SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWSLETTER

MERCY MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL =

SAVE THE DATE

April 7-28 : Ohio's End-of-Course State Tests. Details found below

April 8 : Father Daughter Dance

April 14 : Raffle Day Off!

April 15-22 : Easter Break

May 18-20: Senior Exams

May 23: Baccalaureate

May 24: Graduation

May 24-26: Underclassmen Exams

May 25: 2nd Semester Ends

May 27, 31: Exam Make-Up Days

May 30: Memorial Day - No School

ACT TEST DATES

2021-2022 ACT registration and test dates

SAT TEST DATES

2021-2022 SAT registration and test dates

OHIO'S END-OF-COURSE STATE TESTING

Mercy McAuley End-of-Course State Test Dates:

Thursday April 7: English Language Arts (all 10th graders) Tuesday April 12: Biology (all 9th graders) US History (10th graders taking US History) Thursday April 28: Algebra 1 (9th graders taking Algebra 1) Geometry (9th and 10th graders taking Geometry)

All testing begins at 8:00 am in the cafeteria. Students may finish at different times and will be released as finish after 9:15.

Graduation Requirements

Class 2022

State law introduced new, permanent graduation requirements that are available for the classes of 2021 and beyond. Students entering ninth grade between **July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2019**, have the option to meet the <u>new requirements</u> outlined for the class of 2023 and beyond or meet the requirements of the <u>original three pathways to graduation</u>.

For each of the seven end-of-course state tests, a student earns one to five graduation points. Students have the potential to earn a total of 35 points. To meet this graduation pathway, a student must earn a minimum number of 18 points from the seven tests.

This graduation pathway gives a student flexibility in accumulating 18 points. A high score on one test can balance a low score on another test. A student must earn a total of at least four points on English tests, four points on math tests and six points on science and social studies tests.

Classes of 2023 and Beyond

State law introduced new, permanent graduation requirements for students in the class of 2023 and beyond. Students entering ninth grade **after July 1, 2019**, must meet the <u>new</u> <u>requirements</u> outlined in state law. Department staff are working to update the graduation webpages and guidance documents.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

CLASS OF 2023

For juniors, this time of year is usually when students would visit colleges, take the ACT/SAT, and really dive deep into college planning. The counselors have several helpful sessions coming up to help with these plans.

- **Blackboard**: All students have a Blackboard account that they use for their classes at Mercy McAuley. Counselors are able to use this resource to share college and career resources and documents with students to help with their planning.
- <u>College Board</u>: College Board connects students to college success and opportunities. It
 was created to expand access to higher education. Today, the membership association is
 made up of over 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions and is dedicated to
 promoting excellence and equity in education. Each year, College Board helps more than
 seven million students prepare for a successful transition to college through programs
 and services in college readiness and college success—including the SAT, the Advanced
 Placement Program, and BigFuture. The organization also serves the education
 community through research and advocacy on behalf of students, educators, and schools.
- <u>Scoir</u>: Every student has a Scoir account with their Mercy McAuley emails. Students are able to research colleges through Scoir for a better understanding of schools and what they have to offer.

CLASS OF 2022

Final Transcripts: Final transcripts are automatically sent based on where the student indicates they are attending on the upcoming senior survey. Also, students need to update their Scoir account about where they are attending.

Sending your transcripts for CCP and Dual Credit: It is the student's responsibility to contact the college registrar from where the dual (college) credit was awarded to request that your official college transcript (listing the college credit earned) be sent to the college where you will be attending. You will do this when grades are finalized.

How to Send AP Scores to Colleges: If you've taken AP exams, graduates need to send their scores this summer if they didn't select a college before taking an exam.

Many colleges want applicants to self-report AP scores on their applications and only ask students to send in an official report once they've committed to attending. This means you probably only need to submit one official AP score report in your life, once you've chosen the college you want to attend.

Don't confuse sending AP scores with sending SAT/ACT scores. SAT/ACT scores have to be sent directly from the testing company for admission.

First, <u>log in to your College Board account</u> to view and send your AP scores. On the first page after you log in, click on the "Send Scores to Colleges Now" button to get started.

