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**GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER ISSUE #9**

**SENIORS**

**March 2010**

Note About The Guidance Newsletter

The purpose of the “NEWSLETTER” is to provide to students a summary of the wealth of information we receive about college open houses, scholarships, special career information, summer and special programs, college tests, the list of college representatives coming to Shaker, and other assorted information of importance and interest. Students are directed where to go for further information, should they be interested. Most of the information is appropriately aimed toward seniors, especially during the first semester.

Newsletters are published bi-monthly and given out to students, primarily seniors, in homeroom. Since a good number of our seniors have late arrival and therefore miss homeroom, we strongly encourage them to stop by the Guidance Office for the current issue of the newsletter. We encourage your student to read the Newsletter, bring them home for their parents to read, highlight and follow-up on what appears worthwhile. **THERE ARE REAL DEADLINES FOR MANY OPPORTUNITIES**, so please keep on top of this information as soon as each newsletter is received. Should a student be absent on the day the Newsletter is distributed, he/she should pick up a copy in the Guidance Office. We suggest that juniors avail themselves of the newsletters, even those earmarked for seniors. Copies are available in the Guidance Office. There will be a certain number of newsletters dedicated to juniors and underclassmen during the year, as well. These will be distributed appropriately.

The Guidance Newsletter is the most efficient way of disseminating a tremendous amount of information to students. We encourage you to read, save and follow-up on information contained herein.

Thank you for your support.  
Shaker High School Guidance Counselors

**IMPORTANT.....SAT AND ACT TEST DATES AND DEADLINES FOR 2009-2010**

Test Date	Test	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 10, 2010	ACT	March 5, 2010	March 19, 2010
*May 1, 2010	SAT I & II	March 25, 2010	April 8, 2010
*June 5, 2010	SAT I & II	April 29, 2010	May 13, 2010
June 12, 2010	ACT	May 7, 2010	May 21, 2010

\* = Tests at Shaker High School

**The College Board High School Code for Shaker High School is 333388.**

**PLEASE NOTE: ACT'S ARE NOT GIVEN AT SHAKER**

**SAT/ACT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE.**

**FEE WAIVER...SENIORS who plan to take the SAT's and JUNIORS who plan to take the PSAT's**, and who qualify for a lunch pass should see their counselor concerning fee waivers. With the fee waiver the College Board SAT and PSAT application is free.

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE PREP CLASSES...**Shaker High School offers an SAT preparation class each semester. These courses teach strategies for problem solving, vocabulary development, reading comprehension, and analogies/sentence completion skills. Information and registration forms are available in the main office, or call Continuing Education at 785-5989.

**SENIORS...**If you are planning to enroll in college as a freshman during the 2010-2011 academic year and wish to participate in Division I or Division II sports, you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse. To register, prospective student-athletes should access the registration materials by visiting the clearinghouse Web site at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). From the home page, the prospect should click on "Prospective Student – Athletes," which will link you to the necessary information. Please be sure to check Shaker High School's list of approved core courses. The NCAA does not always award the same credits for classes that the school does. It is important to review this information to ensure that you are meeting eligibility guidelines.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION...**Young men must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Go to any post office and ask for a Selective Service Registration card. Fill in the card and hand the card with some identification (such as your driver's license) to the postal clerk. Remember, failure to register is a serious offense and you could be prosecuted and face a fine or be put in jail. Registration is also a requirement for federal student aid job training benefits and federal employment.

**WORKING PAPERS**...NYS Employment certificates are required for all workers who are less than 18 years old. Applications for working papers are available in the guidance office. **The application requires a parent/guardian signature and a health form to be signed by the applicant's physician verifying he/she has had a physical examination within the past year.** It is not necessary to have a job before obtaining the working papers. Your counselor recommends that all students obtain working papers upon their 16th birthday. Working papers are available for age 14 and 15 upon request. (All students should obtain a Social Security card.)

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS**...A social security application may be obtained by telephoning the Social Security Office in Albany at 472-3590. Upon request the guidance office will furnish you with a letter verifying your date of birth, which may be sent to the Social Security Office with your application.

