



Senior Newsletter



November 2011

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EXTENDED COUNSELING HOURS: T UNTIL 5 p.m.

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http://bombers.k12.ar.us/hs/hs_counselors/index.html

Upcoming Deadlines -

- 11/1/11 – The University of Tulsa Early Action
- 11/15/11 – Hendrix College Early Action I deadline
- 11/28/11 – Earl Collins Foundation (Kiwanis) application deadline. ACT minimum 23.
- 12/1/11 – 1) Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Twin Lakes of the Ozarks essay deadline; 2) ASU Scholarships deadlines; 3) Boston University submission deadline; 4) MIZZOU scholarships – to be considered for general and departmental scholarships the deadline is 12/1; 5) University of Arkansas Priority Scholarship deadline; University of Washington application deadline – can apply for admission after October 1.; 6) AXA Achievement Scholarship and AXA Community Scholarship information is available in the counselors' office, deadline December 1 and February 1, 2012 or you can go online to www.axa-achievement.com
- 12/2/11 - Mountain Home Lodge B.P.O.E. No. 1714 - 2012 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship deadline is at 12:00 noon.
- 12/5/11 – University of Minnesota-Twin Cities priority scholarship deadline
www.uofminn.org/apply
- 1/1/12 – 1) MIZZOU deadline to apply for enrollment
- 1/7/12 – 1) **2012 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest** - Win Scholarship money. First-place is \$10,000. The winner will receive recognition by Caroline Kennedy at the Profile in Courage Award Ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum at Boston, MA. **Deadline for submission is January 7, 2012.** For contest information, registration, and to submit your essay, visit www.jfklibrary.org; 2) Thea Foundation Scholarship Competition, Performing Arts....auditions take place on this date. For competition guidelines and details, visit www.theafoundation.org.
- 1/17/12 – Thea Foundation Scholarship Competition, Visual Arts....deadline to submit material. For competition guidelines and details, visit www.theafoundation.org.
- 1/30/12 – Thea Foundation Scholarship Competition, Creative Writing....deadline to submit materials. For competition guidelines and details, visit www.theafoundation.org.
- 2/1/12 – 1) **Associate in Science Nursing Degree at the University of Missouri West Plains** materials are available in the MHHS Counseling Services office now. This is a two-year registered nursing degree program. BSN coursework may be done through distance learning on the MSU-West Plains campus. The Springfield campus also offers a masters degree in nursing. There are some scheduled seminars about the program with question and answer sessions listed in the materials, and if you are interested, you are encouraged to attend one of these sessions. Only 35 students per year are admitted into this program so it is highly competitive. **The application deadline is February 1, 2012.** For more information drop by and visit your counselor and/or visit WPNursing@MissouriState.edu; 2) Henderson State University Scholarship deadline; 3) Hendrix College Early Action II deadline; Hendrix College Hays Memorial Scholarship Application deadline; Hendrix College applications for performing and fine arts, leadership, and service scholarships deadline; 4) Missouri State University-West Plains application deadline for nursing program; 5) University of Arkansas Final deadline; 6) UALR Science Scholars application deadline; 7) University of Tulsa Scholarship Application deadline; 8) AXA Achievement Scholarship and AXA Community Scholarship information is available in the counselors' office, deadline December 1st and February 1, 2012 or you can go online to www.axa-achievement.com; 9) Epsilon Sigma Alpha offers in excess of 150 scholarships a year to deserving U.S. and International students who meet the criteria of individual endowments.
<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esa-foundation/scholarships/how-to-apply>
<http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esa-foundation/scholarships/scholarship-form>
- 2/8/12 – KFC Colonel's Scholars is looking for high school seniors with financial need and an

entrepreneurial spirit to qualify for the KFC Colonel's Scholars Program. Awards are up to \$20,000 for tuition, fees, textbooks, room and board. Qualifiers – minimum gpa 2.75, enroll in a college/university in their state of residence; plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, be a U.S. citizen, and demonstrate financial need.

www.kfcscholars.org deadline 2/8/12

- 2/15/12 - The Tenth Annual National Co-op Scholarship application and criteria are available in the counselors' office, deadline is February 15, 2012. The program will award 155 merit scholarships to students who are admitted to one of the seven institutions listed in the scholarship brochure. Be sure to come by the counselors' office to receive the guidelines and criteria. Early submission is strongly encouraged.
- 3/1/12 – Southern Arkansas University Tech, Camden, AR – scholarship deadlines
- 3/15/12 – Arkansas Tech Alumni Scholarship deadline
- 3/20/12 – Area Art Club scholarship deadline
- 6/22/12 - The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to continue to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. We are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving student. All student athletes are eligible for this award, regardless of which sport they are participating in. Scholarship amount - \$500. Please visit our website at <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> to learn how to apply.



