt. 119 if interested.
8. The **JobWorks** program (to assist in job placement and training) has opportunities for HS Juniors and Seniors (ages 17-21) who meet income eligibility guidelines. Applications are now being accepted. Call Bea Kriegel at 419-586-6409.

#### Summer 2009 Workshops:

9. **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](http://www.wright.edu/stem/academy) or call 937-775-3135.
10. 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.

11. **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/](http://admission.udayton.edu/academics/Summer_Advancement/).
12. **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](http://www.ode.state.oh.us) and search "Summer Honors Institute."

**Miscellaneous:**

13. If you are interested in competing in The **Miss Lake Festival Scholarship Pageant**, there will be a mandatory meeting for prospective contestants on Saturday, May 17, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Lake Festival Office. (Application deadline is May 16, 2009.) The Miss Lake Festival Scholarship Pageant will be held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at the Celina High School Field House. See Mrs. Kaiser for details.
14. **First Choice Credit Union (grade 12):** 300 W. Sycamore St., Coldwater offers 2009 grads a "Congratulatory Graduation Package" of free checks when they open a checking account between 4/1 and 9/30.
15. **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).**

<b><u>ACT National Test Dates 2008-2009</u></b> June 13, 2009	<b><u>Registration Deadlines</u></b> May 8, 2009
<b><u>ACT National Test Dates 2009-2010</u></b> October 24, 2009 December 12, 2009 February 6, 2010 April 10, 2010 June 12, 2010	

**READ THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE ACT:**

\*\*Students can register for the ACT via paper packet or online at: [www.actstudent.org](http://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](http://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

June 6

### Registration Deadlines

May 5

\*\*Students can register for the SAT online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Our CEEB code is 362-165.

#### 16. 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](http://www.march2success.com).

#### 17. 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.

18. 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](mailto:Toni.Bigby@csmg-online.com).

19. **Need counseling?** I have lots of information on private counseling services in the area...just ask!

20. **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:

21. **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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> (you will need tax info.)
3. File your FAFSA online at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://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](http://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".

22. **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.**

23. **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.

24. **Prospective College Athletes** who plan to play Division I or II sports must register with the **NCAA Clearinghouse** at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://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.
25. **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](mailto:Durliat.d@rhodesstate.edu). Visit the website at [www.wcomfg.com](http://www.wcomfg.com).
26. **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.
27. **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.
28. 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.
29. **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!
30. **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.
  - I have information for students who will graduate in 2010 wishing to apply to one of the **military academies**.
31. **Looking for a college or a career that's right for you?**
  - Check out [collegeboard.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.
32. **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.
33. I have **Tech Prep information** available for any **Tri-Star** students who wish to fill out the college credit articulation applications.
34. **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.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS / LOANS:**

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

35. **If you received a Local Scholarship** (Fort Recovery) you will be notified at commencement.
36. **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](mailto:evanse@uakron.edu).

37. **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](http://www.imagine-america.org).
38. **Sinclair Community College scholarship packets** are now available in the guidance office. Applications received by March 13 will be given priority consideration.
39. **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!
40. **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.
41. **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.
42. 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.
43. **OEEF Scholarships:** This scholarship program is administered for Ohio EPA by the Ohio Academy of Science. It is designed to motivate students to enter **environmental science and engineering professions**. Students at four-year institutions can receive a \$2,500 scholarship while \$1,250 is available for students attending two-year institutions. Additional information about the scholarship is available by calling the Ohio EPA Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873 or visiting <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oeeef/>. To receive money for the 2009-2010 academic year, applications are due by June 1, 2009.
44. **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.
45. **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.
46. **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.
47. **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.
48. **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.
49. **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).

**50. 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.

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

**52. 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!

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

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

- AP Exams in May:      May 6: AP Calculus  
                                 May 7: AP Lit and Comp  
                                 May 12: AP Chemistry  
                                 May 14: AP World History
- May 17              FRHS Commencement (2 p.m.)
- May 22              Last Day of School

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

**-Mrs. Kaiser**