

Guidance Office Announcements

Wapakoneta High School

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Parents and Seniors:

This newsletter finds us at the beginning of the last semester of your senior year. This school year has flown by, and before you know it, we will be walking into the gym to the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance"!

It was a great first half of the year for our staff and students, and from past experience, I can tell you that this semester will be one that you will always remember. Even though the weather seems like spring, it will be that time soon. This time will be spent with new sports seasons, prom, and, of course, the culmination of the last thirteen years.....graduation!

As you begin to think about your last few months at WHS, please be aware of preparing for scholarship deadlines, getting letters of recommendation, taking college visits, and preparing for May 26 and beyond. If you still need to order a cap and gown, or have questions about graduation, please see me. Below are important dates for you to keep in mind and to put on your calendars.

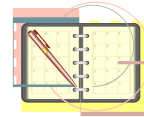
Aaron Rex
Principal

Dates of Importance:

February 20	No school due to Presidents' Day
March 16	End of the third nine weeks
March 23	Grade cards go home
April 5-10	Easter Break
April 28	Prom
May 18	<i>Seniors' last day!</i>
May 22	Senior Honors Banquet
May 23	Graduation Practice
May 26	GRADUATION DAY!



General information and events to check out!



Letters of Recommendation might accompany several scholarships. **Ask now** for these letters. Ask people who know you well, folks you have interacted with who can share a story or a special circumstance. Think about ministers, club leaders, employers, volunteer organizers, youth group leaders, scout leaders, etc.

Give the **military** some consideration; it's a great way to get your "feet wet" and earn some money for college. Recruiters are here most months, or you can contact them yourselves. There is also information in the guidance classroom that may be helpful. See Mrs. Mears.

Sollman Electric of Sidney, Ohio, is looking for skilled tradespeople. If you would like to find a trade, consider going to Upper Valley Career Center or the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. Sollman Electric looks forward to talking with students who have graduated from one of these programs. Come to the guidance office for some information, or check them out online www.mvctc.com

College Goal Sunday is Sunday, February 12, 2012, 2 P.M. at the YMCA Annex in Lima, Ohio. This is a FREE event where your parents take all tax documents and sit down with a financial aid representative and prepare the FAFSA form. Other nearby sites include Wright State Lake Campus, Edison State Community College, and Owens Community College among others. It's a great resource where you push "send" that day, and your FAFSA form is done!

If you are taking a **University of Kentucky** correspondence class, you are reminded that you have only six months to complete each half credit. This program is coming to an end this spring, so be sure and get your work done in a timely fashion!

Need help with the ACT? The **YMCA annex** in Lima has classes to assist with the ACT. Call Wendy Schall 567-204-3861 for information and signing up. These are FREE sessions.

The **YMCA of Lima** is also offering monthly workshops for anyone pursuing a higher education. These are offered the first Tuesday of each month. Go to www.ohiocan.org/allen for more information.

Need help with the FAFSA? The **Lima Y** is here to help. Every Tuesday, you are welcome to attend a financial aid meeting on Tuesdays from 6-7:30, February 7-March 13. Questions? Call Wendy Schall at 567-204-3861, or e-mail her at advisor@limachamber.com Bring your all of your tax documents with you for this meeting.

The **Lima Y** also has a Financial Aid follow-up slated for February 7 at 6 P.M. This is an ideal time to go and ask questions because you should have your tax documents and be preparing to fill out your FAFSA (See College Goal Sunday above) on February 12, 2012.

The Wapakoneta **YMCA** needs *volunteers!* If you are able to spend some time volunteering, pick up an application from the Wapakoneta YMCA. Volunteering is a wonderful asset to your personal resume. Please consider giving your time.

The Ohio State University-- Lima reminds you their application deadline is February 15. By this time, you should also have your FAFSA ready to file too.

Wright State Lake Campus has an Open House Event on Saturday, March 5. Tours of WSU happen all week; call them for a more personal visit by calling admissions.

Art Students: **Ball State University** has a Portfolio Review Day on Saturday, February 18, 2012. If you have a desire for a career in art, go to www.bsu.edu/art/openhouse for more information.

Muskingham has classes for students with IEPs. Call the Muskingham University at 1-800-752-6082 to set up an appointment or to learn more.

