

Senior Newsletter – September 2018

Welcome to your senior year! It will be exciting, it will be challenging and it will be gone before you know it! As your high school-to-college liaison, I will do my best to keep you on track in preparing for life after graduation. I will initiate meetings with you periodically, but know that you can make an appointment with me at any time. I am free 5th on Monday, Thursday and Friday and 8th period, or we can have a lunch meeting 6A. Hopefully, you are working on the completion of your "Brag Sheet"; it's due September 14th. This will be an important resource over the coming months! Don't forget to give a copy to anyone from whom you request a letter of recommendation as well as a minimum of three weeks to complete the letter.

Mrs. Segretario

Time to Apply!

The window to apply to most colleges is between August and January. There may be multiple ways to apply to any given college. They want to make sure it is easy for you to submit an application! For example, many colleges use their own application, but some allow you to use the Common Application. For those not familiar with the "Common App," it allows students to complete one online application, which can be sent to a number of schools. Along with the main application, colleges may require a supplement which contains materials specific to their institution, so review these instructions carefully.

Some colleges in Ohio that accept the Common App are:

- Baldwin Wallace University
- Bowling Green State University
- Capital University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Hiram College
- John Carroll University
- Kent State University
- Malone University
- Miami University (of Ohio)
- Ohio Northern University
- The Ohio State University
- Ohio University
- The University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Findlay
- University of Dayton
- University of Toledo
- Wittenberg University
- Xavier University
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At this point, Youngstown State University does not use the Common App. Please apply online at:

<https://ysu.edu/admissions/apply-to-ysu>

ACT – Dates and Deadlines

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED
10/27/2018	09/28/2018	09/29-10/14/2018
12/08/2018	11/02/2018	11/03-11/19/2018
02/09/2019	01/11/2019	01/12-01/18/2018
04/13/2019	03/08/2019	03/09-03/25/2019

Affording College

Financing post high school education is always a concern and keeping a financially sound college option on your list is highly encouraged. Don't exclude schools initially because of cost. Often, after financial aid packages and merit scholarships are offered to students, an expensive school may become comparable with the more affordable appearing schools. To determine financial aid eligibility and to see if you qualify for federal and state grants, students and parents must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which becomes available on October 1, 2018, for the 2019--20 academic year. Completing the FAFSA4caster(fafsa.gov link) or the Net Price Calculator on each college website can provide an estimate of how much need based aid you may qualify for, and how much the college may actually cost you (net price). Some private schools may be also requesting another financial aid form called the CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Profile) CSS Profile forms are available online and can be filed in early September. Go to www.collegeboard.com and locate the "CSS Profile" under the College Planning tab. Other schools may ask you to complete a financial aid form that is unique to their school only. Keep track of required documents and their deadlines, and keep copies of what you submit.

DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!
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Alumni Updates

- Jon Ward – Named to the Spring 2018 Dean's List at John Carroll University. He graduated from the university in May with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry.
- Christopher Clemens - Named to the Spring 2018 Dean's List at John Carroll University. Also recognized as a scholar-athlete for exceptional academic achievement while participating in sports, service and campus activities.
- Madeline Kreitzer - Awarded entrance into Alpha Lambda Delta at Wittenberg University's Honors Convocation held in April recognizing students who embody Wittenberg's value of intellectual inquiry.
- Elaina Jurica – A 2017 graduate of the University of Findlay participated in the university's Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity presenting "Occupational Therapy and the Biomechanical Model."
- Kyle Youmans - Named to the Spring 2018 Dean's List at Westminster College.

Still deciding which school to attend??

Here's some information that might help with that decision!

Colleges Coming to Sebring:

The following schools will be sending representatives to meet with seniors and juniors. Take time to visit with them and find out all they have to offer! All meetings are at 11:30 am. Sign up in your English teacher's classroom if you'd like to attend and watch for more colleges coming soon!

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION	Monday, September 10 th
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY	Tuesday, September 11 th
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY	Tuesday, September 25 th
UNIVERSITY OF AKRON	Tuesday, October 2 nd
MALONE UNIVERSITY	Tuesday, October 23 rd

Fall Visit Dates: Although you can usually schedule college visits at your convenience by calling the admissions office, most schools have organized all-day events that you can attend with your parents to get a close look at the college, information about admissions and financial aid, and even a tour of the residence facilities. The following is a list of colleges of interest to Sebring seniors and their fall visit days. Check school websites for "Major Days" to get information specific to your chosen major or field of study.