COLLEGES COMING TO VISIT AT MHHS –

- November 1 - The Marines recruiter will be in visiting in the counselors' conference room from 11:00 to noon. If a student and/or parent would like to visit, please do.
- November 10 - Arkansas State University - Jonesboro representative will be on our campus on November 10, 2011, for an Admit and Offer. At the Admit and Offer, students can apply, be admitted and awarded scholarship money on the spot if they qualify. All application fees will be waived on this day. Any students that would like to visit the ASU representative please come by the counselors' office and sign up before November 10th. The representative will be here during lunch and after school. She will see students by appointment; therefore, signing up is mandatory. Students need to indicate when they sign up if they have a study hall on that day.

- A representative from College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Missouri will be in the MHHS Counseling Services conference room on November 18, 2011 from 11:00 – noon. All students and parents interested in C of O are welcome to attend.

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY – CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

For the 38th consecutive year, the Department of English and World Languages at AR Tech is sponsoring a Creative Writing Contest for high school seniors. High School seniors who submit a poem or small group of poems, a short story, or a piece of dramatic writing before January 15, 2012, are eligible to win one of six Tech scholarships: a first place award of \$1,500, two \$1,000 scholarships, and three \$500 scholarships. These awards may be used to pursue any of Tech's degree programs. In addition, the winning entry will be considered for publications in Nebo, Arkansas Tech's award-winning literary magazine. Submissions, with the author's name, address, high school, and date of birth written on the back of each page, should be mailed to the following address: Creative Writing Contest, Department of English, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR 72801.

If you have any questions regarding the Creative Writing Contest or Arkansas Tech University's B.F.A. in Creative Writing, please contact Carl Brucker (479) 968-0484.



YOUiversal Website

The YOUiversal Scholarship site – each student needs to have an account as soon as possible to view grants/scholarships that may be available to them -

<http://www.adhe.edu/Pages/home.aspx>



**CLICK NOW TO APPLY
FOR STATE & LOTTERY
FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Arkansas Virtual High School Registration for Second Semester

Registration will run from December 1st through January 6th. AVHS can provide a maximum of 3 classes per student. However, AVHS does adhere to a strict drop policy if students are enrolled that do not work. Senior English is the only class AVHS offers concurrent first semester and second semester credit in the spring. Orientation will be January 6th. Classes will begin January 6th and the semester will end May 25th.

There is no cost for this service; there is a MHHS site coordinator. Student must log in and work each and every day to complete all work as assigned. If they fail to do so, they will be dropped regardless of excuses. Please know that AVHS is not affiliated with MHHS and AVHS has their own rules regarding the instruction of the class, drop policy, and course requirements.



ACT and OTHER TEST PREP

Any student interested in Test Prep is invited to the counseling computer lab 7:55-8:55 a.m. on Wednesday if you do not have to attend AGS/PIT or on Tuesday 3:15-5:00 p.m. We have a great site this year that contains three full practice tests. If you have experience taking the ACT, you are invited to join this group as a volunteer to help others on practice questions and converse related to your experience. This volunteer opportunity will benefit your senior resume; volunteer hours will be recorded for scholarship purposes. Let Mrs. Traylor know if you are interested.



Check the Scholarship Notebook in Counseling Services, Room 900 often. Scholarships come in frequently and do not always make it in the newsletter or on the website because of arrival date. You can also find these scholarships on the web at http://bombers.k12.ar.us/hs/hs_scholarships.htm

ACT

THE ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 4TH FOR THE DECEMBER 10TH TEST. A LATE FEE IS REQUIRED NOVEMBER 5-18, 2011. IF YOU ARE ON FREE/REDUCED LUNCHES, YOU CAN GET TWO WAIVERS DURING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS. SEE YOUR REGISTRAR, ROSE LIGGETT (STUDENTS L-Z) OR LEISA SIMONS (STUDENTS A-K) FOR A WAIVER FORM.



SENIOR CONFERENCES

Senior Conferences in the English classroom will be ending on November 4th. If you were absent during your senior conference and have not yet had yours, please schedule an appointment with her.



HAVE YOU BEEN ABSENT?

REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS CAN ONLY HAVE SIX ABSENCES PER SEMESTER! IF YOU NEED TO APPEAL FOR CREDIT, GET YOUR ABSENTEE DOCUMENTATION IN ORDER.

Thanksgiving

MATH TUTORING IS AVAILABLE!

MONDAY – 3:30-4:30 – Mrs. Wham’s Room 198
TUESDAY – 6:30-8:00 - Mrs. Wegerer’s Room 503



HELPFUL AND/OR INTERESTING SITES -

- Another Scholarship Search <http://www.scholarshipsandgrants.us/scholarships-highschool-seniors/>
- For foster children www.statevoucher.org
- For practical nursing students www.arsbn.org
- Walmart www.walmartfoundation.org
- Bureau of Indian Affairs www.bia.edu
- AR Single Parent Scholarship www.aspsf.org

SPOTLIGHT ON –

Kettering University (Flint, Michigan) –

Kettering University Freshman Merit Scholarships – students can earn up to \$67,500. At Kettering University, we invest in the future of our students, and our philosophy is that all accepted freshmen are automatically considered for a merit scholarship. Merit scholarships are awarded based on a combination of ACT and/or SAT scores, and GPA. Merit Awards are renewable and have a range of \$2,000-\$15,000/year with a total value range of \$9,000-\$67,500. To check out our Merit Scholarship Calculator and see what students qualify for – admissions.kettering.edu/money/scholarships.cfm Kettering also provides generous need-based aid for those eligible students who send us FAFSA information. Scholarships, financial aid, and co-op earnings make Kettering an affordable private education.