Youngstown State priority deadline is **February 15, 2012**. Meeting this deadline could result in added benefits such as early scheduling and early acceptance.

University of St. Francis has creative arts talent day scheduled for **March 2, 2012**. If you are interested, please call 260-399-7700, ext. 8001.

Akron University invites you to attend one of their A-Z Senior Days: Monday, **February 20, 2012**, or Friday, **March 23, 2012**.

Kent State University has architecture, architectural studies, and interior design majors available. If you would like more information about any of these, please go to www.caed.kent.edu and request it.

The next ACT test is on **April 14, 2012**. There is another test on **June 9, 2012**.

Bowling Green State University has an open house event on **Monday, February 20**, from 9 A.M.-3:30 P.M. Please consider using your President's Day off from school to look into this institution! Register online.

The **Akron University** has a Diversity Day planned for **Friday, February 17**. Register online.

Like art??? Well, **Full Sail University** might be for you! For more information, see the guidance office bulletin board.

Edison State Community College in Piqua has ACT Prep dates for the April ACT. Check out the guidance office bulletin board to learn more.

Edison Community College is offering an information night for their Information Technology and Engineering programs. You begin your college experience with Edison then transfer to a larger four-year institution like Miami, Cincinnati, Wright State, and more. This night happens on **Thursday, February 16, from 6:30-8:00 P.M.**

IPFW has a **Health Career Day** available on campus Friday, **March 2, 2012**, from 9:00 A.M.-11:45 A.M. To attend, you must register online at www.ipfw.edu/admissions

FAFSA—I got information about a YouTube video available to use as a tool for completing the document. I have not seen it, but it comes recommended from OSU financial aid office. Go to <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL763F446AD914D5E03>

Women going into engineering are invited to attend **University of Dayton's** summer camp from **July 8-13**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the trade while meeting like minded people. Check it out at www.go.udayton.edu/wie/



Scholarships/Competitions \$

Printing Industries of OHIO-KENTUCKY is seeking applicants for their scholarship. Go to www.pianko.org and click on the printing education tab to learn more. Deadline to apply for this scholarship is **February 29, 2012**.

Big Sun Organization has a \$500 scholarship available to any athlete. To enter, go to <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> Deadline to apply is **June 22, 2012**.

Seven colleges participate in the WACE Partner Institutions with over \$4,000,000 in award money given to over 100 students. If you have been accepted or are planning to apply to the **University of Cincinnati** or the **University of Toledo** (two local universities), check out this website to learn more... www.co-op.edu Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2012**.

Western Buckeye Chapter of the Ohio Credit Union has five (5) \$500 scholarships to give away. You must be a senior with intentions of furthering your education. Come to the guidance office to get information about this opportunity. Deadline to apply for this scholarship is **February 10, 2012**.

Abbott and Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to announce the continuation of their \$1,000 essay scholarship contest. Go to <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarship.htm> so that you can meet the **June 15, 2012**, deadline to apply.

U.S. Bank gives away forty \$1,000 scholarships! To apply, go to www.usbank.com/scholarship and fill out the application. Winners are chosen at random, and it might be your lucky day!

The guidance office received an e-mail from the government about grant and scholarship scams. It noted that the government will NEVER call you about getting money for school. Therefore, do not be taken in if you get a call about this. Go to www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs to learn more about these kinds of scams.

The **Attorney General's Office** has a scholarship video contest. To earn \$1,000-\$2,500, you must create a video that encourages your peers to make safe choices when purchasing online. To enter, contact Rachael Wummer at 1-614-387-1103 or e-mail her at Rachael.wummer@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

The government website that provides information to parents and students about federal student aid is www.edpubs.gov This website is for parents to download copies of their publications. Let your parents know about this website, please.

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship program offers as much as \$10,000! To apply, visit GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program. You must have leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship. You must also get a nomination from your principal, community leader, elected official, or nonprofit executive, and each person may only sign one form. The deadline to apply is **February 17, 2012**.

Mid-Ohio Energy has two scholarships available for YOU. Five males and five females could win as much as \$750 for the Children of Consumers Scholarship. Four graduating seniors could win \$1,700 for the Touchstone Energy Achievement Scholarship. Come to the guidance office and pick up your copy of the scholarship form. An interview is part of this scholarship. Forms are due by **March 4, 2012**.

