



Elder High School Guidance Department

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SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS!

You should be working on college and scholarship applications and your FAFSA form! Deadlines are quickly approaching! See your Guidance Counselor if you need help or information. Check the college's website for application, scholarship and FAFSA deadlines. ALSO – Please bring in the letter for any scholarships you receive so we can make a copy of it for our records.

JUNIORS!

You are encouraged to take the ACT and/or SAT during the spring of this year. Upcoming SAT Test dates are: May 1 (offered at Elder – registration deadline March 25) and June 5 (registration deadline April 29). Register online at <http://sat.collegeboard.com/register>.

Upcoming ACT Test dates are: April 10 (registration deadline March 5) and June 12 (registration deadline May 7). Register online at www.actstudent.org.

PLAN RESULTS

Most sophomores recently completed a review of their PLAN results. Not only is the PLAN a great way to prepare for the ACT, it lets students know if they are on track for college and points out academic strengths and areas to improve. To begin planning for the future, it is very helpful to compare the estimated ACT score with admission standards of various colleges and universities. Please remember the ACT score is one of several factors that will be used to make a decision on college admission. Student grades, challenging course work, involvement in extracurricular activities and leadership positions are important factors as well. Discovering career possibilities is an additional benefit of the PLAN. PLAN is great way to help students find careers that match their interests. Part of their results includes a World of Work Map. The map helps students see the similarities and difference between various career areas. It includes a career they said they like best and highlights career areas that relate to their interest – so it provides them an opportunity to start exploring careers. Student can go to www.planstudent.org to find out more about occupations in these career areas. As always we encourage you to talk to your son about these results.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

For those who have applied to college it's **important not to miss deadlines for financial aid**. Just like application deadlines, each school typically establishes deadlines for the FAFSA. Information supplied on the FAFSA is used to determine

eligibility for several types of federal aid. It also may be used to determine eligibility for aid offered by individual colleges. To complete the FAFSA, students and parents must have a PIN. Safeguard your PIN – you will need it for the next four years. Go to the link below for more detailed information regarding financial aid, and more specifically the FAFSA. The user name and password are case sensitive so please enter as shown. [OCIS Website](http://www.ohiocis.org)

Username: ElderHS Password: ohioicis03

Other important dates concerning Financial Aid:

College Goal Sunday – Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 2pm. Free on the spot help to fill out the FAFSA Form. Parents and student should attend. Nearby locations include, Cincinnati State, Raymond Walters, Carl Linder Family YMCA, and Miami University – Hamilton.

NEED HELP!?

If you are in need of some extra help to get your grades up see your counselor to get a tutor or talk to your teacher directly! Tutoring is usually done before or after school and meeting times are decided by the tutor and person being tutored.

TUTORS

We need tutors in ALL areas. If you have time and are willing to make a commitment to help another student, please see your counselor to sign up to be a tutor.

CREDITS

Students must earn the appropriate number of credits or they may be asked to withdraw from Elder for the following school year.

9th – 3 ½ credits during regular school year – 5 ¼ to enter as a sophomore

10th – 3 ½ credits during regular school year – 10 ½ cumulative credits to enter as a junior

11th – 4 credits during regular school year – 16 cumulative credits to enter as a senior

12th – 22 cumulative credits to graduate!

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

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Each academic quarter a student must pass five courses (Phys. Ed. excluded). If a student fails one course and passes five, he is eligible. If a student fails two courses and passes five, he is eligible BUT must complete weekly progress reports with the athletic department. *Study Hall is zero credits.*

NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

If you are interested in playing a collegiate sport at a Division I or Division II school, there are certain requirements that you must meet in order to be eligible. Check out the NCAA bulletin boards outside the Guidance Office and in the Weight Room.