

# **JUNIOR NEWSLETTER**

## **SEPTEMBER 2022**

### **PSAT EXAM**

THE PSAT IS A TEST GIVEN TO JUNIORS TO QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND AS A PRACTICE TEST FOR THE SAT. THIS TEST WILL BE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 AND THE COST IS \$18.00, PAYABLE BY OCTOBER 19. YOU MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO LIBERTY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT. **WE ONLY HAVE 25 PSAT TEST BOOKLETS FOR LIBERTY UNION.**

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Did you know that you are extremely lucky? If you are a student who wants to complete post secondary schooling, you live in the right place. Ohio has an abundance of opportunities, including colleges, universities, junior and community colleges and vocational and technical schools. The guidance office can help you find information on any of the choices whether in the state or out of state.

As a junior you need to start planning what direction you should go RIGHT NOW! Investigating and visiting campuses will help you figure out what kind of environment you prefer (big or small, city or rural, etc.) Try stopping at campuses that are on your way when taking vacations or visiting friends and family who may live near campuses.

**Do you know the difference between the types of schools or the way they are funded?**

**Universities, Colleges, Schools - -**

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Colleges differ in the way they are funded: A public or state college/university is supported in part by the taxpayers of the state. As a result, the tuition (the cost of taking classes) is typically lower than at a private college or university which receives no money from the government. A private school is also usually smaller than most state-supported schools.

**COLLEGE:** Offers courses leading to a bachelor's degree.

**UNIVERSITY:** Is usually made up of several colleges (one university might have a college of business, a college of agriculture, a college of medicine, etc.)

**JUNIOR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Offers two-year degrees which can prepare you for a career or transfer to a four-year college or university

**VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL:** Offers job-oriented programs lasting anywhere from a couple of months to two years.

1. Bachelor's Degree: 4 years
  - To work
  - Lead to Master's Degree
2. Associate's Degree
  - To work
  - Lead to a Bachelor's Degree
3. Certificate
  - To work

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual College Fair returns to the Ohio University Lancaster Campus**

**Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm**

**Brasee Hall-Gymnasium (North Lobby)**

**Free Admission and Free Parking!**

## **FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION IN OHIO . . .**

A REMINDER TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE IN OHIO YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING CLASSES.

MINIMUM:

4 UNITS ENGLISH, 3 UNITS MATH (INCLUDES ALGEBRA 1 AND 2 AND GEOMETRY), 3 UNITS SOCIAL STUDIES, 3 UNITS SCIENCE (INCLUDES 1 BIOLOGY AND 1 CHEMISTRY), 2 UNITS OF A SINGLE FOREIGN LANGUAGE, AND 1 UNIT IN THE ARTS.

ACT OR SAT TEST

STATE OF OHIO PAYS FOR 1-SAT TEST FOR YOU IN YOUR JUNIOR YEAR

IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO START INVESTIGATING DIFFERENT COLLEGES SINCE MOST SENIORS SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO COLLEGES IN THE FALL OF THE SENIOR YEAR. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT A COLLEGE. ONE IS TO VIEW CATALOGS, VIDEOS AND ON-LINE INFORMATION. ANOTHER IS TO TALK WITH THE COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES. SOME ARE SCHEDULED TO COME DIRECTLY TO LIBERTY UNION AND ARE AVAILABLE TO TALK WITH INTERESTED STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. IF YOU WISH TO TALK WITH A REP. YOU NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS IN ADVANCE WITH THE PARTICULAR TEACHER. COLLEGE VISITS ARE VERY BENEFICIAL TO STUDENTS. JUNIORS ARE PROVIDED TWO DAYS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

### **QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO ASK COLLEGE REPS**

1. What are your college's academic specialties? Which programs are particularly strong or competitive?
2. What makes your college distinctive?
3. What is the environment of the campus? Describe the surrounding community.
4. What are the academic credentials of the typically admitted student? ACT or SAT scores? Range? Minimum? Class rank? Grade point average?
5. Are extracurricular activities considered when making admissions decisions?
6. Do you have an advising system? Do you offer career planning and placement at graduation?
7. What percentage of students live on campus? Is residence housing guaranteed? Is living in the residence halls required?
8. What percentage of students are from in-state?
9. What do students do when they are not in class or studying? Are athletics available? What are the clubs, special interest groups, fraternities and sororities?
10. What is the cost of your school? What expenses does this figure represent? What is the total cost (including tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, and personal expenses)?

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT HOW TO FINANCE YOUR COLLEGE EDUCATION? STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS ASKING ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND HOW CAN I GET ONE. THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO NOW IS CONCENTRATE ON GETTING GOOD GRADES, KEEPING A GOOD GPA AND CLASS RANK AND TAKING COLLEGE PREP COURSES. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES ARE LOOKING FOR THE BEST STUDENT ACADEMICALLY AND SINCE THE APPLICANT POOL IS LARGE, THEY CAN AFFORD TO BE SELECTIVE!! IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO BE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, SUCH AS AN OFFICER IN A CLUB OR CLASS, ARE ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY.

REMEMBER - Your time line for your Junior year should include the following:

- Check course selections and credits with the guidance office
- Take PSAT this fall
- Investigate college/school opportunities
- Start campus visits
- Take the ACT in the spring

Have a great Junior year!