

COUNSELOR'S CORNER — November 2009

High School Guidance
Sue Lamour, Counselor
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GRADE CARDS

Midterm grade cards were be passed out to students on October 22, 2009.

SOPHOMORES

Vocation Training — On October 20, Mrs. Lamour met with the sophomores to discuss vocational training and present the benefits of attending the Four County Career Center in Archbold. Sophomores who are interested in attending the Four County Career Center will visit the school the morning of December 4.

HOBY — Nominations are being accepted until November 9 for the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar. One sophomore may represent Evergreen High School at this leadership seminar which is held in the spring. The cost of the conference is \$150. More details were given to the students and are also available in the guidance office.

PLAN TEST

PLAN Test — The PLAN test will be given at the high school, at no cost, to interested sophomores on November 16 or 18. This test is designed as a practice test for the ACT exam and provides information regarding career interests. Detailed information regarding this test was given to students on October 20. Students will need to sign up to take the PLAN test by October 26 in the guidance office.

JUNIORS

College & Career Planning — Mrs. Lamour met with juniors in September and discussed the career and college planning process. Students were asked to share the information and handouts with their parents. Parents, you are always welcome to stop by the Guidance Office to explore the college, career and financial aid resources available.

SENIORS

Parents, you are always welcome to stop by the Guidance Office to explore the college, career and financial aid resources available.

College Applications — Seniors who are planning to attend college in the fall should be in the process of filling out applications NOW! The Guidance Office is stocked with a full supply of applications for most colleges, students just need to stop in and pick up the applications of their choice. Completed applications and application fees should be brought to the Guidance Office to be sent out with an official transcript. Remember, applications need to be kept neat with clear handwriting and no mistakes. Many schools are encouraging students to apply online. If you apply online you need to print off any pages the guidance office needs to send in and let the guidance office know where to send the official transcript.

College Visitation Days — Every senior (sophomores and juniors too) is eligible to take advantage of two excused college visitation days. Prearranged absence forms must be filled out and evidence of the college visit (a note from the college

admissions office) must be presented to the Main Office after the visit. Any senior wishing to go on to an institute of higher education is strongly encouraged to participate in these visits and make an appointment to visit their top two college choices before Christmas.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many scholarship opportunities are available. Please be aware — many applications require an essay and deadline dates are fast approaching. Students need to stop by the Guidance Office periodically to check out new postings and pick up applications. Scholarship lists have been posted on the District's website at www.evergreen.k12.oh.us/hsweb.

******* Remember that Ohio State University has a December 1 scholarship deadline, the University of Toledo has a January 5 scholarship deadline and BGSU's deadline for scholarships is January 15, 2010!**

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS & PARENTS!

Mrs. Conrad, the senior class advisor and guidance assistant is trying to keep all senior students informed. All senior information is posted on the school's website at www.evergreen.k12.oh.us/hsweb. Seniors, if you would like to receive scholarship lists and periodic senior updates sent directly to your home email, please pass along your email address to Mrs. Conrad. Parents, if you would like to receive a copy of these updates, please send your email address to Mrs. Conrad at evg_hs_jc@nwoca.org or call 419-644-2951 ext 1107.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ashley Jones has been accepted to Bluffton College and awarded an Academic Honors Scholarship totaling \$44,000 over four years.

Cassie Babcock has been accepted to Eastern Michigan University.

Mackenzie Pinkelman has been accepted to Heidelberg College. She has also been accepted to Adrian College where she has been awarded a Dean's Scholarship valued at \$28,000 over four years.

Mariah Moyers has been accepted to Trine University where she has been awarded a \$11,000 Presidential Scholarship, \$1,000 Dean's Business Scholarship and a \$2,500 Lilly Endowment Valedictorian Scholarship. Each scholarship is renewable for four years and total \$58,000.

Blair Bohland has been awarded Miami University's Bridges Program Scholarship totaling \$16,000 for fostering cultural diversity.

COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS

Mrs. Lamour and Mrs. Conrad met with college bound seniors in September. Some of the following information was discussed:

1. All college-bound seniors were reminded to register for the ACT and/or SAT. It is recommended that they test in October. **(Ohio State University has a Dec. 1 scholarship deadline).**
2. Prepare for ACT/SAT with a study guide, or borrow books from the guidance office or school library. CDs and internet reviews are also available.

