

Guidance Office Announcements

Wapakoneta High School



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Students and Parents,

It is never too early to start thinking about graduation! For all of our seniors, you need to make sure that you have turned in your orders for announcements, and most importantly, your cap and gown. As the year moves along the cost of these items will increase. If you still have not placed an order, please be sure to see me right away.

If you are an underclassman, please make sure that you are keeping a close eye on your grades. Remember that your first years at WHS are very important in building a solid transcript that will be vital to your college applications. If you have questions about transcripts, GPA, or what classes you should take, please see your guidance counselor or me.

College applications and scholarship information is beginning to make the guidance office a busy place. Our guidance counselors are busy writing letters of recommendation, sending out college applications, and working with students to help them prepare for college. If you have questions, or need help with any of these issues, make sure to see your counselor early to get these done well before the due dates. Also, please let me know when you decide what college or university you will be attending so I can post it in the cafeteria.

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Mr. Rex
Principal

Dates to Remember/Notes of Interest:

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!

The Wapakoneta High School Transitions to College night is on sabbatical this year. Therefore, please consider many of the other options as far as visiting colleges and college fairs.

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.

A "Saving for College Workshop" is happening at the Lima YMCA Annex on December 1, 2011, from 6-7 in the evening. To register, call Wendy Schall at 567-204-3861.

The Wapakoneta YMCA needs *volunteers!* If you are able to spend some time volunteering, pick up an application from the guidance office bulletin board. You may also get an application at the Y. Volunteering is a wonderful asset to your personal resume. Please consider giving your time.

The University of Cincinnati has early deadlines for Cincinnati scholarships. If you are considering UC, please begin the application process soon to meet the December 1 deadline.

IPFW of Fort Wayne offers a Chapman Scholarship Program that is highly competitive for those seeking a four-year degree. This school is a combination of Indiana State and Purdue, so you are able to work with both schools and earn a variety of degrees. If you have an ACT score of 29 or higher, come to the guidance office and learn more about this opportunity for your college success.

Not all schools that are right for you will be on your personal radar. Here are a few schools that have sent us information that you may have never heard of... *Calvin College*, MI (Christian school with 11:1 ratio of students to teacher); *Cedar Crest College* PA (has a rich history of educating women leaders, *Mount Carmel* OH (well known for its relatively inexpensive price and its nursing program). Check them out online!

Bowling Green State University offers a STEM scholarships, ranging from 3,800-5,200, to those majoring in math or science education. Go to www.bgsu.edu/action for more information. Deadline to apply is January 18, 2012.

The University of St. Francis has Talent Day on December 3, 2011. If you would like to audition or submit a portfolio to earn an art scholarship, go to sf.edu/art for more information.

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. If you attend, your application fee will be waived. Tours of WSU happen all week; call them for a more personal visit by calling admissions.

The University of Cincinnati is offering a new engineering degree: environmental engineering. This degree will be offered beginning in 2012 school year. If you have the need to be green and help the earth, check out this new career program.

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.

Indiana Purdue of Fort Wayne (IPFW) is home to two Big 10 schools. From IPFW, you can enter into either Indiana State or Purdue to finish your degree or complete graduate school. It has over 200 majors and has recently added apartment-style housing (not the “good old day” dorms that your parents may have known!) A few careers that they like to brag about are engineering, music technology, music therapy, and audiology. Check them out!

Manchester College is on the west side of Fort Wayne and hosts several pre-degrees, including pre-med, pre-pharm, pre-dentistry, and pre-vet (among others!). Their out-of-state tuition is **lower** than their in-state tuition by \$1,500! They have a unique degree called Peace Relations, and their school is the only school that has a relationship with the United Nations! Bragging rights for them include EARLY research projects and a very friendly atmosphere. When you graduate from Manchester, the plan is to get a job. If you don't get a job within six months, you may return to Manchester College tuition free! Give this school a look!

Kettering University in Flint, MI, offers co-op experiences in locations such as Ford, GM, and NASA.

Saint Marys of the Woods College is an all-girls' school whose students excel in the sciences.

University of Maine, Farmington, offers the only creative writing program in Maine.

IUPUI offers internships at a crime laboratory.

IUP (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) boasts that it has been selected as one of the nation's top doctoral colleges for nineteen consecutive years by *US News and World Report*.

St. Mary's University, TX, can get you access to internships at the FBI, Federal Drug Enforcement Agency, and with U.S. Marshalls.

University of St. Francis has recently begun more art degree programs: computer graphics, web design, photography, illustration, audio recording and production, audio for the creative arts, music technology.

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.

