



Elder High School Guidance Department

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SENIORS and SENIOR PARENTS!

You should be working on college and scholarship applications! Deadlines are quickly approaching! See your Guidance Counselor if you need help or information. Check the college's website for application and scholarship deadlines.

ALSO – Please bring in any scholarship letter received so we can make a copy of it for our records.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 – 7:00PM - SCHAEPER CENTER

This is an opportunity for seniors and their parents to learn more about the various forms of Financial Aid and the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.

PLAN and PSAT RESULTS

PLAN (Sophomores) and PSAT (Juniors and Honors Sophomores) results will be discussed after exams in January.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Many of our seniors have taken steps to plan for their futures. For those who have applied to college it's **important not to miss deadlines for financial aid**. Students and parents must work together closely to complete the FAFSA and other specific financial aid forms that are specific to the college they applied to. 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 link provided is from the Ohio Career Information System (OCIS), you must log in to access this site. The user name and password are case sensitive so please enter as shown. [OCIS Website](http://www.ohiocis.org) Username:ElderHS Password:ohiocis03

Other important dates concerning Financial Aid:

Financial Aid Night – Wednesday, January 20, at 7pm in the Schaeper Center. Guest speaker will be Mr. Chuck Knepfle, Director of Financial Aid at Miami University.

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.

CAREER CORNER

As students at each grade level begin to investigate careers and make decisions about career goals it is important for them to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self. Gaining knowledge of self will allow students to make more informed career decisions. Their efforts to develop a better awareness of their personal abilities, skills, interests, values, and motivation will assist them in learning more about a variety of careers. Ways students can learn more about themselves include participation in athletics, community service, boy scouts, and clubs or perhaps operating their own small business. Please encourage your son to stretch their limits and participate something that is different or unique to them.

Elder's Small Business Professional Association is sponsoring a Career Day on Thursday, February 4. This career intervention provides the students an excellent opportunity to learn more about many careers from direct contact with representatives of selected occupations.

NEED HELP!?

If you are in need of some extra help to get your grades up before the end of the 2nd Quarter stop in to see your Guidance 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. This is a great way to get involved and earn some community service time. 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.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

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Each academic quarter a student must pass five (5) courses (Phys. Ed. excluded). If a student fails one (1) course and passes five (5), he is eligible. If a student fails two (2) courses and passes five (5), he is eligible BUT must complete weekly progress reports with the athletic department.

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.

- Grade Point Average: Minimum 2.0/4.0
- 16 Academic Core Course taken during 9-12 (mainly English, College-Prep Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language)
- Earn a sum of scores on your SAT and ACT depending on your current GPA (to determine what you need – see your counselor)