**TOWN OF COLONIE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**... Office appointments are available by calling 456-3786. Students who registered in previous years are encouraged to update their registration cards.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**...Mr. Nick Moreno is our Student Assistance Counselor. The aim of the Student Assistance program is to promote responsible decisions concerning alcohol, drugs, or other personal issues. The program fosters an accepting, supportive atmosphere for effectively helping students who are involved with alcohol and other drug use. The program components include short-term individual counseling, group counseling, parent groups, in-service training for staff, and when necessary, referrals to appropriate community agencies. Should you or your son/daughter wish to contact Mr. Moreno, call 785-5511 ext. 3402

### **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH**

Free and reduced lunch is available to students at the high school. Eligibility is based upon your family income level and the number of family members in your household. Students who qualify for this program are also eligible for a fee waiver for SAT I and II's, PSAT's (juniors only), ACT's, college applications, as well as, a reduction in the cost of "University in High School" credit. To find out if you qualify, please call our Food Service Department at 786-8856 and ask for a copy of the Income Eligibility Chart.

**FREE GUIDANCE MATERIALS:** Free materials are available in the Guidance Office. Stop in and pick-up whatever information may be useful to you.

1. Your College Search...New York's 100+ Private Colleges and Universities
2. School Guide 2009...4 & 2-year colleges, nursing schools, business & career schools, military programs

**SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL****2009-2010 OPEN HOUSE EVENTS****GUIDANCE NEWSLETTER ISSUE # 9**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME/PLACE</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>
Roberts Wesleyan College Visit Days	March 29 and April 19 on the Roberts Wesleyan Campus in Rochester, NY		Visit <a href="http://www.roberts.edu/visits">www.roberts.edu/visits</a>
St. Thomas Aquinas College Open Houses	April 25 <sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am-3:00 pm		
Landmark College Open Houses	April 17, May 8, June 19		
Cazenovia College Open Houses	March 20, March 27, April 10, April 17, April 24 and May 1		Appointments are required. Please call 800-654-3210 or visit <a href="http://www.cazenovia.edu">www.cazenovia.edu</a>
C.W. Post/Long Island University Open House	Sunday, April 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10 am on the C.W. Post Campus		RSVP to (516) 299-2900 or <a href="http://www.liu.edu/cwpost/yes">www.liu.edu/cwpost/yes</a>
SUNY IT Open House	Saturday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm		RSVP to 866-2SUNYIT
Herkimer County Community College	Saturday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> from 9 am-1 pm.		RSVP at <a href="http://www.herkimer.edu/openhouse">www.herkimer.edu/openhouse</a> or call 888-464-4222 ext. 8278
SUNY Brockport Presidential Scholar In Residence	\$4,500 renewable up to 4 years. Must have a minimum gpa of 93, rank in the top 20% of class and earn at least 1200 on the SAT (math/verbal)	Apply to SUNY Brockport by the appropriate deadline	Go to <a href="http://www.brockport.edu">www.brockport.edu</a> for more information.
C.W. Post/Long Island University Merit Scholarships	Several merit-based scholarships available to academically deserving students who apply and are accepted to C.W. Post	Rolling Admissions deadline	No separate scholarship application is required. Complete the application for admission.

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<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>
Cazenovia College Academic Scholarships	Various scholarships awarded upon admission to deserving students. Criteria include: gpa, class rank, test scores and community activities	Apply to Cazenovia by the application deadline	Apply online to Cazenovia at <a href="http://www.cazenovia.edu">www.cazenovia.edu</a>
Palermo Family Foundation Annual Scholarship Trust	\$10,000 scholarship awarded over 4 years to a student who resides in Albany County and plans to attend a college in New York State. Factors considered include: character, intelligence, academic record and financial need.	April 1, 2010	Nomination from school required. Sign up in the Guidance Office by April 1, 2010 to be considered. If nominated, the application must be completed and returned to the Guidance Office by April 15th.
Gary A. Johnson Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Macedonia Baptist Church Scholarship Fund	This scholarship is available to students of African ancestry who exemplify the following characteristics: academic achievement; leadership, character, community service. Candidates must be able to articulate goals, abilities, skills and their	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office

	rationale for pursuing a particular career.		
First New York Federal Credit Union Annual Scholarship Program	\$1,000 scholarships available to graduating seniors who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college. Applicants must be a member of the First New York FCU, and be an active volunteer in the community.	March 12, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.
Capital District Counseling Association CDCA Scholarship	Various awards open to students who plan to enroll at a capital region college. Minimum gpa of B (3.0) required.	May 1, 2010	Applications available in the Guidance Office.

