

ST. FRANCIS
DESALES
HIGH SCHOOL

Counselor

Assignments:

Mr. Baker: A-D

Mrs. Shelton: E-L

Ms. Costello: M-R

Mrs. Knapschaefer: S-Z

September College Rep

Visits:

9/14 8:45am

Heidelberg University

9/15 1:30pm

Walsh University

9/20 9:30am

Cleveland Institute of Art

9/20 1:30pm

Baldwin-Wallace College

9/21 8:00am

University of Akron

9/21 2:20pm

St. Mary's Notre Dame

9/22 9:30am

Mt. Carmel College of
Nursing

9/22 1:30pm

Bellarmino University

9/23 9:30am

College of Mount St. Joseph

9/23 12:45pm

Miami University

9/27 8:45am

Youngstown State University

9/27 12:45pm

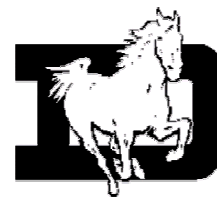
The Ohio State University

9/28 8:45am

Xavier University

*This is a tentative list for the month. The complete listing is to come and will be posted in your homerooms, on the guidance bulletin board and on the guidance website.

Guidance News



GUIDANCE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2011

Welcome back to an exciting school year! We are looking forward to working with you this year, so please stop in to meet your counselor if you have not done so already. We will be using this monthly newsletter to communicate important information so be sure to read it carefully while also sharing it with your parents.

Information for all students~

- **An Arts Day will be held at Miami University** on September 17th for students in grades 9-12 and their parents. If you are interested in pursuing a fine arts field such as architecture, interior design, art, music, or theatre, this is a great opportunity to explore the possibility of studying at Miami. For more information and to register, visit <http://arts.muohio.edu/school-fine-arts/arts-day-2011>
- **Are you interested in the University of Dayton?** There are open house programs taking place on September 25, October 23, and November 13. Visit admission.udayton.edu/openhouse for more information and to register. Space is limited!
- **UPCOMING COLLEGE FAIRS**
 - * *The Suburban College Fair* is going to be held at Otterbein University on Sunday, September 18th from 1-3:30 pm. Visit www.college-fair.org for a list of questions to ask while at the fair and suggestions on how to prepare.
 - * *The Columbus Kiwanis College Fair* will take place at Veterans Memorial on Monday, September 19th from 6-8pm.
 - * *The Learning Disabilities College Fair* will be held at Gahanna Lincoln High School on October 5, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 pm.
- **Check out our Guidance Department website** at <http://www.stfrancisdesaleshs.org/current-students/guidance>. We keep it updated with information, opportunities and resources for all students and parents.
- **The registration deadline for Project JumpStart (Dual Enrollment) through Ohio Dominican University** is September 15th, but you are encouraged to register early! Registration forms can be obtained from www.ohiodominican.edu/Project_Jumpstart. *You must request that your transcript be sent from the Guidance Office to complete your registration.* Your counselor, Mr. Dvorak or the dual enrollment course teachers can help you out if you have questions. Orientation sessions for students and parents will take place at ODU on Wednesday, September 7 from 6-8pm or Saturday, September 17th from 10-11:30am.

Seniors~ Class of 2012

- If you are interested in meeting with a college admissions representative, **please fill out a pink slip and return to Mrs. Spinosi at least one day prior to the visit.** This is a great opportunity for you to demonstrate your interest in a school and to make a positive impression. These reps are going to be involved in reading your admission applications and in making a decision regarding your admission. Take advantage of meeting with the reps and be prepared to interact and ask questions. Rep visit dates will be posted online and in HRs.
- **Your counselors will be meeting with the senior class on Tuesday, September 13th to discuss the college application process.** If you have questions prior to that, please see your counselor. As soon as you submit an online application, you must bring an envelope with postage to your counselor so that we can send your official transcript. We will go over the details of this process as well as highlight important deadlines on the 13th.
- **The SENIOR QUESTIONNAIRES AND PARENT BRAG SHEETS** that you received in homeroom are due to your counselor no later than **Friday, September 9th.**

- **If you have not taken the ACT or SAT test yet**, sign up immediately. The deadline for the October ACT is September 16th. The deadline for the October SAT is September 9th.
- **Miami University is hosting their annual, overnight Bridges program** this fall. Students who complete Bridges and decided to attend Miami in the fall of 2011 will receive a renewable scholarship! Visit www.muohio.edu/bridges to view application criteria and apply. Deadline to submit your application is **September 16th**.
- **The University of Kentucky is holding a Preview Night** at the Hilton Columbus at Easton on Monday, September 19th from 7-9pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about admission, financial aid, scholarships, housing and majors that UK has to offer. No RSVP is required. Visit www.ApplyUK.com for more information.
- **Seniors Exploring Engineering at Purdue** is a FREE daylong engineering series for *female seniors*. It will take place on Monday, October 17 from 8am-4:30pm on the campus of Purdue University. For details and online registration, visit www.purdue.edu/WIEP. Deadline to register is **October 7th**.
- **The Wendy's High School Heisman Award** is open to all male & female seniors who have earned at least a 3.0 GPA, participated in at least one varsity sport, and have demonstrated leadership in their school/community. Visit www.wendysheisman.com for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply is **October 2nd**.

Upcoming ACT Dates:

Test Date: Oct. 22nd
 Deadline: Sept. 16th
 Test Date: Dec. 10th
 Deadline: Nov. 4th

*Register online at
www.actstudent.org

*DHS will offer a fall ACT course that will prepare you in time for the December test date. The course dates will be announced in the near future. See Mrs. Garrick or your counselor should you have questions.

Upcoming SAT Dates:

Test Date: Oct. 1st
 Deadline: Sept. 9th
 Test Date: Nov. 5th
 Deadline: Oct. 7th

*Register online at
www.sat.collegeboard.org

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Juniors ~ Class of 2013

- This year, it is very important to keep up your grades! We encourage you to set academic goals to stay on track. Feel free to set up a meeting with your counselor to discuss your goals and future plans.
- **The PSAT will be given you on October 12th.** Ms. Costello will be coming into your classes to inform you about the test. Please take this test seriously. The PSAT is an opportunity for you to qualify for National Merit Scholarships. **You can start preparing for the test now.** Visit www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/prep.html to learn how.

Sophomores ~ Class of 2014

- **The PLAN test will be given to all sophomores on October 12th.** Mrs. Shelton will be visiting your classes to inform you about the test. The PLAN will help you practice for the ACT that many of you will take next year as juniors. Go to www.actstudent.org/plan to learn more about the test.
- **Sophomore year is a great time to start thinking about careers** that you might enjoy and consider pursuing after high school. Your counselor would be happy to share career exploration resources with you.

Freshmen ~ Class of 2015

- **WELCOME to DeSales!** We are hope that your transition to high school is going smoothly. Visit our guidance website for tips on making high school count! If you need assistance with time management, organization, or study skills, talk with your counselor. We are here to support you and help you reach your goals.
- **The EXPLORE test will be given to all freshmen on October 12th.** This is a chance for you to become familiar with standardized testing and the ACT format. Mrs. Knap-schaefer will be coming into your classes before the test to help you prepare. Go to www.actstudent.org/explore to learn more.

*"When you think
 positively and
 visualize success,
 that's usually
 what you get."*

~Drew Brees

Study Skill & Strategy Websites

- Studygs.net
- Studystack.com
- Quizlet.com
- www.d.umn.edu/kmc/student/loon/acad/strat/
- www.how-to-study.com/
- www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html