

# GUIDANCE OFFICE NEWS

## FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

### SAT To Be Offered At FHS

Fairview High School has been approved as a test center for future SAT test dates. We are excited to be able to offer testing for our students. Coming to the high school will help with testing anxiety as students will be tested in a familiar environment. Fairview high school teachers and staff will also be administering the exam for our students. The current plan is to be available as a test site in October and May every year. If students want to test during other testing dates, sites are still available at McDowell, Cathedral Prep, and Collegiate Academy. Students are able to register for the SAT online and choose Fairview High School as a test center for the **MAY 6th, 2012** exam. We hope all juniors will register to take the exam on that day.

Students can register online at

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

The FHS test center number is 39-649.

## Duquesne University offers discounted tuition to education majors

The Duquesne University School of Education is offering a 50 percent tuition and fee scholarship to accepted applications with the chosen major of education. This scholarship is renewable for four years of undergraduate study as long as the student remains

enrolled full time in Duquesne's School of Education. This scholarship is for students enrolling for the Fall of 2012, but could be available in future years. This is a great opportunity to get a discounted tuition rate while attending a University committed to

educating future teachers. If students apply by December 15, 2011 Duquesne will waive the \$50 application fee. To apply visit: [www.duq.edu/admissions](http://www.duq.edu/admissions)



Register for the Saturday,  
May 6th, 2012 SAT at  
Fairview High School

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## Kent State Tuition

Kent State University is offering students from northwestern Pennsylvania in-state tuition rates! Paying in state rates could save you up to \$7,000 a year. If you are interested in Kent State and want to know more about in-state rates, contact the Kent State admissions representative Katie Frantz at: [kfrantz4@kent.edu](mailto:kfrantz4@kent.edu)



## Class Rank: The College Perspective

Fairview High School does not rank its students. This change occurred after much thought and consideration. As I am working with the current seniors, the question on the importance of class rank keeps coming up. In order to ease your worries, I have interviewed three different colleges and am able to shed light on this concern. Here are my findings:

### Mercyhurst College

Mercyhurst College mentioned that class rank is an added component for scholarships, but has no bearing on the admissions process. Mercyhurst College awards students scholarships based on two out of three components. Students have to meet the levels for GPA, SAT/ACT scores or class rank. If a student's GPA and test scores meet the requirements then class rank doesn't even come into play.

### The University of Pennsylvania

A school like Penn has applicants from all over the world. Every high school they receive transcripts from has a different GPA and ranking system. Some don't rank, some give a numerical rank, some give a percentage, some give a decile rank, etc... So when Penn reads an application, they give their own ranking which is standard for all of their applicants. Comparing students to their classmates is important, but the admissions office can do this by seeing how many honors/AP classes a student took or looking at how the student compares to the top GPA in the class (we report the top GPA on the common application). It is a small part of the application, and Penn isn't about seeing if you are in the top 10% of your class, but seeing how many AP/honors courses you have taken, what activities you were involved in, etc...

### Penn State University

Staff from Penn State University mentioned that they are seeing more and more schools that are not ranking their student body. Many of the schools that do not provide class rank are the ones that have a higher percentage of students pursuing higher education. This is true for FHS as almost 90% of our students attend higher education post graduation. They indicated that our students are in no way disadvantaged by the absence of class rank on their academic record.

This survey is a small sampling of colleges. When visiting colleges, ask the question for yourself and see what the response is. Overwhelmingly, the school's response will be that it will not hurt an applicant's chance of being admitted.

Always know that the guidance office is available to answer questions if a college would need additional information or clarification.



## Career Corner: Manufacturing Jobs

At a recent In Service Day, The Manufacturer and Business Association presented on the need for skilled individuals in precision machining. Here are some interesting facts on manufacturing jobs in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

### ENTRY LEVEL EMPLOYMENT IN PRECISION MACHINING:

- Erie Co. Tech School Co-op students are averaging \$8.00/hr (\$16,640/yr) as they begin their co-op jobs.
- Upon graduation, reported wages increase to \$12.00-\$14.00/hr (\$25,000 to \$30,000/yr), plus full benefits.
- Machinists at large, unionized plants like General Electric are making around \$24.00/hr (\$50,000/yr).
- The average wage in Pennsylvania for manufacturing jobs is currently \$42,000/yr.
- Good entry level employees (with just high school diplomas) could be promoted into jobs in Setup and CNC Programming – these classifications earn between \$40,000 and \$50,000/yr.

**MACHINING BACKGROUND WITH COLLEGE:** Students in Manufacturing Related Fields who earn two or four year degrees could significantly increase their earning potential – Some average salaries for the Erie area are:

Industrial Engineer - \$63,000/yr, Tooling Engineer - \$65,000/yr, Quality/Design Engineer - \$65,000/yr, Process Engineer - \$68,000/yr, Mechanical Engineer - \$72,000/yr

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Attention Seniors

Don't forget to check the guidance webpage for up to date local and national scholarships.

\$\$\$ for college is waiting for you!