

**ST. FRANCIS
DESALES
HIGH SCHOOL**

Counselor

Assignments:

Mr. Baker: A-D

Mrs. Shelton: E-L

Ms. Costello: M-R

Mrs. Knapschaefer: S-Z

Dates of Significance...

*The St. Francis DeSales Scholarship Deadline is **February 1st**. Scholarships are available for students of all grade levels. Applications are available on the school website under "current students" and should be submitted to the Institutional Advancement Department.

*COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY will take place on **February 12th** at various locations throughout Ohio. This event provides assistance with your completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To register, visit www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org

*Course Selection for the 2012-13 school year will take place in the month of February. At this time, current juniors, sophomores and freshmen will start scheduling their classes for next school year. Please see your counselor with questions. We are happy to provide input as your academic advisors.

*The St. Francis DeSales Career Fair will be held on **March 20** from 6:30-8:00pm. In the past, students have had the opportunity to speak with individuals from more than 50 professions. We are asking alumni and parents to come and share information regarding their occupations with our students. All careers are invited to participate. Contact Colleen Herr in Alumni Relations for more information.

Guidance News



GUIDANCE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2012

- **ATTENTION SOPHOMORE & JUNIOR LADIES interested in engineering:** OSU is hosting a one-day career exploration event called WiE Dream. This is an opportunity to learn more about OSU's undergraduate engineering programs. The event will take place on Saturday, February 25th from 8:45am-2:30pm. Register now until February 10th at the event website <http://wie.osu.edu/wiedream>
- Kent State University extends an invitation to high school juniors and seniors to attend "**Explore Kent Chemistry Day**" on **Saturday, February 11th** from 10am-2pm. This is a chance for you to learn about the opportunities in chemistry and biochemistry at Kent State. RSVP to amcphers@kent.edu if you want to attend. Visit www.kent.edu/chemistry for more information.
- **Are you a junior or senior interested in the Veterinary Profession?** If so, consider attending the Veterinary Exploration Conference which will be held on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** from 9:30am-4pm. A parent workshop will also take place from 10-12:15. This opportunity will allow students to explore various careers in veterinary science and learn about choosing and applying to a veterinary college. Registration is free and limited to 300 students. Register online at <http://www.mvcinfo.org/students/VEC.html>
- **Ohio Business Week** is a nationally acclaimed weeklong summer program that gives high school students a unique, hands-on experience with business and entrepreneurship. Students learn directly from the professionals how to establish and run their own company. It is also held on a college campus which gives you the opportunity to experience what campus life is all about! It is going to be held at Ohio Dominican University from July 8-14, 2012 and Youngstown State University from June 24-30, 2012. To be eligible, you must be a current sophomore or junior and have at least a 2.5 GPA. Applications are available from Mrs. Shelton in the guidance office. **Deadline to apply is April 30th; however, students who apply by February 29th will receive a discount.**
- **ATTENTION STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12: Best Buy is awarding up to \$1.2 million in scholarships** (1,200 scholarships of 1,000 each). Applicants should have solid grades plus community service or work experience. Apply online at bestbuy.scholarshipamerica.org. Deadline to apply is **February 15, 2012**.
- **Ohio State University's Stone Lab** is a unique research & teaching facility located on Gibraltar Island at Put-In-Bay. Opportunities are available for high school students to take science courses this summer to receive college credit. Applicants must be in grades 10-12, be 15 years or older, and have completed one course of high school biology. For more information and to download an application, please visit www.stonelab.osu.edu or see Mrs. Shelton. Deadline to apply is **March 19, 2012**.

Seniors—Class of 2012

- Congratulations to everyone who has been accepted by their college of choice! Please bring in your acceptance letters and scholarship awards so that you will be recognized at the end of the year!
- **Don't forget to fill out the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) by February 15th as this is the deadline for most colleges!** Consider attending College Goal Sunday on February 12th if you need assistance.
- **Previously advertised scholarships with approaching deadlines:**
 - Newcomer Funeral Home Scholarship ~ **January 31st**
 - National Co-Op Scholarship ~ **February 15th**
 - Central Ohio Credit Union ~ **February 18th**
 - Westerville Rotary Club Scholarship ~ **March 25th**
- **New Scholarship Opportunities:**
 - ***The Builders Exchange Scholarship Program** ~ is awarding scholarships to seniors entering a 2 or 4-year program of study in a construction-related field. This could include majors such as construction management, engineering, architecture, etc. Applications are available in the Guidance Office and **must be received** by the BX no later than noon on **February 24, 2012**.
 - ***Buick Achievers Scholarship Program** ~ If you plan to major in a field of study that focuses on engineering, technology, design or business with an interest in the automotive industry, you are encouraged to apply. Scholarships up to \$100,000 are available. View details and apply at www.buickachievers.com. Deadline is **February 29, 2012**.
 - ***2012 Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Awards** ~ Open to any senior who is a top student-athlete and who is involved in community service. Twenty-five \$7,500 scholarships will be awarded nationwide. Apply at www.bodybymilk.com. Deadline to apply is **March 9th**.

