

Talawanda High School

Senior Newsletter #2 October 2007

Dear Parents and Seniors,

Welcome to Issue #2 of the Senior Newsletter! This newsletter contains a lot of important information so please read it carefully. Some of the highlights include how to make the most of meeting with a college rep, campus visit procedures, scholarship information, tips for admissions, and much more.

College Representative Visits

College representatives have been visiting Talawanda High School. Visits are scheduled during specific class periods and students sign up in advance to attend. Students are responsible for class work missed.

What should I say to college reps?

If you wish to speak with a college rep, begin by saying something like: "Hello, my name is _____. I am a senior at _____ and am thinking about attending your school." (If you know your major be sure to mention it. After giving an introduction, here are several questions you could ask.

Is my intended major available?

When must I choose a major at your college?

How large are class sizes?

Are classes taught by teaching assistants or professors?

Is your school public, private, or affiliated with any religious institution?

What types of internships/co-op experience are available?

What type of high school background are you looking for in a student?

What types of extracurricular activities are offered?

Are there any special visitation days for your campus?

Are there programs for study abroad?

Are there computer labs available to students?

What percentage of students return for their sophomore year?

What percentage of your freshman will actually graduate from your college?

How large is the current student body?

Is the college located in a rural, suburban, or urban setting?

Do most of the students remain on campus during the weekends?

What are some popular weekend activities?

Are students guaranteed dorm space?

What are the deadlines for applications for admission/financial aid?

Do you accept Advanced Placement credit?

What is the cost of tuition, room and board?

What scholarships might be available to me?

What should I do at the end of a session?

Always thank the rep for taking the time to come to visit Talawanda High School. You are representing your school as well as YOURSELF. If you are truly interested in that school be sure you write down the name of the college rep. Send a follow-up note or email telling the rep that you enjoyed the visit and are very interested in that college. Any communication you send is normally kept in a special file so be sure to present yourself professionally by writing a grammatically correct, typed or neatly handwritten letter. Always include your name, address, telephone number and email address (if applicable) directly under your signature.

College Rep Visits to THS

Tuesday, November 7	Ohio University	6th period
Thursday, November 8	Vanderbilt University	6th period
Friday, November 9	Miami University Oxford	3rd period

Campus Visitation Procedure

Campus visits are the best way to learn about the unique qualities of the college and to get a feel for what it would be like to live and study there. The procedure for campus visits is as follows:

- 3 college visit days are permitted all year; absences are excused with proper documentation
- ask for a ***Vacation Form*** from Mrs. Crouch in the Attendance Office.
- notify your teachers in advance so they know why you will be absent.
- avoid being absent when you are having a major review or test.
- a college admission officer must sign the letter to verify your visit.
- the form must be returned to Mrs. Crouch in the Attendance Office the next day in order to obtain an excused absence.

Senior Exam Incentive

The following incentive package is being offered for the 2007/08 academic year for seniors. This incentive applies for semester and final exams. In order to be exempt from any exam, a student may not have any suspensions. College days with the appropriate paperwork and field trips with a class are not counted toward the 2 excused absences. Seniors have the option of taking an exam even if they are exempt.

To be exempt from any class exam a student must meet the following requirements in that particular class.

During 2nd grading period

- if you carry a "C" or better in a class

AND

- NO unexcused absences in a class (3 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence)

AND

- student may have only 2 excused absences in a class during the 2nd quarter

THEN

- you may option to not take the exam in that class

During 4th grading period

- if you carry a "C" or better in a class

AND

- NO unexcused absences in a class (3 unexcused tardies = 1 unexcused absence)

AND

- student may have only 2 excused absences in a class during the 4th quarter

THEN

- you may option to not take the exam in that class

FYI

Over 150 colleges and universities from throughout the country will be represented at the **Greater Dayton Area College Night** on **Wednesday, November 7, 2007** from 6:30pm to 8:30pm University of Dayton Arena. More information: admission@udayton.edu.

Scholarship Corner

General Scholarships

As scholarship information becomes available it will appear in each newsletter. Read the scholarship descriptions carefully to see if your needs fit the criteria.

BURGER KING Scholars Program - scholarship may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition fees and books, during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. Criteria: high school senior, U.S. resident. Eligibility: visit website for eligibility rules www.bk.com/scholars. Amount: \$1,000. Applications available online Oct. 15, 2007- to application deadline Feb. 15, 2008.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship -awarded to 2 Butler County students who are planning a career in education. Eligibility: high school senior planning to become a teacher. Criteria: application, 2 letters of recommendation. Amount: two \$500.00. Deadline to scholarship committee: Friday, February 29, 2008.

The American Legion "Need A Lift" - guide to educational opportunities, careers, loans, scholarships, and employment to help children of deceased and disabled veterans in their pursuit of higher education. Resource book available in THS Guidance Office.

National Co-op Scholarship Program - participating institutions offer scholarships to high school seniors who plan to participate in college cooperative education. Eligibility: GPA 3.5 or better. Criteria: applications online at www.co-op.edu. Amount: variable. Application Deadline: February 15, 2008.

College/University Scholarships

Almost every college/university sponsors scholarship programs for those students who make application to that specific higher education institution. Colleges and universities are continually sending information to the THS Guidance Office.

Extensive files have been organized in our office and are available for students to select scholarships they wish to apply for based upon their school of choice. Come in and browse through the files we have available for your use. Also, you could review the scholarships by setting up an appointment with your counselor.

University of Cincinnati Darwin T. Turner Scholars Program - for academically talented students of color wanting to attend the University of Cincinnati. Eligibility: American Indian/Alaska Native, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic; permanent resident of Ohio; graduating h.s. senior and/or never enrolled in a college/university prior to enrolling at UC; minimum CGPA 3.0; rank in top 1/2 of class or have a minimum "B" average; minimum ACT of 23 and/or minimum SAT of 1070. Criteria: application, high school transcript, letters of recommendation, personal statement, SAT and/or ACT scores, resume. Amount: variable. Application Postmark Deadline: December 15, 2007.

University of Cincinnati Cincinnati XII - scholarship competition for students who are judged on academic abilities, creative skills, and leadership potential. Eligibility: wanting to attend the University of Cincinnati. Criteria: application (www.admissions.uc.edu), high school transcript, test scores. Amount: variable. Application Postmark Deadline: December 15, 2007.

2007-2008 ACT National Test Dates

ACT Assessment and ACT Assessment Plus Writing

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007	Sept. 22-Oct. 5, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 3-15, 2007
February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008	January 15-18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8-24, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10-23, 2008

(Register online at www.act.org)

SAT National Test Dates

SAT with Writing

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 6, 2007	September 10, 2007	September 14, 2007
November 3, 2007	October 2, 2007	October 11, 2007
December 1, 2007	October 30, 2007	November 8, 2007
January 26, 2008	December 26, 2007	January 4, 2008
March 1, 2008	January 29, 2008	February 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

(Register online at www.collegeboard.com)

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Information and registration materials for both tests are available in the Talawanda High School Guidance Office, however both ACT and SAT prefer online registration because it is quicker and more efficient.