Bethel College in Indiana is well known for its Christian background and commitment to community and spiritual life. Visit days in 2012 include February 20, 2012, and March 23, 2012.

The next ACT test on February 11, 2012.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

REMEMBER: IF YOU WANT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, ASK YOUR EMPLOYERS, PASTORS, TEACHERS, COACHES, CLUB ADVISORS, COUNSELORS, ETC., NOW! GIVE THEM AMPLE TIME TO WRITE AN ENCOURAGING AND ACCURATE LETTER ABOUT YOU.

A recommended link to Ohio scholarships is <http://www.studentcollegescholarships.com/ohio.html>

Information about college for students with disabilities can be found at <http://www.collegeacademicsupport.com>

Are you a **video guru**? If so, check out the University of Dayton video contest about Servant Leadership at www.facebook.com/universityofdayton Deadline to apply is February 1, 2012.

Ohio Center for the Book at the Cleveland Public Library is offering kids a chance to win money. Visit http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/how_to_enter/entry_forms to learn more. This is a creative contest where you might choose to write to an author, for instance, and describe how he or she has affected your life. Deadline to apply is January 6, 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 is February 10, 2012.

BE A PART OF HISTORY and help create the 2012 Red Ribbon Week theme—you could win \$500! Deadline to apply is December 1, 2011. You must create a slogan and design, which you send to info@nfp.org It will then be judged, and the winner will be announced December 15!

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.

KFC Colonel's Scholars organization is accepting applications online at www.kfcscholars.org You must have a GPA of 2.75, be enrolled in a public Ohio college, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, and demonstrate financial need as a U.S. resident. Deadline to apply is December 1, 2011.

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.

Dr. Pepper has a scholarship contest offer for those who are 18 and over. You have to create one-minute video explaining how you would make an impact on your life, community, and world if you won free tuition from Dr. Pepper. Go to drpepper.com to learn more...it could be worth \$100,000!

The ELKS in Lima offers a Student of the Month program. Any student may be nominated. Come see your guidance counselor if you seek candidacy. You will then complete the application, create a resume, ask for a letter of recommendation, and then submit your information. If you win, you will get \$100 and an invitation to dinner. It's a very wonderful program to consider.

CAPPEX has two scholarships available: Innovator of the Year and Lead with Your Heart. The first is for anyone who has invented something noteworthy for his or her community. The second is for anyone who has been a dedicated volunteer in the community. To apply for either of these scholarships, go to www.cappex.com/scholarships

ProMedica has a scholarship offer valued at \$5000. It asks that a team of junior and/or seniors puts together a unique way for their community to become more aware of hunger in the region. The winning idea will win the award money, and ProMedica will put the plan into action. This opportunity is extremely creative. Plus, it could be valuable for your college application or essay. Come to the guidance office for more information—it's called "come to the table."

The Elk's National Foundation, Inc. has two scholarships available. One in called the Most Valuable Scholarship Contest. This looks at academic achievement, school and community involvement, and financial need. Go to www.elks.org/enf/scholars to look over the details. The second is an educational grant award of \$1000 for students pursuing a degree at Apollo, Rhodes State College, or UNOH. If you are interested, go to www.web-ster.net/ohioelks/ to apply. These are two great ways to begin the process of learning how to apply for a scholarship and, hopefully, a way to earn money for your schooling beyond high school.

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.

Grand Lake Area Insurance Professionals offer an essay scholarship competition. Come to the guidance office and pick up a copy of this contest form. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2012.

The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) has a National Scholarship Competition that awards over \$150,000 every year. Visit fidm.edu or give them a call at 800-262-3436 to learn more about this opportunity. Check out the guidance bulletin board to learn more!

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.

Testing Information

PLAN:	Grade 10	December 15
OGT:	Grades 10 – 12	March 12 – 16
AP Exams:	Grade 10 – 12	May - TBA

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

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

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.

HIGH SCHOOL WEB SITE

The Wapakoneta High School web site is now posting homework assignments as well as the Guidance Announcements – please check out the following site: www.wapak.org

NOTE ABOUT ATHLETICS

Student athletes who plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or Division II institution should register on line by visiting the NCAA Eligibility Center web site. Go to the “Prospective Student-Athletes” section and follow the directions.

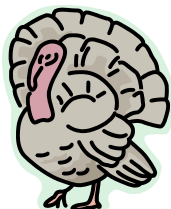
MILITARY - Any students interested in the military should see Mrs. Mears.

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

On behalf of the staff of Wapakoneta High School, we extend to you and your families our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!

Mr. Rex, Principal

Mr. Minnis, Assistant Principal



Happy
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