

EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER
September 2009

BEWARE OF CON ARTISTS: Beware of offers to list your student in awards publications. The National Association of Secondary School Principals advises against listing students in awards publications. Information programs of this type are usually commercial in nature. The primary purpose is to enrich the sponsor at the expense of the student and parent. The same goes for statewide or national pageants designed to select an outstanding student.

BUTLER TECH: There are many opportunities for students through Butler Technology Career Development Schools. Juniors and seniors may attend the two year programs at D. Russel Lee Career Technology Center, the Fitton Arts Option Academy, the Greentree Health Academy, or the Natural Science Academy. Sophomores will have a presentation about the various programs in the late fall and then be able to visit the schools during sophomore "Career Day" in December. Applications are then available in Student Services and students may complete them and return them through January (for priority consideration). We currently have 100 students at D. Russell Lee Vocational School, Greentree Academy, and the Fitton Center.



CAREER PASSPORT FOR ALL: This is a statewide initiative. The passport provides students with a process that prepares them for their transition from high school. It provides employers and admissions officers with clearer information about the student. The career passport has three parts: a letter of verification from Edgewood, a resume, and a validation of the student's performance which includes some writing samples. The passport is completed by the time of graduation.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS: Juniors and seniors who are planning to go to college, and younger students planning to participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program, need to take a college admissions test. Most colleges in our area require the ACT. You must take the SAT if you are planning to attend a college that requires the SAT. Our high school code for both tests is 365085. Edgewood High School is a test site for the ACT only. Our test center code is 153600.

ACT TEST DATES

October 24
December 12
February 6
April 10
June 12

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 18
November 6
January 5
March 5
May 7



SAT TEST DATES

October 10
November 7
December 5
January 23
March 13
May 1
June 5

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 10
October 1
October 31
December 15
February 4
March 25
April 25

The ACT with Writing costs \$47.00 and the SAT is \$45.00. Registration packets are available in the student services office. Miami University offers some preparation classes on the branch campuses. The **practice test** that comes with the registration packet is one of the best ways to prepare. Additionally, this year Edgewood has a site license for the Princeton Review, a **preparation course** for the ACT. Students enrolled in our new "College Life Skills" class have free access. Other Edgewood students may purchase access for \$25.00.



COLLEGE VISITS: Seniors and second semester juniors may visit colleges. You must follow the established procedure to have the day excused. Check in the student services office for the form.

CONFERENCE DAY: Parent conferences will be scheduled on October 8, October 22, and Feb. 12 from 3:20 to 8:00 P.M. Information about scheduling conferences will be provided ahead of these nights.



ELIGIBILITY: Remember the requirements for eligibility apply to all extra-curricular activities. Eligibility will be determined every 9 weeks. A student must be on grade level, passing 5 subjects (2.5 credits) and have a 1.5 grade point average to be eligible for the following 9 week period.



GRADING SCALE: We have an internal, weighted scale and an external, non-weighted scale. The internal scale includes the quality points for plusses and minuses (A+ earns 4.33, A earns 4.0, A- earns 3.667, etc.) and the weighting of all Honors/AP English, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes. The weight is .025 points per semester added to the cumulative GPA if the student receives a D- or better in an honors class. The weight is .05 for AP classes. The internal scale will be used to determine rank in class and eligibility for extra-curricular activities. The external scale is strictly a 4.0 scale (A earns 4.0, B earns 3.0, etc.). Plusses and minuses do not count and there are no weights given to honors/AP classes. This GPA will be used to report to outside agencies that request a GPA on a 4.0 scale. On the student's transcript we will report both GPA's.



GRADUATION AWARDS: Several awards are given upon graduation. THE AWARD OF MERIT from the State Department is granted to students who complete 4 units of English, 3 units of Math, 3 units of Science, 3 units of Social Studies, and 3 units of Foreign Language. In addition, students must have **above average attendance**, participate in community activities of a service nature, demonstrate outstanding citizenship, and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on the 4.0 scale. Students who qualify will be asked to provide two references and a personal profile sheet.

Any senior graduating with a 3.667 weighted G.P.A. is an HONOR GRADUATE.

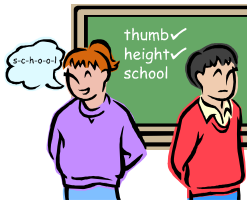
A DIPLOMA WITH HONORS will be granted to any senior who successfully completes the high school curriculum, passes all graduation tests and meets certain criteria for a college prep or vocational curriculum. These criteria are available in the student services office.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR STUDENTS:

October 14	PSAT Test
October 19	Senior Graduation Material Meeting
October 25	Miami University Middletown Senior Night 5:00 P.M.
October 29, 30	Senior Graduation Material Orders
November 17	Options Fair
February	Registration for 2009-2010 school year
February 9	Senior Graduation Material Delivery
March 24	Cap and Gown delivery
May 25	Senior Awards Night 7:00 P.M. - by invitation
June 4	Graduation Practice and Graduation

MILITARY ACADEMY APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Students interested in applying for a military academy (West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy, etc.) must begin this process in the spring of their junior year. See your counselor for information.



NEW STUDENTS: We welcome all of the new students to Edgewood High School.

OGT: Juniors and seniors will be notified if they need to take the OGT during the week of October 26 - 30 and March 15 - 19. All sophomores will take the Ohio Graduation Test during the week of March 15 - 19.

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM: This program allows students to take college classes while they are in high school. The courses count for credit in both places. The requirements for the program vary at the area universities. Most of our students participate at Miami University. At this time, Miami University requires that a student has a 3.25 G.P.A. and a 21 composite on the ACT. Therefore, freshmen and sophomores considering the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program need to take the ACT. The state deadline for submitting an "Intent to Participate" form (for the next year) to your high school is March 30. There is a required meeting for parents and students on Feb. 11 at 5:30 P.M.



SCHOLARSHIPS: Applying for scholarships takes time and effort. Check with your college of choice and at least monthly in student services for applications.

SENIORS: You will receive a “**Seniors Take Note**” mini newsletter every month in your homeroom. We will also post this on the school website. The newsletter gives you the **list of current scholarship applications** available in student services and important reminders of senior year tasks!

September Scholarships

AES Engineers Scholarship	essay	10/6/2009
Burger King Scholars Program	Work, 2.5 GPA, comm service, need - www.bk.com/scholars	2/1/2010
MCF Louis Cox AK Steel African Am. Scholarship	African American	12/31/2009
National Coop Scholarship Program	3.5 GPA, certain colleges including U.C.	2/15/10
Ohio Township Association Acad. Achiev.	must live in an Ohio township, 3.0 GPA, 22 ACT	1/29/2010
Ohio Township Local Government Achiev.	must live in Ohio Township, service, comm. Activ.	1/29/2010
Senior Helpers Scholarship	volunteer with senior citizens, essay	2/15/2010

SENIOR CREDIT CHECKS: Counselors will meet with each senior to review graduation credits and to discuss future plans. Your counselor will be contacting you.

TECH PREP: Tech Prep opens the door to college and a great career. Tech Prep programs begin in the junior year. You gain hands on experience with real equipment while taking college prep English, Math, and Science classes. Tech Prep programs are thru the career center. Information is available in the student services office.

Guidance Counselors

- A-GKathy Graff
- H-M, Vocational ...Andy Crain
- N-Z.....Teresa Peter