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Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program	Various monetary awards recognize and reward young volunteers who have helped make their communities a better place.	March 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Nomination required. Please visit <a href="http://www.kohlkids.com">www.kohlkids.com</a> for more information.
Marian I. Hughes Scholarships sponsored by the Black Women's Association of Albany (BWAA)	Awards open to minority, female, high school seniors with demonstrated financial need. Other requirements: GPA of 80 or higher; demonstrated involvement in school church and/or community activities.	April 2, 2010	Applications available in the Guidance Office.
Capital Area Council of Churches, Inc. – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship	Various awards given to students who meet the following criteria: academic record; financial need; evidence of service to school, faith community, and society; personal goals; and, how the applicant plans to implement the goals of Dr King.	March 31, 2010	Applications available in the Guidance Office.
Lester J. Brown Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Nu Tau Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.	Awards open to African American male students who are residents of Albany, Schenectady or Rensselaer county. Other criteria considered: academic merit	May 2, 2010	Applications available in the Guidance Office.
Delta Mu Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Scholarships	Various scholarships and book awards for college-bound young women who demonstrate academic achievement, community leadership and express financial need.	March 17, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.
The Cristin Bambino Scholarship sponsored by The New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal	Available to a special education student who is college bound	April 2, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.
The Paul Jensen Scholarship sponsored by the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal	Available to a student who has excelled in design in his/her high school career and who wishes to pursue this path in college.	April 2, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.
RC 10 Scholarship Program for future educators sponsored by the NYSUT Retirement Council 10	One time \$500 award given to a student in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga or Washington County who displays merit in academic, curricular and non-curricular activities. The candidate must be planning to enter the field of education.	March 28, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office or can be downloaded at <a href="http://locals.nysut.org/rc10/scholar.html">http://locals.nysut.org/rc10/scholar.html</a>
The Incentive Award sponsored by the	Available to minority young women who have	March 12, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office

Albany New York Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.	demonstrated ability (GPA of 75 or higher) and potential to succeed, and need financial assistance to pursue post-secondary education.		
The New York State Division Jane Klausman CPS, PRP, CPP-T scholarship sponsored by International Association of Administrative Professionals	\$500 award for students who plan to pursue study in administrative, office technology or business education programs. Minimum B average required.	April 19, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

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The R. Paul Farrell, Jr. Scholarship sponsored by the New York Water Environment Association Capital Chapter	Two awards of \$1,000 to students planning to study an environmental related curriculum. Other criteria considered include: academic, extracurricular and community activities, references and personal goals.	April 1, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.
The Amy Bindelglass Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Center for Donation and Transplant	\$500 award to the winner of the essay contest. Juniors and seniors are eligible.	April 15, 2010	Information regarding the Essay Contest is available in the Guidance Office.
The Mohawk Hudson Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers	Four \$1,000 scholarships open to students who plan to pursue the study of civil engineering. Academic work and extracurricular activities will also be considered.	April 23, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office or can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.ascemohawkhudson.org">www.ascemohawkhudson.org</a>
The Garden Study Club of Albany Scholarship	Awards given to students who plan to pursue the study of horticulture, gardening, floral design and the environment.	June 1, 2010	Applications are available in the Guidance Office.
The Rockwell Scholarship Award sponsored by the Junior League of Albany, Inc.	\$1000 award given to a young woman who is currently involved in volunteer organizations or activities which serve the same or related focus areas as the Junior League of Albany. The student must be able to demonstrate citizenship and initiative.	April 1, 2010	Application information is available in the Guidance Office.
Price Chopper's Golub Foundation Scholarship Awards	Various monetary awards available to graduating seniors. For specific criteria and description of the Golub Awards, please visit the website at <a href="http://www.pricechopper.com">www.pricechopper.com</a>	March 15, 2010	Applications must be completed online at <a href="http://www.pricechopper.com">www.pricechopper.com</a> Students should print out completed application and bring to the Guidance Office to be sent in with other required documents.
The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region	Various scholarships available to graduating seniors who plan to study communications, journalism, special education, physical therapy, construction or music.	May 14, 2010	Visit the website for complete application instructions at <a href="http://www.cfgr.org/grants_scholarships/scholarships.htm">http://www.cfgr.org/grants_scholarships/scholarships.htm</a>
Questbridge College Prep Scholarship for High School Juniors	Awards equip outstanding low income high school juniors with the knowledge necessary to compete for admission to leading colleges.	March 29, 2010	Please visit <a href="http://www.questbridge.org">www.questbridge.org</a> for more details and to apply.