

# Senior Newsletter – October 2018

Dates and deadlines! These words have probably become quite important to you this year; and if they haven't, perhaps you should get a little more involved in planning what you're going to do once your high school days have ended. More than a month of school completed already, and I personally think it flew by! I've talked to most of you who have turned in your Brag Sheet and appreciate your diligence in getting them done correctly and on time. If you haven't completed the Brag Sheet yet, it's NOT TOO LATE! Please get it to me as soon as possible. Remember, you are welcome to see me whenever I can be of assistance for anything! Grab yourself a pumpkin latte, work on the FAFSA, and have a lovely October! *Mrs. Segretario*

## Time to Apply!

As everyone else is out trick or treating for Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>, seniors are feeling the crunch, and I'm not talking creamy milk chocolate wrapped around crispy rice! November 1<sup>st</sup>, and in some cases November 15<sup>th</sup>, is the deadline for early action and early decision applications to be submitted. Even regular decision applicants should shoot for early submission since they are often given priority status both for decisions and scholarship dollars. If you are confused about early decision, early action, regular decision and rolling admission, see me and we can discuss your best plan of action for meeting those important deadlines!

### Fair Opportunity Project...

is an organization of top college students, advisors, admission officers, and high school counselors driven to increase access to college. Their 58-page free booklet entitled, *The Guide: A College Admissions and Financial Aid Guide For All Students*, is full of everything students and parents need to know about getting into and affording college. This free guide can be accessed through the following web address:

<https://www.fairoppportunityproject.org/>

## 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

## BEST ACT PREP

Search "Best ACT Prep" on YouTube for numerous videos that are sure to improve your score. Michael Cheng, a world class ACT instructor, goes over tips, tricks and strategies that truly work! Remember, there's usually a direct relationship between ACT scores and merit scholarship dollars! Every point counts! Preparing for the ACT in some way, whether it's studying from an ACT prep book, working with online resources or watching videos like Best ACT Prep, will always be profitable and often result in surprising increases in your score. If you are taking the October 27<sup>th</sup> ACT, please update your Brag Sheet with your new scores and make sure you send them to pertinent colleges. You are permitted to send scores to four colleges of your choice for FREE! If you need to send the scores after the test is taken, it will cost \$13.00

## FAFSA Process

Each October, the FAFSA is available for the next school year. It's important to fill it out as soon as possible to meet school and state financial aid deadlines. This important application makes students eligible for federal government financial aid in the form of grants, work-study and loans. Many colleges also use the FAFSA to award their financial aid as well; so even if you do not qualify for government assistance, it's important to complete it with your parents as soon as possible.

- Step one is to create your FSA ID. If your parent is providing information he or she will need a FSA ID as well. To obtain the FSA ID, visit [StudentAid.gov/fsaid](http://StudentAid.gov/fsaid).
- Students will need social security number, federal tax information, checking/savings statements, information about investments and untaxed income.
- Some information can be obtained and transferred directly from the IRS using the data retrieval tool.
- Once you are finished, the information is sent to the college(s) you list on the form.
- You will receive aid offers from each of the schools to which you applied and listed on your FAFSA. Use this information to compare the cost of each school.
- Make your final decision where to attend based on final cost of the college and how well they match up with your educational needs.

# Colleges Visiting Sebring

The following schools will be sending representatives to meet with seniors and juniors. All meetings are at 11:30 am. Sign up in your English teacher's classroom if you'd like to attend.

University of Akron Tuesday October 2

Malone College Tuesday October 23

## Scholarship Information

Information about scholarships as well as the applications will be posted on Google Classroom beginning mid-October. If you have not joined yet, please do so NOW so that you do not miss out on these valuable scholarships! Google Classroom code for Class of 2019: **co0wd8**

## College/University Information

Browse the info-blocks below to see what's going on at colleges that are of interest to members of your class.

