

Senior Bulletin #1

October 10, 2019

See Mr. Dawson for further details

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PROCESS:

- ✓ Review websites or call schools for general information.
- ✓ Schedule College visits. Students are permitted to miss up to 3 days.
- ✓ You must obtain a school visitation slip from guidance, have it signed and returned to the **high school office** at least one day before your scheduled visit. The second page of the college visit form must be completed and returned after the visit.
- ✓ If necessary, retake the SAT/ACT.
- ✓ Apply to schools. (Approximately 3)
- ✓ Make Mr. Dawson aware of applications that were sent. Your transcript will then be mailed from Yough High School
- ✓ Complete Financial Aid information – FAFSA (starting in October)
- ✓ **Penn State and University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)** requires all SAT or ACT scores be submitted directly from The College Board for the scores to be official. They will not accept SAT or ACT scores submitted from a high school.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT – Yough High School in the LGI Room on Thursday, November 7th. 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Senior Awards - During the school year, Principals and School Counselors are asked to nominate seniors for awards, scholarships, etc. If you are interested in being considered for upcoming opportunities, please submit a thorough list of activities, skills, leadership, grades, volunteering, employment, honors and/or accomplishments in and out of school to Mr. Dawson by October 30th. Your resume or list will be held throughout the school year in the guidance office for review when opportunities arise.

Honors Programs – Almost all 4-year colleges/universities offer Honors or Scholars Programs for high achieving students. Programs vary between colleges and universities. Benefits can include scholarship opportunities, preferred housing, advanced scheduling, teacher/professor choice, exceptional networking, academic grouping for advanced projects, etc. To investigate these opportunities, contact the office of admissions at your choices of colleges/universities.

Penn State University – Students who have a complete application (including transcript and test scores) by October 30th are guaranteed a decision by the end of December and have the best chance of receiving admission to their first-choice campus and major. Admission becomes more competitive after October 30th.

pacareerzone.org offers high school students and parents an in-depth exploration into careers, colleges, and money management solutions.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Remember, most scholarships have **FIRM** deadlines.

Parents/Guardians should review and approve all scholarship websites before you proceed.

For more scholarship searches, try these websites:

www.collegeboard.org

www.fastweb.com

www.highfivescholarships.com

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

Mrs. Raimondo is available during Homeroom period. You are able to create your profiles and apply for anything you are qualified for. You need to get a pass from her. She can only take so many at a time but everyone will get a chance.

ATTENDANCE: 8 days missed for the first semester and 16 total for the full year.

The following Colleges & Universities will be visiting in Guidance during Homeroom:

Allegheny College	Monday, Oct. 14 th
Edinboro University	Tuesday, Oct. 15 th
Pitt – Greensburg (<i>Instant Decision Day</i>)	Friday, Oct. 18 th
Carlow University	Monday, Oct. 21 st
West Liberty University	Wednesday, Oct. 23 rd
Westminster College	Monday, Oct. 28 th
Robert Morris University	Wednesday, Oct. 30 th
Waynesburg College	Thursday, Oct. 31 st
Cedar Crest College	Thursday, Nov. 7th

“Common App” – Seniors who are interested in 4-year colleges and are applying to multiple schools are encouraged to consider utilizing “The Common Application”. This website may simplify the college application process. For more information, visit www.commonapp.org.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

*All seniors going to a post-secondary program can complete the FAFSA now.

*All colleges and universities have Financial Aid Offices who can answer questions even unique questions for specific situations.

*Additional Financial Aid information is available in guidance.

OPEN HOUSES:

Research schools on line for Open House dates

RESOURCES:

SAT/ACT Prep Sessions are held at Yough Senior High School throughout the school year and are free to students. For more information email Mr. Schmook - schmookj@youghsd.net or Mrs. Rogge - rogges@youghsd.net

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Overly's Country Christmas has volunteer and paid positions. For more information, see Mr. Dawson.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

*Seniors are reminded to see Mrs. Raimondo in Room 101 to search for scholarships.

Wimmer Scholarship Competition at St. Vincent: Full scholarship. **Deadline: November 17th.**