

2009-2010 September/October Newsletter

**GEAR UP Services for Elyria students ONLY:**

**College Applications**

- GEAR UP can waive up to 7 college application fees.
- Students must have a 2.5 high school GPA.
- Parent/Guardian Income Statement must be completed. See Mrs. Wagner for copies in BU 113.
- Fee waivers are good at most Ohio schools and many national schools
- LSV/LAK students must see Mrs. Wagner OR Ms. Owens for fee waivers.

**ACT/SAT**

- Students can get up to 2 ACT fee waivers in a lifetime.
- A GEAR UP Parent/Guardian Income Statement must be completed
- Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches get a different fee waiver and do not need the P/G income statement, but they are limited to one per student.
- ECHS SCHOOL CODE: 365-169

**ELYRIA FIELD TRIPS**

- Monthly College Field Trips. See Mrs. Wagner for more information OR call the Gear Up Office at 284-8351.

**FAFSA**

- Gear UP will assist with FAFSA for free
- LCCC will assist with FAFSA for free

**College Advising for Elyria students ONLY**

- Room 108 at EHS
- No appointments necessary
- Call 284-8351 or stop by the office
- Hours are 7:30 am -8:30 pm.

**LCCC College Counselors**

REMINDER: All students who plan to graduate from LCCC are required to meet with a college counselor. See Mrs. Wagner for EHS/LSV or Ms. Owens for LAK for assistance before September 30, 2009. All LCCC students must meet with their assigned counselor prior to completion of their 30th credit hour. This should have been done prior to scheduling meeting in May.

## LCCC GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To assist you in applying for graduation, plan to meet as early as possible with a counselor. LCCC counselors can:

- Assist in determination of graduation requirements for program of interest
- Help develop a timetable for completion of program
- Complete a degree audit the semester before planned graduation
- Authorize eligibility for graduation candidacy

Submit an LCCC application for graduation no later than Friday the eighth week of the semester in which graduation requirements will be completed, or anytime during the preceding semester.

- For more information, in the LCCC Course Catalog on-line by accessing [lorainccc.edu](http://lorainccc.edu) and typing Graduation Requirements in the search engine. A \$25.00 fee is REQUIRED to submit a Graduation Request audit for LCCC. This form and fee need to be paid and submitted before October 31, 2009. This early date allows for any schedule adjustments to be made prior to spring semester in January.

## IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES:

- August 8-21, 2009: Registration deadline for the September 12, 2009 ACT
- September 18, 2009: Registration deadline for the October 24, 2009 ACT
- Register on-line [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Registration Deadline for the October 10, 2009 SAT is September 9, 2009.
- Register on-line [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- October 18, 2009: LCCC College Fair 6:00-8:00 pm. Over 130 colleges, universities and military academies will be represented.
- October 31, 2009: Submit your top three college applications regardless of deadlines to Mrs. Wagner OR Ms. Owens
- February 15, 2009: Complete and submit FAFSA. 2009 Federal Taxes should be completed.

## USEFUL WEBSITES:

- [knowhow2goohio.org](http://knowhow2goohio.org)
- [act.org](http://act.org)
- [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)
- [elyriaschools.org](http://elyriaschools.org) (click under schools, go to Elyria High School, Click under scholarships, click under guidance to receive new scholarship information)
- [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)



- [lorainschools.org](http://lorainschools.org) (Click Under Students/Parents/College Search)
- [lorainccc.edu](http://lorainccc.edu) (Click Under Early College)
- **Words of Advice:**
- Consider changing your email address to reflect a more professional tone
- Watch exposure on myspace and facebook
- Compose a resume
- Ask for three letters of references
- Spend two to three hours a week on college applications, personal essays, and scholarship searches
- Update and refer to your SDEV 190 portfolio.
- Check your email and ANGEL daily for important announcements
- See your Mentor each week to monitor progress and communicate any concerns

### **College Application Submission Process**

- Please allow 5 business days to submit applications.
- Applications will only be processed from Early College to EHS once a week. A blue card available from Mrs. Wagner must be completed for each application.
- There is a \$1.00 transcript fee required for each application for Elyria students only.

### **Schedules**

- All seniors must make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Wagner OR Ms. Owens to finalize spring senior schedules before Friday, September 25, 2009. See appointment sheet in BU 113.

*Don't count the days. Make every day count!*