New Scholarships (continued)

***John H. McConnell Scholarship** ~ This \$10,000 scholarship through the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation will be awarded to a senior who is goal oriented, has a commitment to serve their family, school and community, possesses leadership qualities and a strong work ethic, and has a passion for improving others' lives through their own means, abilities and life. Pick up an application in Guidance. Deadline is **March 1, 2012 at noon.**

***Latin Ladies Organization, Inc. Scholarship** ~ Scholarships ranging from \$500-\$1,000 will be awarded. The application is open to male or female Latino/Hispanic students residing in Franklin County. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents and should have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Deadline is **March 5, 2012.**

***The Charles L. Warren Memorial Heritage Scholarship** ~ is available in the Guidance Office. This is a one-time \$1,000 award to be given to 3 outstanding high school seniors. Eligible students must demonstrate financial need, have a GPA of 3.0 or better, plan to attend an Ohio college or university, and show continued commitment to cultural and intellectual diversity. Application deadline is **March 15, 2012.**

***The Ohio Newspapers Foundation Minority Scholarship** ~ A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a minority (African American, Hispanic, Asian American) high school senior who plans to pursue a newspaper journalism career. Eligible students must attend an Ohio college or university and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applications are available in Guidance. Deadline to apply is **March 31, 2012.**

***The Columbus Italian Club Scholarship** ~ At least 2 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to high school seniors of Italian descent who wish to further their education. Eligible students should have at least a 2.25 cumulative GPA. Applications are available in the Guidance Office. For consideration, applications must be received no later than **March 31, 2012.**

***William D. Squires Educational Foundation Scholarship** ~ 15 Ohio seniors will be awarded a \$3,000 renewable scholarship based primarily on financial need. Applicants must also have a specific career goal, be highly motivated, and have a minimum 3.2 GPA. Pick up an application in Guidance if you qualify. Postmark deadline is **April 5th.**

Upcoming ACT Dates:**Test Date: April 14****Deadline: March 9****Test Date: June 9****Deadline: May 4**

Register at

www.actstudent.org**Upcoming SAT Dates:****Test Date: March 10****Deadline: February 10****Test Date: May 5****Deadline: April 6**

Register at

www.collegeboard.com**School Code: 361533*****Juniors—Class of 2013***

- **Do not forget to register for an upcoming ACT or SAT test** as you should be taking one of these tests this spring! Registration information and practice tests are available in the guidance office.
- You should be in the process of creating a **preliminary college list**. Your list should include schools that you may be interested in attending. For help with researching schools and narrowing your college list, see your counselor.
- **All Juniors should meet with their counselor individually** in the near future to discuss college and future plans. We are here to guide you and make sure you are on track. Please feel free to see your counselor to set up an appointment. We are pleased when students show initiative!
- The Ohio State University is hosting a summer program called **WiE Rise** for *female* students going into the 12th grade. The program will introduce participants to OSU's undergraduate engineering majors and related career fields. The 2012 program will run July 15-20th. Visit <http://wie.osu.edu/programs/high-school-programs> for details. Pick up an application checklist and teacher recommendation form from Mrs. Shelton. Application deadline is **March 15th.**

Sophomores—Class of 2014

- The Ohio State University is hosting a summer program called **WiE Race** for male and female students who are interested in learning more about the various areas within the field of engineering. This is a residential program that will take place on their campus from July 15-20th. Students will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities & interactive demonstrations as well as engage in recreational activities. If you are interested, visit <http://wie.osu.edu/programs/high-school-programs> for more information and to apply. Also, pick up an application checklist and teacher recommendation form from Mrs. Shelton. Deadline to apply is **March 15th.**
- **Look for other summer opportunities on our website:** <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org/current-students/guidance>

Freshmen—Class of 2015

- OSU is hosting a summer program called **WiE Race** for male and female students who are interested in learning more about the various areas within the field of engineering. This is a residential program that will take place on their campus from July 15th-20th. If you are interested, visit <http://wie.osu.edu/programs/high-school-programs> for details and to apply. Pick up an application checklist and teacher recommendation form from Mrs. Shelton. Deadline to apply is **March 15th.**
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Others may
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WEBSITES

Jump-start your college search at:
MyCollegeOptions.org

Learn about budgeting, smart credit, borrowing money, paying for college, investing and banking at
ultimatemoneyskills.com