

GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

Dear Students and Families,

It's with great pleasure we introduce our third annual issue of the Guidance Newsletter. We are hoping this newsletter will be an additional means to communicate what's going on in your student's academic life. This newsletter will be utilized to communicate items of interest and importance related to guidance throughout the year. We hope you find the Guidance Newsletters to be helpful as we make our way through the 2017-2018 school year.

Welcome Back to School! We hope you all had a fun and exciting summer break! We are looking forward to an exciting new year with some great changes and new faces!

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Upcoming Events:

Aug 24th – Aug 30th : Students are able to drop/change a class without an WF

Aug 21st – Senior Class Presentation by Counselor

Aug 25th – Class Presentations by Counselor (grades 9-11)

Sept 5th: Class Election petitions can be picked up. Due by Sept 11th

Sept 21st: Counselor Visit at Scarlet Oaks (review schedule and credits)

Sept 21st: EF Belize Trip Presentation

Sept 22nd: Registration deadline for the Oct. 28th ACT

Sept. 21st & 26th - Jr./Sr. HS Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:30pm

Sept 22nd – Counselor Visit at Diamond Oaks (review schedule and credits)

Sept 26th – FAFSA parent/student meeting at 6pm

Sept 29th: Senior class field trip to UC Blue Ash & Cincinnati State

What is the Role of a School Counselor? The role of a school counselor is to support students' individual growth in the following areas: academics, personal/social issues and college/career exploration. Counselors advise students with their academics and help them create four-year plans as well as getting them thinking about their next stage after high school. Throughout a student's high school career, counselors aid students in developing self-advocacy, goal setting skills, problem-solving and decision-making skills. Counselors help students to learn about their personal interests and strengths, develop healthy coping strategies, and assist them during crises. Students see counselors individually, in groups, in advisory and during grade-level seminars. Ultimately, counselors provide support to students throughout their middle school and high school experience through collaboration with parents, teachers, administrators, school support personnel, and outside resources.

Senior Checklist:

- Register for Oct. ACT
- Make sure you're on track to graduate
- Research College/Universities
- Start asking for letters of recommendation
- Visit Colleges/Universities and attend in school rep visits
- Apply to college! (3 or more recommended and by Christmas!)
- Look/Apply for scholarships
- Request transcript be sent to schools you are applying to
- File FAFSA (attend parent meeting and workshop)
- Make final choice on school and confirm/accept financial aid
- Request final transcript be sent
- GRADUATE!!!!!!

Junior Checklist:

- Make sure you're on track to graduate
- Maintain and improve your grades/GPA
- Challenge yourself! (schools want to see this!!!)
- Research Colleges/Universities and programs
- Attend College Rep Visits (in school)
- Get Involved! (volunteer, get a job, be a part of a club or sport, shadow personnel in the field you are interested in)
- Take ACT/SAT toward 2nd half of school year (Feb/Apr/Jun)
- HAVE A FANTASTIC JUNIOR YEAR!!!

ACT and SAT Information

CEEB Code: 364527

Register Online:

ACT: www.actstudent.org/start

ACT

SAT: <https://sat.collegeboard.org/register>

SAT

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE FEE DEADLINE	TEST DATE	REG. DATE	LATE REG.
SEPT 9 TH	Aug 4 th	Aug 3-18 th	AUG 26 TH	Jul 28 th	Aug 8 th
OCT 28 ND	Sept 22 nd	Sept 23-Oct 6	OCT 7 TH	Sept 8 th	Sept 19 th
DEC 9 TH	Nov 3 rd	Nov 4-17 th	NOV 4 TH	Oct 5 th	Oct 17 th
FEB 10 TH	Jan 12 ^h	Jan 13-19 th	DEC 2 ND	Nov 2 nd	Nov 21 st
APR 14 TH	Mar 9 th	Mar 5-18 th	MAR 10 TH	Feb 9 th	Feb 20 th
JUNE 9 TH	May 4 th	May 5-18 th	MAY 5 TH	Apr 6 th	April 17 th
			JUN 2 ND	May 3 rd	May 15 th

PSAT (available to Junior and Sophomore students). Any interested student must register in the Guidance Office by paying \$15. Registration deadline will be Sept. 19th. All checks must be made out to St. Bernard-Elmwood Place HS. The test will be administered on Oct 11th after TA. Testing is approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes. We only have 20 tests available. Sign-ups will be first come, first serve with payment in hand. Fee waivers are limited and will be first come, first serve as well.

Upcoming FASFA Meetings:

Parent/Student Meeting – Sept 26th at 6pm in the Media Center
FAFSA Workshop – Oct 6th during school (groups will be made and sent home so parents can come for workshop)

College Rep Visits – We get about 10 or so college admission advisors to come to our school during the fall to talk to juniors and seniors about their school and the admission process. The meetings normally last 1 bell. In order to attend, Juniors and Seniors must sign up ahead of time using their Naviance Account

Upcoming Rep Visits:

Cincinnati State – Sept 6th
 MSJ - Sept 11th
 Sinclair - Sept 18th
 Thomas More College – Sept 20th

More may be added at a later date

Upcoming College Fairs: Cincinnati National College Fair – Oct 11th 1pm-4pm at Duke Energy Convention Center

COLLEGE RESOURCES: You can find college information in a lot of places, such as on our school website, in the guidance lobby, speaking with the counselor, the college, websites, and more! Here are a few websites with great information that allow you to compare schools, cost, application requirements and more!

Collegboard.org

CollegeData.com

nces.edu.gov

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES:

There are many different avenues you can take to search for scholarships since there are hundreds of thousands available, but you have to be willing to search!! Any scholarship amount can help; so don't overlook the smaller ones! Here are some sites to get you started that help to determine which scholarships you are eligible for:

Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

FastWeb.com