- 1. Look up the college (or colleges) you're sending scores to
- 2. Pay the fee
- 3. Then receive a confirmation and expected delivery date



OHIO MEANS JOBS CAREER CLUSTERS

Explore various Career Clusters on our **Ohio Means Jobs Website**. It will help your student get a better understanding of their career options. There are also live chats with personnel who will help your student plan and make informed decisions that will drive her success! CLICK HERE TO ACCESS

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SCHOLARSHIPS

CINCINNATI MUSIC THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Cincinnati Music Theatre Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the study of theater arts at the collegiate level, particularly musical theater, in both performance and production. Importantly, the CMT Scholarship Program is intended to "give back" to the Greater Cincinnati area through the support of academic study in recognition of the years of dedicated public interest and support of CMT productions.

See 2 documents at the bottom of this newsletter.



MERCY HEALTH AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP

See PDF at the Bottom of this Newsletter



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FLYING PIG HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Flying Pig High School Scholarship, presented by Skyline Chili, is now open and accepting applications for 2022! We wanted to reach out to you directly to invite your studentathletes to apply.

The Flying Pig Marathon's mission is to inspire a passion for health and wellness while giving back to local charities. We created this scholarship for Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky high school students that share a passion for running and helping those within their community. Our goal is to recognize and support cross country and track & field athletes that are pursuing post-secondary education after high school. Scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded to two males and two females that participate in cross country or track & field programs. Dedication, teamwork, service to their community and a passion for running are the necessary qualifying attributes. Additional requirements can be found on our website. All scholarship applications must be submitted by **April 1, 2022**, with an accompanying essay and recommendation letter.

CLICK HERE

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HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Who is eligible to be an HSF Scholar?

- Graduating high school seniors
- Undergraduate students (all years)
- Community college students transferring to four-year universities
- Graduate students (law school, medical school, MBA, and all other full-time masters or PhD programs)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be of Hispanic heritage
- U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, or DACA
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for high school students; minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) for college and graduate students
- Plan to enroll full-time in an accredited, public or not-forprofit, four-year university, or graduate school, in the US, for the 2021-2022 academic year

Submit the FAFSA or state-based financial aid forms (if applicable)

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION



CINCINNATI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

CSF application for the 2022-2023 academic year is now available on their website. <u>CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION</u>

OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Ohio Township Association Scholarship Program began in 2005. Many years prior to this, former board member Paul Smith and his wife, Ethel, gave the initial donation to the OTA Scholarship Fund, providing the groundwork for future scholarships. The scholarships are also funded by donations from County Township Associations, personal gifts, and proceeds from the OTA's annual golf outing.



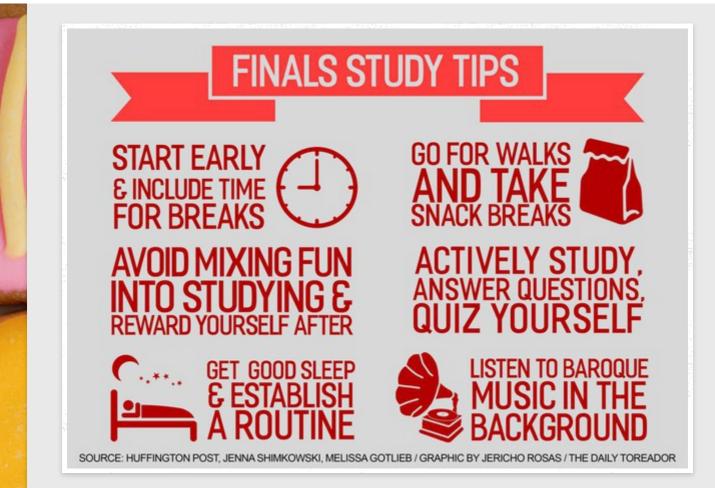
Today, four \$1,500 scholarships are awarded annually. Among other requirements, applicants must be a high school senior planning to attend a two or four-year Ohio college or university. **Wondering if you reside in a township?** Consult your local County Auditor's website and input your home address in the property search function to obtain tax and property details. **If you're looking for your local township officials**, contact your County Board of Elections.

For more information or if you have questions, please call the OTA office at (614) 863-0045.