The University of Texas at Dallas

The **Eugene McDermott Scholars Program** is accepting applications for its 2012 entering class. November 1, 2011 – Priority Deadline for student application and counselor recommendation – ensures notification concerning semifinalist status by November 15. December 5, 2011 – Semifinalist Deadline for invited students to submit three additional recommendations – ensures notification concerning finalist status by January 25. January 6, 2012 – Regular Deadline for student application with four recommendations – ensures notification concerning finalist status by January 25. Information and application – www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott
Contact - 972-883-4610 or mcdermott@utdalls.edu.

University of Missouri – Columbia, MO

The **Trulaske College of Business** awards over 500 scholarships totaling over \$1.75 million to incoming and returning students. There are two scholarships Ponder Minority Scholarship and the Sam M. Walton Scholarship in Retail. These scholarships require separate applications from those that are considered general campus wide scholarships. These applications can be found at www.business.missouri.edu/scholarships. The deadline to apply will be February 1, 2012. Note that applicants must also file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and request their financial data to be released to MU (FAFSA Code: 002516). The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after January 1, 2012.

Also, the Trulaske College of Business *general scholarships* deadline is December 1, 2011. Students are welcome to apply for general scholarships by completing one inclusive application at www.sfa.missouri.edu.

UALR - University of Arkansas @ Little Rock **Donaghey Scholars Program**

Priority application deadline is February 1. Applications are accepted through March 1.

The **Donaghey Scholars Program** is the honors program open to all majors at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. With a generous financial package, interdisciplinary core curriculum, study abroad, and supportive community, the Donaghey Scholars Program offers a distinctive learning environment for undergraduate studies.

Join us for the Donaghey Scholars Program annual **Sampler Day on Thursday, November 3, 2011.**

Prospective applicants can attend classes with current Donaghey Scholars, and meet alumni, faculty, and staff of the Program. Seating is limited; please RSVP to dsp@ualr.edu or (501)683-7752. Include your name, number of additional guests, current or most recent school, address, phone number, and email address.

Donaghey Scholars Program

Sampler Day

Thursday, November 3, 2011

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Legends Room, Jack Stephens Center

8:30 Check-in and Breakfast

9:00 Welcome with Dr. Earl Ramsey, DSP Director

9:25 Attend Science & Society

10:50 Attend Rhetoric & Communication

12:15 Lunch, Alumni Speaker, Q&A

1:45 Majors Fair and Campus Tour (optional)

Arkansas State University – Jonesboro

Admit and Offer at Mountain Home High School with ASU scheduled for November 10, 2011. An Admit and Offer is where students can apply, be admitted and awarded scholarship money on the spot if they qualify.

This is a great way for students to know early on what kind of scholarship they will receive at ASU. Parents are invited to attend. Also as a reminder, you must have an ACT composite of 21 and a 2.5 GPA for unconditional admission and an 18 Act composite and a 2.3 GPA for the Freshman Studies program. Anyone with these standards will be admitted that day.

COUNSELOR CONNECTION –

Special events held in the month of October by your high school counselors -

- Welcomed Monster.com as they presented a one hour program for the junior class and a one hour program for the senior class
- Participated in daily events 10-24 to 10-28 for Red Ribbon Week
- Conducted senior conference during the senior English time
- Held a Senior Parent Night
- Taught classes related to Arkansas Works
- Taught a class on the Myers Briggs Type Indicator
- Taught classes in the Capstone class on scholarships and other information
- Participated in Trail Blazer Days at ASU-MH



Words . . .

Grief is a natural and necessary response to the many losses we encounter in our life journeys (i.e. a relationship breakup, loss of health, loss of a job, loss of financial stability, a miscarriage, death of a pet, loss of a cherished dream, loss of a loved one, divorce, loss of a friendship, or loss of safety after a trauma). Many of the losses we experience are little, while some are big and some gigantic. Some are excruciatingly painful while others cause us to feel barely a twinge.

Grieving is a personal and highly individual experience. How you grieve depends on many factors, including your personality and coping style, your life experience, your faith, and the nature of the loss. The grieving process takes time. Healing happens gradually; it can't be forced or hurried – and **there is no "normal" timetable for grieving**. Some people start to feel better in weeks or months. For others, the grieving process is measured in years. Whatever your grief experience, it's important to be patient with yourself and allow the process to naturally unfold.



Thanksgiving –

The counseling office will be collecting donations for the Arkansas Children's Hospital throughout the month of November. If you would like to make a single or group donation, please see Keri in the MHHS Counseling Office. **"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of another."** *Charles Dickens*

Students will be out the week of November 21st for teacher in-service and Thanksgiving break.

Second quarter ends on December 21, 2011.