Like economics? Well, here's a writing contest for you! You have to watch a television show and write an essay, poem, play, or short story that explains economic content. To learn more about this opportunity, go to www.clevelandfed.org/learning_center Deadline to apply is **February 27, 2012**.

Cargill offers a scholarship to worthy candidates who show great leadership, extra-curricular activities, and civic activities. Go to www.cargill.com and enter keyword "scholarship" to learn more. Over \$1,000 scholarships are offered to over 350 students! Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2012**.

We have booklets available from **Ohio Association of Career Colleges and Schools**. This booklet has a list of many schools that offer scholarships to students attending a career college such as ITT Tech, Kaplan, Brown-Mackie, and more! Come to the guidance office for a program book or go to www.ohiocareercolleges.org to learn more.

The **Rhodes to Success Achievement Scholarship** is also available to qualified students. You must have a 3.5 GPA and a 24 on your ACT to apply. Come to the guidance office for the scholarship form. Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2012**.

Going to **Bowling Green State University** and majoring in biology? If so, come to the guidance office and get a BGSU form to fill out to earn a scholarship. This is only available from the guidance office and applies only to BGSU biology majors. Deadline to apply is **February 6, 2012**.

Take a moment and apply for the "**B. Davis Scholarship**" award at <http://studentawardsearch.com/scholarships.htm> This website is said to give you information about more scholarships and how to best apply. The deadline to apply for the B. Davis award is **May 28, 2012**.

Midmark has \$\$\$ available for students majoring in **computer science engineering, electrical engineering, information technology, computer information systems, and management information systems**. To apply, go to midmark.com/careers, or come to the guidance office and pick up a copy. There is a three-year work commitment with this money. Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2012**.

The Ohio State University of Lima offers the Rudd Scholarship. You may pick up the form in the guidance office. You will have to write an essay, complete a form, get a letter of reference, and have completed your college application and the FAFSA by **February 15, 2012**, to be eligible for this award. Similarly, you can apply for Special Scholarships with OSU Lima by filling out an application online using <http://www.sfa.ous.edu/scholarships/> as your resource. Best of luck!

If you are going into landscaping, floral design, forestry, farming, etc. you may apply for a scholarship from the **Ohio Gardening Groups**. Come to the guidance office for your application so that you can meet the **March 15, 2012**, deadline.

Several scholarship ideas came from **StudentScholarship.org** as follows...

1. NHS Scholarship Program
2. Davidson Fellows Scholarships
3. The Grand Scholarship
4. Odenza Marketing Scholarship
5. Vancouver Restaurant Scholarship
6. Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship
7. Big Dig Scholarship
8. Man Mac Automatic Scholarship

All of these can be found at the following website...

<http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php>

Similar to the aforementioned scholarship, the **Lima Garden Club Horticulture/Floriculture** offers a scholarship. The form is the same as above, and the due date is **March 15** too. However, you must fill out both documents, one for each scholarship, and send to the appropriate addresses. Come to the office for this scholarship.

Member of the **Farm Credit Union**? If so, you are eligible for a scholarship. Go to www.e-farmcredit.com and click on "Community," then "Scholarships" to download the application. You may also call 1-800-444-3276. Deadline to apply is late February.

West Central Ohio Safety Council has a scholarship for those majoring in Occupational Safety and Health, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Science, Risk Management, or a related field. Forms are in the guidance office and must be received by **March 12, 2012**.

AAA Auto Club offers a scholarship contest to all Auglaize County residents. To apply for this contest, you must write an essay about safety patrol, provide transcripts, and have one letter of recommendation. Come to the guidance office to apply by the deadline of **April 16**.

Hauss-Helms is now available in the guidance office. For this scholarship, you must have financial need and be in the top half of your class. Your parents must have their tax forms finished to complete the paperwork. Forms can be found in the guidance office. Forms are due by **April 15, 2012**.

If you are you exceptionally motivated and have great leadership skills, artistic skills, volunteerism, entrepreneurial skills, enjoy science, and politics? Well, iFlurtz wants to meet you! Go to scholarships@iflurtz.com to apply and learn more.

