# School Counseling Newsletter

Mercy McAuley High School

#### Save the Date

January 30-February 5: Catholic Schools Week

February 7: No School For Students. Employee Retreat

February 7-11: National School Counseling Week

February 11: Registration Deadline for March 13th SAT

February 12: ACT test date. Register by January 21

February 21: No School. President's Day



## SCHEDULING FOR 22-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Counselors started meeting individually with students to talk about their course requests for next year! Please talk with your student about her course options next year before these meetings. All important scheduling information can be found on your student's Blackboard page under School Counseling Links including the 4-year planning guide, course description booklet, and Course Planning Forms.

#### **ACE TEST PREP**

#### Class of 2023 students & parents,

ACE Test Prep will hold a classroom prep session at St. Xavier HS starting in late January to prepare for the state test all juniors will take at school as well as the February national ACT. These classes (Session 4) are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday nights from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM each week. All

of the information needed to register for these prep classes is at <u>https://www.acetestprepcincy.com/events/2021-22-session-4-st-xavier</u>.

While you do NOT need to register for this March ACT test, registering for the other national ACT tests (February 12th, April 2nd, etc) can be done at <u>http://www.act.org/</u>

Students taking the Session 4 prep at St. Xavier could benefit from testing on February 12th and again shortly after on March 1st. This is the only time of year to get two testing opportunities in such a short date range.

Thanks and please contact us at <u>acetestprepcincy@gmail.com</u> with any questions you may have, ACE Test Prep Staff



## WHAT HAPPENED IN TUESDAY TEA?

Counselors met with Juniors to discuss their PSAT scores, State Test scores, Graduation Requirements, and ACT Test Prep.

## **COLLEGE AND CAREER**

College Credit PLUS

#### **DID YOU MISS CCP NIGHT AT MMHS?**

Click Here to View Information shared.



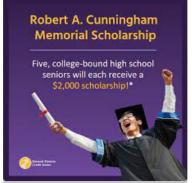
#### HAS YOUR STUDENT BEEN ACCEPTED TO COLLEGE OR RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP?

Please remind your student to send her acceptance letters and/or scholarship letters to her counselor! She can forward the emails or bring a hard copy in. We keep a record for graduation and end-ofyear activities.

Tell your students to keep up the hard work; they are almost to the finish line!

## SCHOLARSHIPS







## **CINCINNATI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

CSF application for the 2022-2023 academic year is now available on their website.

Click Here For More Information

#### 25th ANNUAL ROBERT A. CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

We're offering five \$2,000 scholarships to college-bound, high school seniors who exemplify the spirit of volunteerism.

Completed applications are due by Tuesday, January 11th.

DETAILS AND APPLICATION AT END OF NEWSLETTER

# BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative has many opportunities for local high school students. The cooperative offers scholarships to high school seniors and sends high school sophomores and juniors on the annual Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. These opportunities are available to the children of Butler Rural Electric Cooperative members, which means the student's parents or legal guardians must receive electric service from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative. Click below and refer to flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more details.

Click Here

#### VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 10 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 10 is accepting applications for its annual scholarship program available to students from the Greater Cincinnati area who are pursuing their education beyond high school. These scholarships are available to veterans and their immediate family members/dependents. Click below and refer to the form at the bottom of this newsletter for more details.

Click Here



# THE GIBLER TEAM FOUNDATION - FOR ALL GRADE LEVELS

Walt Gibler and The Gibler Team will be giving out Scholarships for (2022-2023) tuition to students who have endured a disease or disabilities. Applicants will have to submit an essay online about how this disease or disability has challenged them and how they not only survived but thrived despite this challenge. The essay should be between 350-450 words. Essays will be due 1/28/22 and winners will be announced in mid February.

<u>Click Here</u>

#### GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

Details here

#### MAMIE EARL SELLS SCHOLARSHIP

Details here

## JOHN F. KENNEDY PROFILE IN COURAGE ESSAY CONTEST

Details here



#### 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 Obio 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.



#### **OHIO MEANS JOBS CAREER CLUSTERS**

GREAT PREPARATION FOR OUR 'CAREER DAY' COMING UP ON MARCH 18, 2022:

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!

#### **Career Cluster**

Details here

#### **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.

See your counselors for additional academic help!

Academic Help

## **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**



#### **Bank of America Student Leaders**

Since 2004, Student Leaders has been part of Bank of America's ongoing commitment to youth employment and economic mobility. Our goal is to help prepare a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students to be successful in the workforce through leadership training and work experience.

Through our Student Leaders® program, we annually connect more than 300 community-minded high school juniors and seniors from nearly 100 communities to employment, skills development and service.

If you or someone you know is a current junior or senior in high school and have a passion for improving the community, please join us for an information session to learn more about the application process and program details. This session is open to prospective applicants, parents, guardians, guidance counselors and advisors. **SEE ATTACHMENTS AT BOTTOM OF NEWSLETTER** 



# THE REYNOLDS YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP AT DENISON

The Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison is an energizing 8day 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.

Click Here to Learn More

## **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> Oak Hills Works: Various Part-time and Seasonal jobs <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

#### 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: www.clubztutoring.com/Cincinnati

· Education for Testing (Martha Geller): <u>http://www.educationfortesting.com/\_v2/</u>

· Inspirica: www.inspirica.com

· Kaplan Test Prep: <u>https://www.kaptest.com/</u>

o SAT® PLANS CHANGED? KAPLAN'S GOT YOU COVERED! They are offering full access to SAT® Prep On Demand for 1 month, for free.

§ What's Included: Instructional videos on test content, strategy, and more, Practice questions and explanations, Quizzes throughout each lesson, so you'll always know if you're on track

§ Full access for 1 month-free

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

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- · Khan Academy: <u>https://www.khanacademy.org/</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: https://www.acetestprepcincy.com/

o 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.

o 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