ACADEMIC HELP

Need extra help in a class or interested in learning new study skills? Check out the document below that include multiple resources available at Mercy McAuley, tutoring options, organizational skills, study tips, and online resources.

ACADEMIC HELP RESOURCES



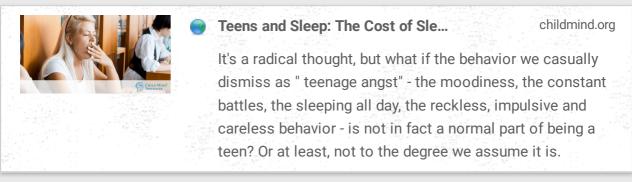
MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

If you feel that you or a friend is in a crisis situation and/or fearful of hurting yourself or others and there isn't a caring adult you can reach right away, please reach out to one of the following:

- Call 281-CARE (2273)
- Text 4HOPE to 839863
- Call the Psychiatric Intake Response Center (PIRC) at Cincinnati Children's Hospital @ (513) 636-4124
- You can also call 911 or Hamilton County Sheriff's Office at 513-946-6400

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES





STUDENT PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

OHIO BUSINESS WEEK

Ohio Business Week

Our 51st Ohio Business Week program is open to any current Ohio high school students interested in business and entrepreneurship. The camp will be held at Ohio University in Athens July 18-24. Our plan is to limit participation to 144 students operating in small groups and 4 pods of groups aligning with OU's summer covid protocols.

Have you thought about what you want to major in college or do for your career? Are you just not sure? Would you like some time to explore and discover your interests? Or do you have a good sense of where you are headed and would like to experience working in the business world? OBW provides you with a strong foundation to be successful. Learn leadership and entrepreneurship skills directly from business pros! Work with your new "company" to develop a business and pitch your plan to a panel of "investors."

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION



The University of Akron, College of Engineering and Polymer Science is excited to announce that Engineering Summer Camps for girls are now open for registration from March 15-April 15, 2022

The College of Engineering and Polymer Science will be hosting summer camps for middle and high school girls interested in STEM. Students will conduct hands-on experiments, tour local companies to see engineers in action, and explore different engineering disciplines.

- Summer Experience in Engineering Camp is for high school girls in 9th-12th grade. This camp takes place June 12 – 17 on The University of Akron campus.
- Multiply Your Options Summer Day Camp is for middle school girls in 7thand 8th grade. This camp takes place June 20 – 24 on The University of Akron campus.
- If you have any additional questions about the engineering camps only, please contact me at <u>hec9@uakron.edu</u>.
- OTHER CAMPS ON CAMPUS CLICK HERE
- Hope to see some of your amazing students on campus! Sincerely,

Heidi Cressman

'Camp Flier' and 'Invitation to Camp Letter 'are found at the bottom of this newsletter



MD CAMP AT OHIO STATE

MD Camp, sponsored by The Ohio State University <u>Area Health</u> <u>Education Center</u>, is an intensive, three-week summer day camp providing participants an experience in the rigors of medical school. MD Camp students will have the opportunity to shadow clinicians and researchers at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and at Nationwide Children's Hospital. By the end of MD Camp, students will have a greater grasp of what a career in medicine is like and how to go about becoming a successful physician. MD Camp is open to rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who are interested in pursuing careers in the health professions, including biomedical research. We typically accept students who are considered traditionally underrepresented in medicine, which can include women and individuals from socio-economic and/or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds.

Ultimately, MD Camp strives to inspire students to pursue a career in medicine by challenging them intellectually and facilitating their academic and social development. <u>CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE</u>

SUMMER AT HUNTINGTON/ TEST PREP AND TUTORING

See PDF at bottom of this flyer



THE REYNOLDS YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP AT DENISON

The Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison is an energizing 8-day program for motivated high school students (rising juniors and seniors) who love to write. For over 25 years, the Reynolds Workshop has brought together young writers who are passionate about writing and eager to connect to a close-knit community of writing friends. The workshop is held each June on the beautiful campus of Denison University, a leading liberal arts college, in the village of Granville, Ohio. <u>Click Here to Learn More</u>

BALL STATE INTERIOR DESIGN SUMMER WORKSHOP

For the past thirteen years Ball State's Interior Design program has offered high school workshops/camp experiences where high school students of all levels learn about interior design in a hands-on way. The workshop explores fundamentals of 2D and 3D concepts, basic drawing and illustration skills, use of color and light effects, and how interior environments affect human behavior. This inclusive program seeks to blend tradition and innovation in creative learning.

