

ST. FRANCIS
DESALES
HIGH SCHOOL

Counselor

Assignments:

Mr. Baker: A-D

Mrs. Shelton: E-L

Ms. Costello: M-R

Mrs. Knapschaefer: S-Z

Remaining College
Rep Visits:

10/13	Washington & Jefferson College 12:45pm University of Notre Dame 2:15pm
10/14	Case Western Reserve University 8:45am
10/17	Salon Schools 8:45am Capital University 12:45pm
10/18	Ohio Wesleyan University 8:00am University of South Carolina 12:45pm
10/20	University of Dayton 8:45am University of Kentucky 2:15pm
10/25	Wheeling Jesuit University 12:45pm
10/26	Kent State University 8:45am
10/27	University of Cincinnati 8:45am
10/31	Bowling Green State University 12:45pm
11/1	Wilmington College 8:00am Ashland University 12:45pm
11/2	Columbus State Community College 9:30am
11/3	Florida Southern College 8:45am John Carroll University 12:45pm

*Sign up by filling out a pink slip and return to Mrs. Spinosi at least one day prior to the visit.

Guidance News



GUIDANCE NEWS

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CHECK OUT THE COLLEGE & CAREER RESOURCE CENTER located in Guidance next to Mrs. Knapschaefer's office. This area is intended for students to research colleges and engage in career exploration. There is a computer available for your use. There are also a variety of books, cds, informational posters and a filing cabinet stocked with college viewbooks, paper applications, and other materials. The only day the center is not available for student use is Tuesday as our school psychologist uses the space at that time. We encourage you to stop in before or after school, during your study hall or lunch to work on an online application, browse through college materials and pick up resources!

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Shawnee State University is hosting a Gaming and Simulation Immersive Technology Conference** on their campus. The event will take place on Friday, November 4th. This is an excellent opportunity to see why the Princeton Review awarded Shawnee State an Honorable Mention in its *Top 10 Undergraduate Game Design Programs of 2011*. The keynote speaker is project manager for Sony Online Entertainment, Jose Ariza. Register online at <http://www.shawnee.edu/gaming/>
- DeSales is offering an **ACT Review Course** to prepare students for the December 10th test date. The course will begin November 1st and last through December 7th. Classes will take place after school at 3:15. Cost is \$135 and includes 14 sessions and [The Real ACT Prep Guide](#). Classes will be taught by DeSales faculty. Registration forms are available in the Guidance Office and the deadline to sign up is **October 14th**. More ACT prep opportunities are listed under the "Juniors" section.
- **DeVry University's Passport2College program** offers students a way to earn college credit while still in high school. During your junior and senior years, you can enroll in college courses in the areas of business, engineering technology, healthcare technology, media arts and/or computer information systems. Interested students should have at least a 2.8 GPA. Classes start every 8 weeks. The next session begins October 24th. There is no tuition cost to this program! Apply by contacting the Columbus Community Outreach office at 257-4600 or columbus.passport@devry.edu. Space is limited! To learn more about this program, visit www.devry.edu/passport2college.

Seniors~ Class of 2012

- Continue working on your college applications! The deadline to request transcripts from your counselor if you want them to be sent prior to Christmas break is **November 18th**. If you are applying to a college with a December 1st deadline, your counselor needs your transcript request by **November 14th**. A transcript request consists of bringing in your envelope, stamps, counselor forms and any other materials that need to be sent along with your transcript.
- An upcoming opportunity to visit college campuses is Wednesday, October 12th as seniors are not in session that day. Take advantage of this time. If you are not visiting anywhere, work on your college apps!
- The Horatio Alger Scholarship will award \$5,000-\$20,000 to seniors who demonstrate integrity, determination and courage. To qualify, you must have at least a 2.0 GPA and require financial assistance to go to college. Visit www.horatioalger.org/scholarships for further eligibility requirements and to apply. Deadline is **October 30th**.

- **If you are applying to OSU and wish to compete for the top merit scholarships** (including Battelle, Joyce, Medalist and Presidential), you must submit your application for freshman admission no later than December 1st and complete the Honors & Scholars application by December 15th. Visit <https://hsapp.osu.edu/> for more info.
- **Fireside Catholic Publishing is offering a \$1,000 scholarship** to seniors enrolled in a Catholic high school. Applicants must write a 750-word essay addressing the topic is “How is your religious education influencing your life?” Applications are available in Guidance. Please submit your application and essay to your counselor no later than December 2nd. One applicant will be selected to represent DeSales.
- **OSU Alumni Club of Franklin County** awards a \$5,000 scholarship to a graduating senior who ranks in the top 10% of his or her class, demonstrates involvement in school and community, and possesses a positive attitude toward college work. The scholarship is applicable to any OSU campus. Applications are available in the Guidance Office and online at www.buckeyealumni.com. Deadline to apply is **January 15th**.
- We have limited space to list scholarships in this newsletter, so **we encourage you to regularly check the scholarship link on the Guidance website** for even more opportunities!

Juniors ~ Class of 2013

- You should think about taking the ACT, SAT or both sometime this year. See your counselor to discuss these tests and how to register. You should start preparing now.
- **Free ACT Prep Review** is being offered by DeVry University at both their main Columbus campus and their Polaris Center. Dates for review are Oct. 15 (main), Nov. 19 (Polaris), and Dec. 3 (main). Review sessions will last from 9am-3:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited to the first 60 students, so reserve your space early by contacting Nancy Trout at ntrout@devry.edu or 257-5022.
- Visit <http://www.kaptest.com/College/Getting-into-College/free-practice-tests-workshops.html> for information on free ACT/SAT practice tests and online seminars.

Sophomores ~ Class of 2014

- If you are interested in participating in the **Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Seminar** (HOBY), please stop by the Guidance Office and pick up an application. Deadline to apply is **November 11th**.

Freshmen ~ Class of 2015

- We hope that you are transitioning well to high school and are adapting to the demands of your classes. If you have not met your counselor yet, please take the time to stop by the Guidance office. It is important to establish a great relationship with your counselor freshman year. You may be wondering about your counselor’s role. Here are a few ways we will work with you during high school: 1) Academics—we monitor your progress, checking your progress and report card grades; we can provide you with resources on time management, study skills, test preparation, organization, goal setting and anything else that will improve your academic achievement. 2) College Planning—we assist with the process of researching and visiting colleges, help you to prepare and register for college entrance tests, guide you through the college application process, provide recommendation letters, assist you with scholarships and financial aid. 3) Scheduling—we help you in selecting your courses from year to year, making sure that you are on track with graduation requirements and curriculum recommendations for college admission. 4) Career exploration—we can help you identify your strengths, weaknesses, interests, etc. so that you have a better idea of what path you want to take after high school. 5) Counseling—we can provide resources and support should you be going through a difficult time; we are great listeners!

Upcoming ACT Dates:

Test Date: Dec. 10th
 Deadline: Nov. 4th
 Test Date: Feb. 11th
 Deadline: Jan. 13th

*Register online at
www.actstudent.org

Upcoming SAT Dates:

Test Date: Nov. 5th
 Deadline: Oct. 7th
 (Oct. 21-Late)
 Test Date: Dec. 3rd
 Deadline: Nov. 8th

*Register online at
www.sat.collegeboard.org

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*“You no longer
 have yesterday.
 You do not yet
 have tomorrow.
 You have only
 today. This is the
 day the Lord has
 made. Live in it.”*

~Max Lucado

WEBSITES:

You Can Go To College
www.YCG.org

Explore Careers and
 College Majors using the
Occupational Outlook
 Handbook
www.bls.gov/oco

College Preparation
www.college.gov