WHERE	WHEN	TO REGISTER
University of Mount Union	Saturday, September 22 @ 9am	https://admission.mountunion.edu/register/2018FallVisit
University of Akron	Saturday, September 15, October 13 & November 3 @ 8:30am Engineering Visit - September 28	https://www.uakron.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visiting_campus/visitation-days.dot
Kent State University – Main Preview KSU!	Saturday, November 3 @ 9am and 10am start times. Your choice!	https://www.kent.edu/admissions/undergraduate/new-freshmen-visits
Youngstown State University Penguin Preview Day	TBA - Registration begins Mid-September	https://ysu.edu/admissions/plan-a-visit/penguin-preview-day
Wittenberg University	Friday, October 19, November 2 & 12 @ 9am	https://www.wittenberg.edu/admission/visit/fallvisitdays
Capital University	Saturday, October 20 @ 8am	https://apply.capital.edu/portal/openhouse
Hiram College Experience Hiram Day	Saturday, September 29 @ 10am	https://www.hiram.edu/visit/
Bowling Green State University	Saturday, October 27 @ 9am	https://www.bgsu.edu/admissions/visit-bgsu/schedule-a-visit.html?when=2018-10-27&type=freshman
University of West Florida Explore UWF! Open House	Saturday, November 17 @ 8:30am	https://uwf.edu/admissions/undergraduate/visit-campus/special-event-visits/explore-uwf/
New York University Open House	TBA in early September	https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/visit-nyu.html#openhouse
Malone University Discover Days	Friday, September 28; Friday, November 9; Monday, October 8	https://malone.secure.force.com/events#/list?keyword=Discover

Most schools offer personalized tours as well. Register online for a day and time that's convenient for you and your family. See Mrs. Segretario if you need help finding where to register!

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE AND TASKS

Academics:

- Make sure you have completed your graduation requirements and are meeting the course requirements of the colleges on your lists.
- Your admission is contingent upon a consistent academic performance on the final transcript.

Take challenging classes, and keep up the hard work!

- Take the ACT again if you feel you need to boost your score for college admission or scholarship consideration.

Activities:

- Update/Finish your Brag Sheet and make sure your recommenders get a copy so they can write an accurate letter of recommendation for you. Be sure to stay involved and even take on leadership roles. You can still explore new activities this year.

Legwork:

September/October:

- Meet with your counselor. Are you on track for graduation? Review or create your college list with your counselor and parents. Take note of the application deadlines and apply accordingly.
- Order your transcript to be sent to the schools you're applying to or to the Common App.
- If you need recommendations, ask your counselor and/or a teacher to write a college recommendation letter for you well in advance. It is necessary to give them a minimum of 3 weeks to write your recommendation, so plan ahead.
- Register for the ACT or other tests if you are taking them.
- Schedule campus visits, and attend college meetings when representatives visit our school.
- Start your scholarship searches.
- Start and edit your essays. Make an appointment with your English teacher to proofread.
- An ACT score is on your transcript. However, some schools require your official ACT or SAT scores. This is done through the ACT and SAT website. Send your scores.
- Prepare to file the 2019-20 FAFSA on or soon after October 1, 2018, using 2017 tax returns. (See fafsa.gov for information.)

November/December:

- Keep track of your deadlines and fill out each application carefully. Complete your applications.
- If they are not complete, continue to edit your essays.
- Complete Net Price Calculators for your schools. Have conversations with your parents about paying for college. Be sure you have financial safeties on your college lists.
- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.

January/February:

- A month from the date you submitted your application, check online or call colleges and confirm that your application is complete.
- Many colleges require FAFSA and CSS (financial aid) forms to be turned in by February. Earlier is better! Complete your FAFSA at fafsa.gov.
- Continue searching for and applying to scholarships.

March/April:

- As decisions arrive stay calm and breathe!
- Explore the colleges where you've been accepted. Visit the campuses again. Make sure the environment is a good fit for you. If you will be living away from home, you may want to reserve housing at more than one college. Watch for housing deadlines.
- If you used estimates on your FAFSA, be sure to update or correct the information.
- Review the financial aid packages from your colleges. Ask questions if you are uncertain!

May 1:

- Make your college decision official by sending in your deposit. Finally!
- Send your final transcript to the college.
- Be sure to review all the important information for your school including orientation dates and housing information.

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Dear *Member of the Class of 2019*

On behalf of the entire yearbook staff, we hope you are off to a great start to your senior year and are looking forward to graduation! Enjoy every minute of this wonderful time in your life, and we'll take care of creating a book of memories to enjoy for years to come!

One of the things that you will begin to plan is having your senior pictures taken. We just wanted to remind you that you will need to have a "Traditional Head and Shoulders" picture taken for the yearbook. What this means is that it must be a **vertical** picture of your **head and shoulders only**. Also, *if possible*, the plainer the background the better - we want the focus to be on YOU! If it is *impossible* to follow these guidelines, see Mrs. Segretario to determine the best photograph to submit. These pictures are due no later than Friday, April 12, 2019. If we do not receive a photo from you by that deadline, we will use the Lifetouch photo that is taken at the beginning of the school year.

We wish the entire **Class of 2019** much happiness and success! Feel free to contact us with any concerns, and don't forget to place your order for the 2018-19 Trojan Yearbook

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