

Manistee High School

Counselors' Corner Newsletter

Ms. Thomson – Grades 9 & 11 Mr. Howes – Grades 10 & 12
Mrs. Kiss – Guidance Secretary

WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES!!

College representatives and military personnel visit the high school regularly to answer questions.

Juniors and seniors may talk with them by signing up in the Guidance Office.

A pass will be issued by the counselors on the day of the rep's visit.

These are the college representatives visiting as of 9/25/09.

Alma College	Monday	September 28	10:15 a.m.
Adrian College	Wednesday	September 30	9:00 a.m.
Cornerstone University	Thursday	October 1	12:45 p.m.
Ferris State University	Friday	October 2	12:45 p.m.
Lake Superior State University	Wednesday	October 7	9:30 a.m.
Albion College	Tuesday	October 13	9:30 a.m.
Michigan State University	Wednesday	October 14	12:45 p.m.
Northern Michigan University	Thursday	October 15	8:30 a.m.
University of Michigan	Thursday	October 15	9:30 a.m.
Hope College	Monday	October 19	12:45 p.m.
Oakland University	Monday	October 19	2:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State University	Thursday	October 22	9:45 a.m.
Northwood University	Friday	October 23	9:30 a.m.
Michigan Tech. University	Wednesday	November 4	9:30 a.m.
Aquinas College	Friday	November	9:00 a.m.

COLLEGE/CAREER NIGHT at West Shore CC

West Shore Community College will host the annual College/Career Night on **Monday, October 12, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** All students interested in education beyond high school and their parents are encouraged to attend. Participants will be able to visit with college admission counselors or career representatives of their choice. Branches of the Armed Services will also be represented.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

College applications are available from the counseling office or online and should be filed by seniors as soon as possible. The application will be reviewed and students will be informed of admission decisions. Early applications often get first consideration for special programs and/or campus-based financial aid opportunities.

TESTING INFORMATION

ASVAB TEST Are you considering military service?

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will again be available to interested juniors and seniors on Monday, October 28 at 3:30 p.m. The test is administered by the military at the high school and is required for entrance into any branch of the U. S. Military. Students must sign up in the Guidance Office by October 25th. There is no charge and no obligation to enlist.

PSAT/NMSQT TEST FOR COLLEGE BOUND JUNIORS

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will again be given to interested juniors from 8:10 a.m. to approximately 11:10 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 14, 2009**. Juniors who are planning to attend college or who may decide to go to college should plan to take this test for two reasons:

1. It is an excellent practice test to give students experience in taking national college admissions tests; and
2. It is the only way students may qualify to receive a National Merit Scholarship.

Juniors may register by giving **\$13.00** to Ms. Kiss no later than **Friday, October 9, 2009**. Be sure to read the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin which includes test taking tips and information and take the practice test prior to October 14. Bring a calculator to the test.

ACT TEST

Juniors will take the **ACT/MME** on **March 9-11, 2010 at Manistee High School**. The score that the juniors receive on the ACT test is eligible for college entrance. However additional test dates are available below. Students may register online at actstudent.org Please stop by the counseling office if you have questions.

ACT		
Test Dates	Registration Deadline \$32.00 or \$47.00 (w/ writing)	Late Registration Basic fee plus \$21.00
Oct. 24, 2009	Sept. 18, 2009	Sept. 19- Oct. 2, 2009
Dec. 12, 2009	Nov. 6, 2009	Nov. 7-20, 2009
Feb. 6, 2010	Jan. 5, 2010	Jan. 6-15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	Mar. 6-19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8-21, 2010

SAT

This college admissions test is used by some colleges as part of their entrance examination and admissions procedures. Please see the counseling office staff for further information or go to collegeboard.com for fee schedule and to register for the SAT.

Test Dates	Registration Deadline
Oct. 10, 2009	Sept. 9, 2009
Nov. 7, 2009	October 1, 2009
Dec. 5, 2009	Oct. 31, 2009
Jan. 23, 2010	Dec. 15, 2010
March 13, 2010	Feb. 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	April 29, 2010
June 5, 2010	April 29, 2010

ELKS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Application forms for Elks Student of the Month, sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, are available for seniors in the Guidance Office. Applicants are judged on the basis of multiple achievement -- character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic merit. Return completed applications to the Guidance Office or Mr. Kieffer at Manistee Middle School as soon as possible.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Male students must register with Selective Service within 30 days of turning 18. It's the law. If a student fails to register, it will affect his ability to receive Federal college loans and grants and student aid for college in most states. Students may register at any US Post Office or on line at www.sss.gov

NCAA - STUDENT ATHLETES

Students who will be participating in a sport at the NCAA Division I or II levels must complete an initial-eligibility application. Please see your counselor or visit www.ncaa.org for details.