3. Gather information regarding colleges via the internet or books available in the guidance office. Internet searches include: fastweb.com, ohiomentor.org, PrincetonReview.com, ecampustours.com, mycollegeoptions.com and educationplanner.org.

4. Get information from college catalogs in the guidance office. Many new catalogs are here.

5. Borrow videos of college campus life from the guidance office.

6. Come, listen and ask questions of visiting college representatives.

7. Determine which colleges will meet your needs.

8. Compare the colleges on your list and narrow choices.

9. Plan college visitations.

10. Get college applications from the guidance office and **be aware of deadlines.**

11. Be aware of scholarship opportunities through colleges and **watch for deadlines.** Sometimes the scholarships are awarded to qualified candidates on a first come first serve basis.

12. If you need a letter of recommendation, or if you are applying for a scholarship that will be selected from Evergreen, turn in a "Senior Self-Evaluation" at the time you request the reference or apply for the scholarship. You only need to turn this in once.

13. Turn in the completed college application, with application fee made out to the college, to the guidance office, **at least a week before the application is due.** If a letter of recommendation from the counselor is required, turn the application in **two weeks prior to the deadline.**

14. The guidance office will complete the counselor portion of the application and mail it along with an official transcript.

15. Check the scholarship box in the Guidance Office regularly for scholarship opportunities. Use the internet at home or in the library to search for scholarships with fastweb.com.

16. Pick up a FAFSA financial aid form from the Guidance Office before the winter break and mail it in after the first of the year. This form is necessary in order to qualify for almost all types of financial assistance. This year you are encouraged to complete the FAFSA on the web. Students and parents can apply for PIN numbers this fall and submit the FAFSA electronically. The student can then receive his/her student aid report in a matter of days rather than weeks. Detailed information will be handed out at the senior guidance meetings.

17. Let the Guidance Office know when you have been accepted to a college or have been awarded a scholarship. This information will be published in the *Evergreen Community News* unless you request otherwise.

Roamin' Country Raisers

Another year has come and gone for the Roamin' Country Raisers, Etc. 4-H club. We plan to end our year with a fine fall activity at a local corn maze. In addition, we will hold an awards ceremony in December to recognize our members' accomplishments. Some of these accomplishments include our 2009 Fulton County Fair achievements. Everyone in the club with an animal project placed in the top five in their classes at the fair. Our club also received first place in the junior fair 4-H booth competition.

We are finishing up our yearlong community service project. We have been collecting socks for the poor in Haiti. We will be sending the socks with a medical mission team to distribute while they are in Haiti. If anyone has used socks in good condition that they would like to contribute please contact an advisor at 419-826-1507 or 419-923-4203.

Evergreen Youth Football Plays At The Browns Stadium

By: Todd Thieken

This year the youth football program is highlighted by over 110 boys and girls playing Flag Football, and 40 plus boys playing tackle football in the 5th and 6th grade. However, the biggest highlight of the year may be the opportunity the 5th and 6th grade teams had to play at the Cleveland Browns stadium.

On October 4, 2009 the Evergreen 5th and 6th grade football team had the exciting opportunity to travel to the Cleveland Browns Stadium and participate in a fun filled day with the Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals, capped off by two games at half time vs. the two 5th and 6th grade teams from Bryan. This endeavor has been in the works for the last two years, and was made possible by the efforts of many to include Coach Yunker of the varsity football staff and the youth football programs at Evergreen and Bryan. The young men arrived at the football stadium at 9AM and were given a tour of the stadium and locker room facilities. The boys were allowed on the field to watch the Browns and Bengals warm up, and were treated to food in the locker room before the game. The boys got to see first hand what the pro locker room is like as they got prepared for the game in the locker room before taking the field for the game. The two Youth Football programs unfurled the United States Flag and held the flag in the middle of the field for the National Anthem.

Over 100 parents and family members traveled with the football teams and their coaches along with Coach Thieken and Coach Yunker for the day. The Browns treated the boys and coaches to complimentary tickets and the day was capped off when the two Evergreen teams took the field at half time to play a shortened game at half time of the game. A couple of the boys even got to jump into the "Dog Pound" when they scored touchdowns on the day.

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