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FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

# Guidance Office News

## The College Process

The college process can be overwhelming and the guidance office is here to help. Throughout the month of October the two guidance counselors will be meeting with every senior to discuss future career planning, to conduct a credit check, and to help with the college process. It is encouraged that all college applications be submitted by Thanksgiving break. More information on the senior meetings will be sent home. Please watch the mail for a letter from your child's guidance counselor. The college process includes applying to colleges but also applying for financial aid. The guidance office is also providing parents with a financial aid night on January, 31st, 2012 at 6:00pm in the FHS auditorium. While that date is still months away, please put it on your calendar and plan to attend. Bring your child as they too should be aware of student loan debt, work study, the FAFSA

form, and scholarships. Even if you have completed the FAFSA form in past years, plan to attend as information on state and federal aid can change from year to year. Other helpful admissions and financial aid information can be found on these websites:

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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

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

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

[www.petersons.com/](http://www.petersons.com/)

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



## PSAT Testing: A very important exam

All juniors and sophomores should sign up for the PSAT exam being held at FHS on October 12th. The PSAT is a practice SAT exam that has no bearing on the admissions process. It allows students a glance at what the SAT exam en-

tails and will show students how they compare to other students across the nation taking this exam. Juniors who do exceptionally well may qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation Scholarship. The exam costs \$14 and

checks can be made out to the Fairview School District. Please see Mrs. Tamm in the guidance office to sign up. Students must register by October 11th, 2011.

### Scholarship Information:

*While many college scholarship applications are not due until the spring, some scholarship applications are due in the winter months. We update our scholarship list as we receive notification. Check our guidance webpage frequently to look for newly posted applications.*

### Guidance Office Website:

*Please check the newly updated guidance office webpage for up to date information, college tips, test dates, and forms. Our monthly newsletter is also posted here.*

*Visit [www.fairviewschools.org](http://www.fairviewschools.org)*

*Click on the high school page. Under*

*STUDENTS, click on*

*Guidance Department.*



Happy Fall!

## Get Involved Now...

Colleges want to see involvement in high school. Involvement doesn't have to be signing up for every club that FHS offers. Colleges are looking for dedication to a few organizations. Sports are great, but why not get involved in a club too. Volunteer work, church activities, and holding an office position are all good ways to be dedicated to your school and community. This information is particularly important to freshman and sophomore students as commitment to your school can start today. Sign up and participate in something you are interested in. Listen to the announcements for club meetings and sign up today!

## U.S. News and World Report lists the top careers for 2011

Top careers are based on sustainability, job outlook, and current need.

### Business Jobs:

Accountant

Actuary

Financial Advisor

### Creative/Service Jobs:

Commercial Pilot

Curator

Film and Video Editor

### Healthcare Jobs:

Athletic Trainer

Dental Hygienist

Lab Technician

### Social Service Jobs:

Clergy

Court Reporter

Education Administration

### Technology Jobs:

Biomedical Engineer

Civil Engineer

Computer Software Engineer

### Other Careers:

HVAC Technician

Special Education Teacher

Network Architect

## Career, Work, and Volunteer Opportunities...

### Nursing Opportunity

The Sarah A. Reed Retirement Center is looking for students 16 years of age or older who are wanting to pursue nursing as a future career. Volunteer and paid dietary aide positions are available. Sarah A. Reed Retirement Center may even provide tuition assistance for future education. Please contact Sue Vacanti the Director of Human Resources at 814-878-2600.

### United Nations Pilgrimage

Do you want to take an all expense paid trip to New York City and the United Nations? The Odd Fellows of Western PA are sponsoring this trip. Any student 16 or older can apply. Students must submit an application and essay. More information is available in the guidance office. The application deadline is November 4, 2011.

### The U.S. Senate Youth Program

This is an outstanding opportunity for juniors or seniors. Winners will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to participate in Washington Week (March 3-10). Two delegates from each state will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. Applications are due October 19th and more information can be found on the FHS Scholarship webpage.

## Military Spotlight: NAVY

The Navy wants you to know that you can earn a college degree while getting your expenses paid for by the Navy. The NROTC scholarship program offers students the opportunity to earn their degree and receive valuable leadership and management skills while enjoying the benefits of an exciting career. This

program could provide up to \$180,000 in tuition and other financial benefits. Some benefits of NROTC include: free college tuition, 100% employment upon graduation, opportunity to lead and manage personnel, unlimited travel opportunities, excellent medical, dental, and vacation benefits.

For more information on the Navy and this program, visit:

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil>

or contact our local Navy rep:

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