Are you an Aspiring Animation Professional? Check out this website to learn more about money for college: <http://www.animationcareerreview.com/> and get some information.

Buick has an award called **Buick Achievers Scholarship** worth up to \$25,000! Go to buickachievers@scholarshipamerica.org and become an applicant. Like many, this opportunity is only available online. Become an applicant first and follow the directions there to potentially earn \$\$\$ for your education. Deadline to apply is **February 29, 2012**.

The Ray Ford Nurses Scholarship is now available to anyone majoring in nursing who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **April 16, 2012**. The process for this scholarship involves some time and commitment, but the reward is worth it. Get started early, ladies and gentlemen, and submit those applications!

The William D. Squires Educational Foundation, Inc. encourages you to apply for their \$3000 award, which is renewable for \$12,000! We had a winner last year, and this year it might be you! You must have a completed FAFSA to apply, two letters of recommendation, and an essay. Deadline to apply is **April 5, 2012**. Go to www.wmdsquiresfoundation.org and fill out the application online.

Lima and Allen County Medical Alliance has money to lend those in financial need who are going into a human health or human science based field of study. You must have a 3.0 GPA or higher; deadline to apply is **March 1, 2012**. Come to the guidance office and pick up a copy of the scholarship form to see all the details.

Lima and Allen County also offer interest free loans to those going into medicine. To get one of these loans, you must agree to work at St. Rita's, Lima Memorial, or Bluffton for at least three years. This loan organization offers this opportunity to promote physicians to our area. Come to the guidance office and pick up more information.

If you represent a minority culture and are majoring in **journalism**, there's a scholarship for you from **Ohio Newspapers Foundation**. Come to the guidance office and get your scholarship form, or visit www.ohionews.org to get a copy. Due date is **March 31, 2012**.

James Kura encourages you to apply online at www.oacdl.org/scholarship! Rules and details are all online and are due by Friday, **March 2, 2012**. Check this out!

If your family is in good standing with the **USW LOCAL 200L**, come and pick up a scholarship form in the guidance officer. You must have a 3.0 GPA; deadline is **March 26**.

Visit <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarhip.htm> to learn more about writing an essay and earning \$500 for college. This scholarship is based on character, not just academics. If the essay takes you five hours to write, then you earn \$100 an hour! That's a good return for your time. Check it out!

If you live in Auglaize County and plan to major in **natural resource** or **agricultural related programs**, then consider applying for **Auglaize County Soil and Water Conservation District Scholarship**. The application is in the guidance office. Deadline to apply is **April 2, 2012**.

Rotary invites you to speak at their **Four-Way Rotary Speech Contest**. Speech day is slated for **Tuesday, March 6, 2012**, here at the high school. Come to the guidance office and get your form today. This is a GREAT way to learn public speaking skills and a good way to overcome the fear of speaking in public. Hope to hear you at the contest! The winner advances to the Van Wert contest where more money can be earned!

Wapakoneta Noon Optimists have a scholarship available in the guidance office. You must provide a list of activities and awards as well as write an essay to be considered for this award. Due date is **April 15**.

The **Scott D. Lhamon Memorial Scholarship** is now available. To be eligible for this scholarship, you must have a 3.3 GPA, be of good moral character, have a recommendation letter, be involved in at least two organizations, and plan to study at a trade school or two or four-year college. Deadline to apply is **April 15**.

Arlene Metz Education Scholarship Fund is available for those majoring in education. He or she must have a GPA of at least 3.2 and be involved with the fine arts or sports either in high school or the community. The candidate may not have any record of suspension and be of good moral character. Deadline to apply is **April 15**.

Merle and Opal Miller has a scholarship available for those majoring in **nursing**. You must be in a position of financial need, be of good moral character, and be recommended by a high school staff member. Deadline to apply is **April 15**.

Wapakoneta Woman's Club has a scholarship available for those with a GPA of 2.7-3.2. (Those with a higher GPA will be considered if the scholarship has no other applicants.) Good character is expected, along with financial need and a plan to study for two or four years. Deadline to apply is **April 15**.

If you are considering **Oral Roberts University or Liberty University**, come to the guidance office for a scholarship form. Due date for the form is April 1, 2012.