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

www.fastweb.com- This is the largest free scholarship and grant search on the net. Fastweb uses a personalized profile to search 275,000 scholarships. It also contains a useful Parent Section, which informs parents about loans, work-study programs, grants, frequently asked questions, and many other important topics.

www.salliemae.com- This website is sponsored by the Student Loan Marketing Association, which is a business partner to the nation's higher education community. It provides funds for higher education loans and contains a career opportunities link.

www.collegeboard.org- ExPan Fund Finder is a database that contains listings of scholarships, fellowships, loans, internships, and other types of financial aid programs from 3,300 national, state, public, and private sources. This site also contains ExPan College Search, which is a database of 3,200 two and four year colleges and ExPan Career search, which matches a personal profile with 237 of the most popular careers.

www.fafsa.ed.gov- This site allows electronic filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Please note that a special 128-bit encryption program may need to be downloaded in order for an electronic application to be filed.

www.MI-StudentAid.org- A comprehensive new internet service from the Michigan Higher Education Assistance and Student Loan Authorities. It provides free National and Michigan specific scholarship information from two national scholarship database services.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Central Michigan University Centralis Scholarship Competition

Value – Centralis Scholar Award \$80,240 - 4 year value

Centralis Gold Awards \$46,656 – 4 year value

Eligibility – 3.50 GPA or above are eligible to compete. Make reservations online at www.cmich.edu/centralis

Deadline – October 17, 2009

Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Honors Award

Value - \$1,500 per year

Eligibility – 3.50 GPA or above and ACT of 20 or above

Deadline – Awarded at time of admission

Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Outstanding Student Award

Value - \$4,000 per year

Eligibility – Valedictorian/Salutatorian

Deadline – Awarded at time of admission or when verification of eligibility is received

Central Michigan University-Leadership Advancement Scholarship

Value - \$2,000 per year

Eligibility – Distinguished record of leadership in school and community, minimum 3.0 GPA, must be admitted to CMU

SAE Engineering Scholarships

Value – Varies

Eligibility – Varies

Deadline – December 1, 2005

Voice of Democracy Competition

Value – Varies

Eligibility – 9-12 graders submit a 3-5 minute essay on a tape or CD on the theme for the year.

Deadline – October 30, 2009. See counselor for details.

Outstanding Students of America Scholarship

Value - \$1,000

Eligibility – Senior- must submit biography and essay; 3.0 GPA visit

www.outstandingstudentsofamerica.com for more information

Deadline – October 10, 2009

American Legion Scholarships

Value - \$500 - \$20,000

Eligibility – varies, depends on which scholarship you apply for.

Deadline – varies. Go to www.michiganlegion.org for information and links.

Aquinas College Scholarships

Value – Varies

Eligibility – Varies – No separate scholarship applications

Deadline – See your counselor for details.

MEA Scholarship

Value – Varies

Eligibility – high school senior, planning to attend a public Michigan college or the few private institutions listed on the application.

Deadline – February 12, 2010. Applications available in the Guidance office.

Saginaw Valley State University Scholarships

Value – Varies

Eligibility – No separate scholarship application

Deadline – See your counselor for details

Coca-Cola Scholarship

Value - \$10,000 - \$20,000

Eligibility – Seniors with strong leadership, community involvement, academics and employment

Deadline – October 31 – Applications are at www.coca-colascholars.org. You must submit application online.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Value – Varies, up to \$1,000

Eligibility – Has engaged in a volunteer activity after September 1, 2008

Deadline – November 2, 2009, apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>

Western Michigan University Medallion Scholarship

Value - \$40,000 over 4 years

Eligibility – 3.70 GPA; 26 ACT

Deadline – a formal invitation will be sent to qualified applicants. You must apply and be accepted to WMU by December 4, 2009

Special Note:

Students who are receiving or have received Medicaid assistance from the Family Independence Agency may be eligible for the Tuition Incentive Program that helps pay college tuition and mandatory fees. Call 1-888-447-2687 or go to www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid for detail

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES

James Madison College of Michigan State University, visit programs

September 21, 30, October 22, 29 and November 2. For more information visit

www.jmc.msu.edu

Western Michigan University Fall Open Houses

September 26, October 16, November 13 and December 4. Visit

www.wmich.edu/admissions/openhouse for more information.

University of Michigan School of Art and Design National Portfolio day

Saturday, October 31 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Meet with reps from over 30 of the nation's leading art and design colleges and universities. Go to www.art-design.umich.edu for more info.

Grand Valley Student Visitation Day

October 16 and October 31, visit begins at 9:30 a.m. at the fieldhouse. Go to

www.gvsu.edu/visit and click events to reserve a spot.