At the end of the workshop, students have new friends, new perspectives, and a personal portfolio full of ideas!

This year we will be offering four flexible workshops:

- Two ten day on-campus workshops during the summer
- Two three week on-line workshops during the summer

Registration for summer Youth Interior Design Forum is now open.

About 80 percent of college students in the United States end up changing their major at least once, according to the <u>National Center for Education Statistics</u>. Participation in this workshop will help your student build an art portfolio, help them make their final decision about declaring "interior design" as a major and also help them with a smooth transition to college after this exciting campus experience. Further, we will waive a required elective course for them, if they participate in the workshop and get admitted to Ball State University to study <u>Interior Design</u>.

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY'S COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY

June 4, 2022-June 25, 2022

The Academy brings together 120 rising high school seniors from Kentucky and the surrounding region for three weeks for an exciting, challenging academic enrichment program. Upon the completion of the academy, students will

- Receive 6 hours of honors level university study credit
- Have the opportunity to take an additional six hours of tuition- free university courses at Murray State University during their senior year
- Be awarded a four-year \$2,000 renewable housing scholarship to attend Murray State University

To qualify for the academy, students must have

- A completed Junior year of high school
- A composite ACT of approximately 25 (or equivalent on the SAT) and a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Other credentials, such as community service, such as community involvement, class rank, and teacher recommendations that are taken into consideration in the selection process

The student application deadline is March 15, 2022

NOW HIRING

<u>Twin Towers – Life Enriching Communities</u> <u>Wicked Good – Pub and Grill</u> <u>Oak Hills Works: Various Part-time and Seasonal jobs</u> <u>Ohio Living Llanfair – after school servers for independent living dining halls</u> <u>Perfect North Slopes</u> <u>Cincinnati Zoo – Food Sales</u> <u>Hillebrand Nursing & Rehabilitation Center</u>

Walgreens - see "Customer Associate Recruiting Flier" at Bottom of newsletter

CINCINNATI RECREATION COMMISSION

CRC is now hiring! Apply for Recreation Program Leader and select College Hill as your preference.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

MIKE'S CAR WASH

- Competitive pay & monthly incentives awarded for great performance!
- College tuition assistance (up to \$2,500 / year paid directly to you!)
- Flexible schedule (days, evenings, mid-shift, weekends)
- Benefits for full-time Associates (health insurance, paid time off, 401(k), etc.)
- Opportunities to "give back" to your local community through numerous charitable fundraising events held over the course of each year.
- A fun, rewarding environment and team atmosphere

CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

CINCINNATI ZOO TEENS

Ages: 13 - 17

Term: May – August

ZooTeens build knowledge, gain leadership experience, and develop professional skills while having a lot of FUN working with our Education, Visitor Experience, or Horticulture departments.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

CINCINNATI RECREATION COMISSION COUNSELORS

Ages: 14 – 17 Term: May – September The program includes junior counselors, junior lifeguards, and members of the Rec Employment Corps. For more information, call 513-352-4000. CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

CINCINNATI FIRE CADET PROGRAM

Ages: 14 – 18 Term: Summer

The goal of the Summer Cadet Program is to provide support for students interested in Fire Fighter work who are not old enough to become Fire Recruits, enabling them to continue their education and encouraging them to participate in the Fire Recruit examination. <u>CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION</u>

EASTER SEALS SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Ages: 14 – 24 Term: Year-round

These employment experiences teach responsibility, organizational skills, time management and excellent work habits through job experience. For more information, call 513-281-2316. <u>CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION</u>

KINGS ISLAND

Ages: 15 and older Term: May – October Kings Island now has summer positions open in admissions, park services, food and beverage, games, and even more. For more information, call 513-754-5700. <u>CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION</u>