The **Charles L. Warren Scholarship** is now available in the guidance officer. We are able to send three applications from our school. If you are interested in applying pick up your form, complete it, and give it to Mrs. Epperly. You must have a 3.0 - 4.0 GPA. Due date is **March 15, 2012**.

South Shore Sportsman's Club invites you to apply for their scholarship IF you are entering into conservation, wildlife, or a related field. Applications are in the guidance office. Deadline for applications is **March 31, 2012**.

WAPAKONETA AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION has the following scholarships available. You must fill out one application and indicate with a check which scholarships you are eligible for (*read the scholarship for all eligibility rules*, realizing that financial need, recommendations, and good character are a part of all of these). Deadline for all scholarships is **April 15**.

~Ida Brown: top 20% of class

~Skip Brodie: top 50% of class

~Dwight W. & Mary Edwards: majoring in business, GPA of 2.5 or higher

~Paul E. Fisher: top 50% of class

~Al & Gladys Heinrich: top 50% of class

~Minster State Bank: major in the business industry

~Bill Heil Memorial Scholarship: attended St. Joseph's School, top 50% of class

~Frey-muth-Sutton Scholarship: be involved in extra-curricular activities, have letters of recommendation, be a leader, top 20% of class, be sensitive, have integrity, good attendance, and top test scores

~Jesse Doseck Memorial Scholarship: GPA of 2.7 or higher, top 50% of class

Lima Memorial Hospital Auxiliary offers a scholarship to those who are majoring in a **health related field**. A 3.0 GPA is required, and the deadline has been set as **March 31**. Applications are in the guidance office.

If you have been in 4-H or FFA for a minimum of five years and have taken an **equine** project to the fair, you are eligible for a \$200 scholarship. Your Fair project must have earned a grade of A. Come to the Guidance Office to get your form that is due **June 1**.

The **Junior Fair Boosters** has a scholarship opportunity for anyone who is a member of 4-H, FFA, Girl Scouts, or Boy Scouts. You must have a 2.0 GPA for this scholarship that is due by **June 1**. Come to the Guidance Office to get your copy of the form.

The **Nikki Schaub** scholarship is available for any 4-H member who is planning to attend college, has completed several project, and has some financial need. The award will be given at the 2012 fair. Deadline to apply is **June 1**.

The **Ohio State Fair** has a list of available scholarships for those participating in the Junior Fair. Come to the Guidance Office to get your form that is due by **July 1**.

Those in 4-H can apply for the **2012 Ohio 4-H Scholarship**. This scholarship form can be found in the Guidance Office; however, it is supposed to be typed. A deadline is not noted; rather, it asks you to call the county extension office. So, come and look over the criteria and, then, contact our local extension office to learn more.

Student Insights invites you to sign up for their scholarship at www.student-view.com Deadline to apply is **April 22, 2012**.

If you plan to major in any kind of **communications** in college: broadcasting, journalism, graphics design, public relations, etc., you are eligible to apply for the **WTLW Scholarship**. Come to the guidance office to get your copy of the form. Deadline to apply is **March 23, 2012**.

If you have plans to attend **Owens Community College**, come to the Guidance Office and see Mrs. Epperly about applying for a \$2000 scholarship. Deadline to apply and write your essay is **March 9**; hurry down to begin soon!

Did you know that you can get on the Wapakoneta High School Website: <http://highschool.wapak.org> to access each month's announcements? Just go to guidance announcements and you can see each issue.

Testing Information

OGT:	Grades 10 – 12	March 14 – 18
Ohio Achievement Assessment:	Grade 8	Reading –April 27 Math-April 29 Science-May 2
AP Exams:	Grade 10 – 12	May - TBA

*If you would like to take the ACT test at Wapakoneta High School, our test site code is **227-210**.*

*Did you know.....
The Wapakoneta High School code for college entrance exams like the ACT and SAT is **365295**.*

ACT: TO APPLY, SEE TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES, GO TO www.actstudent.org.

SAT: TO APPLY, SEE TEST DATES AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES, GO TO www.collegeboard.com.

Selective Service – If you have any questions about registering for the selective service, please see Mr. Rex.

MIILITARY - Any students interested in the military should see Mrs. Mears.