<p><b>KENT STATE - SALEM</b> THURSDAY, 11/8 5:30 - 7 p.m. Majors Fair and Information Night. Registration can be found at : <a href="https://www.kent.edu/columbiana/registration-form-0">https://www.kent.edu/columbiana/registration-form-0</a></p>	<p><b>YOUNGSTOWN STATE</b> Just announced!! Penguin Preview Days. November 2nd &amp; 30th 9am-1pm. Experience all that YSU has to offer.. Register now : <a href="https://ysu.edu/admissions/plan-a-visit/penguin-preview-day">https://ysu.edu/admissions/plan-a-visit/penguin-preview-day</a></p>	<p><b>WEST VIRGINIA U</b> Discover WVU Days are October 13 and November 3. Both events include "Dine with WVU" and "Explore the Night Before" - optional activities held the previous evening.</p>	<p><b>HIRAM COLLEGE</b> NEOEA Visit Day! Visit college without missing school! The event begins at 9am October 12. Meet an admissions officer, ask questions of a student panel and have lunch in the dining hall</p>	<p><b>U of AKRON</b> Watch the 2-1 Akron Zips take on Miami during an exciting Homecoming Weekend! Saturday, October 6th at InfoCision Stadium.</p>
<p><b>KENT STATE - MAIN</b> Visit <a href="https://www.kent.edu/financialaid/scholarships-new-freshmen-ohio">https://www.kent.edu/financialaid/scholarships-new-freshmen-ohio</a> to see an estimate of your student financial aid for new freshmen who apply by February 1, 2019.</p>	<p><b>U of WEST FLORIDA</b> Can't make it down to Florida? Try their virtual experience and find out how to make a SPLASH in a terrific college that's working hard to create the next generation of big thinkers. Visit <a href="https://uwf.edu/admissions/visit/">https://uwf.edu/admissions/visit/</a> and dive right in!</p>	<p><b>U of ALABAMA</b> For a variety of visit options this fall, check out <a href="https://universitydays.ua.edu/">https://universitydays.ua.edu/</a> . Can't get down to 'Bama right now? Virtual tours bring the university to you! <a href="https://gobama.ua.edu/u/webtour/">https://gobama.ua.edu/u/webtour/</a></p>	<p><b>PENSACOLA STATE</b> Check out the wonderful checklist for applying to this sunny, southern college which is the highest ranked college in Florida by US News and World Report. <a href="http://www.pensacola.state.edu/admissions/#ftic">http://www.pensacola.state.edu/admissions/#ftic</a></p>	<p><b>U of MIAMI</b> Visit this Oxford, Ohio university during their fall visit days. October 20 &amp; November 3 from 9am-12:15pm. Miami's tuition promise: Tuition, room and board, special purpose fees and course fees will be frozen over the four years of a student's Miami experience.</p>
<p><b>U OF ROCHESTER</b> Can't get to the University? Register for an off-campus interview in Cleveland, Pittsburgh or Columbus. <a href="https://admissions.enrollment.rochester.edu/portal/offcampus?c=&amp;zip=44672&amp;country=">https://admissions.enrollment.rochester.edu/portal/offcampus?c=&amp;zip=44672&amp;country=</a></p>	<p><b>WALSH</b> Need something to do on your day off Friday? Be a Walsh student for the day! October 5th, 9am-2pm. Register here: <a href="https://walsh.secure.force.com/EventListing/?eventId=7016100000Ch8p&amp;time=2018-08-07%2014:52:53Z">https://walsh.secure.force.com/EventListing/?eventId=7016100000Ch8p&amp;time=2018-08-07%2014:52:53Z</a></p>	<p><b>PACE U</b> Fall Open House is October 6 in NYC and October 14 at the Westchester campus <a href="https://www.pace.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions/fall-open-house?utm_source=pace-homepage&amp;utm_medium=website&amp;utm_campaign=admission">https://www.pace.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions/fall-open-house?utm_source=pace-homepage&amp;utm_medium=website&amp;utm_campaign=admission</a></p>	<p><b>THE OHIO STATE U</b> The Buckeye Opportunity Program supports students from Ohio on all campuses who qualify for a Federal Pell Grant. Each recipient receives enough student financial aid to cover the full cost of tuition and mandatory fees. What a great time to be a Buckeye!</p>	<p><b>NEW YORK U</b> With an average GPA of 3.7 and average ACT of 30, NYU is a selective school, so getting the application and additional documentation to them early is an important step for getting accepted. Consider early decision if you are SURE this is your number one choice!</p>
<p><b>STARK STATE</b> Refreshments AND a free t-shirt! Attend Stark State's open house Thursday night! October 4th from 5:30-7:30pm. Registration: <a href="https://www.starkstate.edu/admissions/openhouse/">https://www.starkstate.edu/admissions/openhouse/</a></p>	<p><b>BOWLING GREEN</b> Register for Music Discovery Day! Experience life as a music major! <a href="https://www.bgsu.edu/musical-arts/prospective-students/undergraduate/music-discovery-day.html">https://www.bgsu.edu/musical-arts/prospective-students/undergraduate/music-discovery-day.html</a></p>	<p><b>UNITY COLLEGE</b> Register for Fall Open House held on October 20 from 8am-3pm <a href="https://www.unity.edu/admissions/visit-unity/open-house/?cbe_c=3">https://www.unity.edu/admissions/visit-unity/open-house/?cbe_c=3</a></p>	<p><b>CALIFORNIA STATE LA</b> Cal State has some very unique admission requirements. If you're interested in this college, visit: <a href="http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/freshman-application-and-admission">http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/freshman-application-and-admission</a></p>	<p><b>U of MOUNT UNION</b> Have questions about MU, student life there, classes, etc? Student Ambassadors are waiting to email you an answer! Visit: <a href="https://admission.mountunion.edu/register/ask-an-ambassador">https://admission.mountunion.edu/register/ask-an-ambassador</a></p>