SENIOR NEWSLETTER #1 SEPTEMBER 2022

Students: All Senior Newsletters will be found on the Liberty Union High School Website! www.libertyunion.org

Remember that if you plan to attend a four-year college (and in some two year colleges) you must take either the ACT or the SAT Exam. If you took the exam as a junior, you may want to repeat the test to improve your score. The information for both tests and registration forms are in the Guidance Office.

Liberty Union's Code #360-300

REGISTER ON LINE

ACT visit: www.actstudent.org

SAT visit: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/online-registration-help

Deadline expires at 11:59 p.m.

*Some Colleges/Universities are considering a waiver on the ACT or SAT scores due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. You should contact your college of interest concerning the use of the Test Scores for admission.

- A student can take the ACT a total of 12 times, and it is recommended a student consider taking the ACT 2 or 3 times.
- A student can take the SAT as many times as he/she wants, but it is recommended for a student to take the SAT 2 to 4 times.
- Review your colleges of interest to determine which test is best for you to take. Ohio/Midwestern Colleges tend to prefer the ACT.
- A student may also take the SAT Reasoning Test.

<u>ACT</u>

Cost: \$63.00 or \$88.00 with the Writing test. There is a late fee if you are registering after the required Registration Deadline Date. There is also a Late Registration Deadline Date and Late Fee of \$36.00.

October 22, 2022 and late deadline: September 16, 2022 December 10, 2022 and late deadline: November 4, 2022 February 11, 2023 and late deadline: January 6, 2023

Register at www.act.org

SAT

Cost: \$55.00. \$30.00 Late Registration Fee. November 5, 2022 Deadline: October 7, 2022 December 3, 2022 Deadline: November 3, 2022 March 11, 2023 Deadline: February 10, 2023

Register at: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

<u>OCTOBER 1</u> – Marks the beginning of the autumn quarter freshman application period for many schools. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after October 1. Deadlines vary from school to school. You are responsible for meeting your deadlines. Some applications may be available in the guidance office.

FIRST SEMESTER COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

September: Get information, applications, admissions, etc.

October: Take entrance exams. Complete applications, get transcripts

November: Visit campuses of colleges in which you are interested

December: Obtain Financial Aid forms or review form on line January: Mail Financial Aid forms or complete form on line

KEEP A PHOTOCOPY OF ALL APPLICATIONS AND ITEMS YOU SEND. START A

FILE AND KEEP THESE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER!!!

CAMPUS VISIT OPPORTUNITIES

One thing all college reps agree on is the importance of visiting each college campus before deciding where you will attend. Just as each student is an individual and has a distinct personality, each college does too. Often the campus visit illustrates that personality better than any other contact with this school.

All institutions have a variety of visitation programs. Most provide interviews with an admission rep and guided tours of the campus on weekdays and often on Saturdays. Additionally, there are large and small group tours. There are many fall campus visitation days just for high school students and their parents and many schools "show off" their programs on homecoming weekend. Please check with the individual school or in the Guidance Office to see if there are special visitation days.

Liberty Union allows three days for college visits with pre-approval.

For future applicants, colleges are emphasizing students should go to their website and view online their college campuses, the financial information, and majors offered. This is due to the limitations placed on their campuses for visiting high school students due to the Coronavirus concerns. Many colleges have great Virtual Tours for you to view.

COLLEGE VISITATIONS DURING SCHOOL DAYS:

- 1. Juniors are permitted (2) College Visitation Days.
- 2. Seniors are permitted (3) College Visitation Days.
- 3. Schedule an appointment with the Admissions Office at the College or University.
- 4. Student must pick-up the Visitation Forms 3 to 5 days in advance of the visitation.
 - a. Complete Page 1 prior to your visit and return to the LUHS front office.
 - b. Take Page 2 with you on your visit, have it signed by the College Rep and return Page 2 to the LUHS front office on your next day in high school.

REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Please ask someone you feel can write you a good recommendation. Also ask someone who has a good knowledge of you and can highlight some of your positive qualities and characteristics. Whenever you ask someone to write a recommendation for you, remember you are asking them to do you a favor — To take their time to do something extra for you. Please be courteous enough to provide them with a self-addressed, stamped, envelope and enough time to do a good job and not feel pressured to hurry and get it written.

It is vitally important that you always <u>check deadline dates for scholarship and financial information.</u> If you miss the deadline, then you will miss out! If you are not an organized person, plan to start to be one this year.

It is important to understand that the competition is very keen for scholarships. The scholarship committees can afford to be very selective when the applicant pool is large. Always give yourself the best shot by completing applications neatly (typewritten is best) and thoroughly. GPA's and class rank, as well as ACT/SAT scores are usually very important criteria. If an essay or other written response is needed, write a rough draft, check it out with your English teacher, and then make needed corrections before submitting your application.

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Form, which parents submit to apply for Federal and State money, will be available after October 1st. Class of 2023- based on 2021 filed Income Tax. This means you don't have to wait until January.

It is strongly encouraged to apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

COMMON APPLICATION

Applications at www.commonapp.org

Recommended for 488 selective colleges and universities for admission to their undergraduate programs. **Now includes OSU.**

The 26th Annual College Fair returns to the Ohio University Lancaster Campus!

Wednesday, October 5th 6-8 pm

Brasee Hall-Gymnasium (North Lobby)

Free Admission and Free Parking

NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

VERY IMPORTANT FOR DIVISION I, I-A AND II COLLEGES!!!

Athletes intending to play sports in college should register on line with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Edward N. Sands Scholarship Chad Welch Memorial Scholarship

Nick Childers Athletic Scholarship Billy J. Holbrook Memorial Scholarship

Dale R. England Scholarship Robert E. Evans Scholarship

Eversole Leadership Award The Tana Kagey Memorial Scholarship

Looney Educational & Leadership Award

Caleb Miller Scholarship

Rotary Club of Baltimore Scholarship

Kenny Kosch Memorial Scholarship

Nick Ellas Memorial Scholarship

More information on these scholarships will be available at a later date.

Scholarship Information received by the guidance office will be made available on the Liberty Union High School Website. www.libertyunion.org and emailed to your Liberty Union High School email.

Each individual college or school has their own scholarships — be sure to inquire about these when talking with representatives from the school.

HOW TO ACCESS LIBERTY UNION WEBSITE

STEP 1: Under the **SCHOOLS** tab, select "High School"

STEP 2: Under QUICK LINKS, hover over "Guidance Department Information"

STEP 3: The following options appear:

ACT/SAT, Honor Roll, Junior Newsletter, Senior Newsletter & Scholarship Information,