

High School

All seniors and parents of seniors with plans of attending college after graduation are highly encouraged to contact their colleges of choice in October to pinpoint scholarships deadlines. Most colleges have specific deadlines – usually ranging from December 1 through February – by which students must apply for admission in order to be eligible for university relevant scholarships. Accessing a college's website or calling its financial aid office will help to verify these dates.

Senior Scholarship Opportunities:

Beginning in October, scholarships sent to Kalida High School from local, state, and national organizations began to be made available to seniors. Most have specific criteria which a student must possess in order to apply. . These scholarship opportunities have been posted on senior IPAD's. They will also be posted on the guidance link of the Kalida schools' website (www.Kalida.k12.oh.us) on a monthly basis. During October, various college representatives will continue to visit Kalida High School. All juniors and seniors have opportunities to talk to these individuals.

Through monies gained from various grants, all sophomores will have an opportunity this year take PLAN or Pre-ACT. In the past, students have been required to register and pay for the assessment. This is a good practice test for the ACT which students should take later in high school as preparation for college. The PLAN is a shorter version of the ACT and is a good indicator or predictor of how students will do on it. Approximately two months after the test date, which is Tuesday, November 19, an informational session will be held with students to discuss their score reports.

Financial Aid Night for Senior Parents and Students:

The FAFSA or Free Application For Student Assistance is the governmental form which must be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s) in order to determine the student's eligibility for financial aid. Many colleges and universities also require that it be filled out if a student wishes to be considered for funds (scholarships) that the respective schools distribute. *Applying online for the FAFSA is faster and more accurate.*

Beginning January 1 for this year's seniors, parents and students can access the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov What can you do right now? Parents and students can apply for a pin number which will be your electronic signature for the FAFSA. The student and at least one parent need a pin. You can obtain this at www.pin.ed.gov

Every year a seminar is held at one of the following area participating schools: Continental, Kalida, Ft. Jennings, and Ottoville. It is, thus, rotated yearly among the four schools. **This year's seminar will be hosted by Ft. Jenning's High School on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.** Please mark this date on your calendar. A representative from a local college's financial aid department will be present to explain the proper procedure for filling out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents of juniors are also encouraged to attend if they wish to get a head start on the college process.

College Career Day – On Friday, December 13 juniors will attend College/Career Day at the OSU-Lima/James A. Rhodes State College campus. They will each have an opportunity to choose to attend 3 informational sessions from over 60 career areas that have been listed for the day. Students will leave school at approximately 9:00 a.m. and will return at about 2 p.m. after having lunch at the Eastgate Plaza.

Middle School

6th and 7th Grade Programs

Beginning in early November, sixth and seventh grade students will begin lessons for the Project Northland curriculum. This curriculum is part of a research-based program that has been proven effective in delaying alcohol use and reducing alcohol-related problems among young people. Your support is one of the keys to its success. Representatives from all of the Putnam County schools approved this program and its use for the prevention of alcohol use at a young age.

8th Grade to Visit Vantage

The annual field trip to the Vantage Career Center for all 8th graders has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6. Students will leave school at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 11:15 a.m. The purpose of the trip is to give the students a tour of the facility and to be exposed to the educational opportunities and programs that the career center has to offer. Students will hear information on all of the programs. Parents and students seeking additional information about the Vantage Career Center and a listing of career opportunities can call the high school guidance office or visit their website at www.vantagecareercenter.com If you have any questions regarding the trip, please feel free to contact me at 419-532-3504 or by email at Ka_Clement@Kalida.k12.OH.US

If you have any questions related to the above topics, please call the guidance office at 419-532-3504.

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