Looking for a Job? **Clovernook Country Club** is hiring Servers Dishwashers & Outdoor Concession Stand [The Nook] Nook: \$10/hr Dishwasher: \$10/hr Servers: \$5.50/hr + tips Flexible schedule One free meal per shift 18 years or older



CARING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Interested in getting experience with children with developmental disabilities? Join us for our training series to learn how to care for children with developmental disabilities DETAILS: 5-week series Dates: Monday, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 and 4/4 (5-week series) Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM Location: Virtual for ALL classes except for 3/28 ** Live

Rabysitting portion

The Live Babysitting portion will be in person at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center : Medical Office Building (MOB) | 3430 Burnet Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45229 *Please note that masks will be required and social distancing will be maintained. Specific details will be provided in the training. **Cost: \$25

You'll learn:

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Basics

Interviewing

In-Home Observation

Supervised and Independent Caregiving of Children with DD **REGISTRATION:**

Space is limited and seats are provided on a first -come, first serve basis. We will accept the first 20 participants through EventBrite. If registration is closed, please contact Jennifer Walsh directly to be placed on a waitlist.

For questions, please contact Jennifer Walsh at <u>Jennifer.Walsh@cchmc.org</u>

Register Here

See flier at the end of this newsletter



SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR MERCY MCAULEY STUDENTS WITH SWIMSAFE POOL MANAGEMENT!

SwimSafe manages a few swim clubs near Mercy McAuley High School in the Western Cincinnati area. Our focus is helping young students develop leadership skills, gain responsibility, build their resumes, and more.

See flier at bottom of this newsletter



NOW HIRING COUNSELORS FOR LAFFALOT SUMMER CAMP 2022

Responsibilities include working with small groups of children. Counselors must communicate the rules of the activities and provide instruction on skills. They must focus on the needs of each child under their leadership while working to create a fun and lasting experience for all. **Qualifications** include being at least 15 years of age and having basic knowledge, skill and coordination to play most sports and games. A desire to be physically active and enjoy playing games is important. Counselors must be reliable and prompt. Counselor candidates must display high energy, enthusiasm; politeness, friendliness and patience.

APPLY HERE

Contact Nate Rieth at <u>nrieth@laffalotcamps.com</u> with any questions.

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STANDARDIZED TEST PREP OPTIONS

· ACT Academy : <u>https://academy.act.org/</u>

- · A+ Tutoring: <u>https://www.aplustutoring-testprep.com/</u>
- · Academic Insights: Kathleen Kuhn http://www.academic-insights.com/
- · Club Z: <u>www.clubztutoring.com/Cincinnati</u>
- · Education for Testing (Martha Geller): <u>http://www.educationfortesting.com/_v2/</u>
- · Huntington Learning Center: https://huntingtonhelps.com/center/cincinnati-northgate
- · Inspirica: <u>www.inspirica.com</u>
- · Kaplan Test Prep: <u>https://www.kaptest.com/</u>

https://www.kaptest.com/sat/free/sat-on-demand-trial

- · Khan Academy: <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/</u>
- · Leap: <u>https://www.leaprogram.com/</u>
- Constance Gorman: <u>http://www.mycincytutor.com/</u>
- o Tutors math, chemistry, ACT, and SAT
- · NKY Tutoring: <u>www.nkytutoring.com</u>
- o Focuses on the math section of the ACT
- · Ohio Means Jobs: https://jobseeker.k-

12.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/assessments/home.aspx

- o PSAT, ACT, SAT, ASVAB, and AP
- Torch Prep: <u>https://www.torchprep.com/</u>
- Townsend Test Prep: <u>http://www.townsendtestprep.com/</u>
- · Ace Test Prep: <u>https://www.acetestprepcincy.com/</u>

Two Elder/St. X teachers, Brett Currin/Julie Brandel offer a course for Catholic high school students and may private tutor

 Multiple ACT and SAT help applications are available for your smart phone. These are to be used to improve your weaknesses, additional practice, and to change up your study routine.
 Magoosh (good for memorization), ACT and SAT flashcards

https://magoosh.com/

Khan Academy App The Grading Game (good for writing) Math Brain Booster (good for math) ACT online Prep ACT prep by Ready4 ACT Prep Coach & Practice Test / ACT Test Prep, Practice, and Flashcards

