

**ST. FRANCIS
DESALES
HIGH SCHOOL**

Counselor

Assignments:

Mr. Baker: A-D

Mrs. Shelton: E-L

Ms. Costello: M-R

Mrs. Knapschaefer: S-Z

**Student Innovation
Awards**

TechColumbus is looking for the best and brightest young science and technology students in grades 9-12 to share their future dreams and apply for scholarship funding. A \$2,500 award will be given to the top 2 students in a 529 college savings account. This opportunity is open to students who reside in Central Ohio and have an interest in a STEM (science, technology, engineering or mathematics) career. Student entry forms will be available in the near future. You can enter online at <http://techcolumbusinnovationawards.org/StudentAwards.html>. Winners will be announced on February 2, 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS to sophomore, *Hugo Salto*, who was selected to attend HOBY, a leadership seminar at Denison University. *Sarah Schaber* was chosen as the alternate. Also, kudos to *Jordan Noble* & *Leah Selmek* who were nominated as Martin Luther King scholars and will be recognized at the Annual MLK Junior Scholar Celebration at The Ohio State University.

Guidance News



GUIDANCE NEWS

December-January 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual **Financial Aid workshop** will take place on **January 26th** at 7pm in the DeSales Cafeteria. The presentation will review the college financial aid process and how to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a great opportunity to get answers to any questions that you or your parents may have.
- **Schedule Changes** for the second semester will begin the week of January 18th. Pay attention to announcements as Mr. Garrick will notify you when we will begin to process changes. Keep in mind that a \$20 fee is required in order to change your schedule.
- **Interested in pursuing a degree in art or design after high school?** You are invited to Columbus College of Art and Design for a hands-on studio experience that will put you in direct contact with CCAD faculty, staff, students and alumni. Studio Day will take place on **Sunday, December 4th** from 10am-4:30pm. The program is free, but registration is required. Register online at www.ccad.edu/events-2011/studio-day
- We will be receiving notification of various **summer opportunities** over the next several months. If you are looking for something to do this summer that will enhance your college application and allow you to explore a particular interest or career path, check out the summer opportunities link on our guidance website. Whether you are interested in engineering, art, music, science, math, history, culinary arts, leadership....there is an enrichment experience out there for everyone!
- **Any student in grades 9-12 can be nominated by a teacher to receive an Atlas Butler Award.** The nominating teacher could receive a \$250 award for use in their classroom. Ninety nominees will be selected during the school year. Three students will win \$2,500, 10 students will win \$1,000 while 15 students will receive \$500. Nominations close on the 15th of each month. If you have done something extraordinary in your school or community, tell a teacher about it and ask if they will consider nominating you. Go to www.AtlasButlerAwards.com for more information.

Seniors Class of 2012

- **Make sure that you are paying attention to deadlines!** If you have applied to colleges online and have not informed your counselor, you should do so immediately. Also, please notify us of any scholarships that you are awarded.
- **College Goal Sunday** will be held on **Sunday, February 12th**. You can attend this event at various locations around Central Ohio. This is a chance to receive help on completing the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) from financial aid experts. For more information on this event, visit www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org.

Previously advertised scholarships with upcoming deadlines

- *OSU honors & scholars application: **Dec. 15th** (priority)—Apply online at <https://hsapp.osu.edu>
 - *Engineers Foundation of Ohio: **Dec. 15th**—Applications in Guidance
 - *NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation: **Dec. 15th**—Apply online www.NFIB.com/YEA
 - *OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County: **Jan. 15th**—Applications in Guidance
 - *SAE International Scholarships: **Jan. 15th**—Apply online at <http://students.sae.org/awdscholarships/hsseniors.htm>
 - *Newcomer Funeral Home Scholarship: **Jan. 31st**—Applications in Guidance
 - *National Co-Op Scholarship Program: **Feb. 15th**—Apply online at www.co-op.edu
- ****More scholarship opportunities listed at <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org/current-students/guidance>

- The **Burger King Scholars Program** application is now available online through **January 10, 2012**. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Visit www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/burger_king_scholars_program.html for more details and to apply.
- **Education First Credit Union is awarding 5 academic scholarships** in the amount of \$2,000 each. All scholarship applications will also be forwarded to the Central Ohio Chapter of Credit Unions for additional scholarship opportunities. Applicants must be a current member of the Education First Credit Union, provide a complete application including a high school transcript. Applications are available in the Guidance office. Deadline to apply is **February 18, 2012**.
- The **Westerville Rotary Club** is offering an \$8,000 scholarship to a senior who will be attending Otterbein University as a full-time student this fall. In addition, three \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who will be attending a four-year, accredited college in Ohio. Applicants must reside in the Westerville school district. Consideration will be given to the applicants' personal reputation, academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities and to a lesser extent, financial need. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline to apply is **March 25, 2012**.
- The **US Bank Scholarship program** will randomly award 40 \$1,000 scholarships. Apply online at usbank.com/scholarship through **March 31, 2012**.
- Senior boys are reminded that it is law to register with **Selective Service** upon your 18th birthday. The process is simple. You can register online at www.sss.gov or if you turn 18 after January 1, 2012, you can register when you file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Juniors ~ Class of 2013

- Start working on your college list. Once a school is on your list, research it in depth! Does that particular school have what you are looking for? Will it meet your needs? Some important considerations include: size/location, environment, admission requirements, academic programs, cost, student life and facilities. As you consider these factors for each school, you can begin to narrow down your list. Your list should consist of a variety of schools. It is okay to include a "dream" school, but the majority of your time should be spent on schools to which you will likely gain admittance. A good college list allows you to end up with several colleges to which you have gained admission, so when the application process is over, you have a choice! An inappropriate list will put you in a position to receive zero, maybe one, acceptance letters. See your counselor for tips on researching colleges and on creating your college list.

Sophomores ~ Class of 2014

- If you have not created a résumé, now is a good time to do so. In addition to extracurricular activities, be sure to include any honors/awards that you have received, community service/volunteer work and employment. You should update your résumé each year, so by senior year, you have a nice document to include with your college applications. You will find a résumé template on the guidance website for your use. Your counselor may also have examples from DeSales graduates that you may see.

Freshmen ~ Class of 2015

- Semester exams are right around the corner! Exams are a percentage of your semester average, so it is important that you do well. Testing will begin Thursday, December 15th and go through December 20th. Make sure that you build plenty of preparation and study time into your schedule.
- The second quarter will end on January 17th. If you have any questions regarding your second semester class schedule, please see your counselor.

Upcoming ACT Dates:

Test Date: Dec. 10th
 Deadline: Nov. 4th
 (Late fee Nov. 5-18)
 Test Date: Feb. 11th
 Deadline: Jan. 13th

*Register online at
www.actstudent.org

Upcoming SAT Dates:

Test Date: Dec. 3rd
 Deadline: Nov. 8th
 Test Date: Jan. 28th
 Deadline: Dec. 30th

*Register online at
www.sat.collegeboard.org

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*"Your goals
 are the road
 maps that
 guide you and
 show you what
 is possible for
 your life. "*
 ~Lex Brown

WEBSITES

Free Scholarship Searches

- www.scholarships.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.collegeboard.com/student/pay

For Teens

- kidshealth.org/teen/
- teens.drugabuse.gov/
- www.channelone.com
- www.quintcareers.com/teens.html