



Senior Newsletter



November 2012

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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 -

- **11/06/12** - The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created by the NASSP and Prudential Financial in 1995 to honor both middle level and high school students for outstanding acts of community service. See your counselor if you have outstanding volunteer work and would like to be nominated for this award
- **11/13/12** – 1) Prudential Spirit of Community Awards deadline; 2) The 6th Annual Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship deadline
www.GalleryCollection.com
- **11/15/12** – Hagan Scholarship application deadline www.hsfmo.org
- **11/16/12** – American Legion Oratorical Scholarship - 2013 Contest Applications must be submitted to Post Oratorical Chairman (Mr. Kaye) at the Alley-White Legion (Mtn. Home) by November 16, 2012 or submitted to Mrs. Traylor (Counselor) A-K. Mr. Kaye will contact the applicant to set up a time to work with the student on the oratorical and the contest will be held locally. Winners will then go to state and compete at state.
- **12/07/12** – Elks National Foundation Scholarship deadline
- **12/17/12** – 2013 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award www.NFIB.com/YEA
- **12/31/12** - Templeton Press is sponsoring an essay contest that is open to any high school senior who intends to enroll at an institution of higher learning by fall of 2013. The contest has no special requirements; it only asks each entrant to write a thoughtful essay about his or her life's purpose. Contestants will be judged solely on the quality of their ideas and their ability to express themselves. The contest carries prizes ranging from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 and it runs through December 31, 2012. Full entry information can be found at: <http://lawsoflifecontest.com/>
- **01/05/13** – 2013 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest - 1st place \$10,000 -- half of the award will be in cash and half will be in a college savings plan; 2nd place \$1,000; and (5) finalists \$500. The winner will get an all-expense paid trip to Boston and be recognized by Caroline Kennedy at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum. The student MUST be nominated by a teacher – the nominating teacher of the first-place winner will receive a \$500 grant. Deadline: January 5, 2013. For complete information go to www.jfklibrary.org
- **01/10/13** - **2013 GE-REAGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**—This program annually awards roughly 20 college-bound students who demonstrate exemplary leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship with \$10,000 renewable scholarships up to \$40,000 total per recipient. For more information about eligibility and the online application go to www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships. You can also follow the organization on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/GEReaganScholarships>.
- **01/15/13** – 1) Washington Crossing Foundation National Scholarship information is available in the counselors' office. Any Student interested in a career in government services can apply, information, rules and requirements are also on line at www.gwcf.org; 2) Arkansas Tech Creative Writing Contest for seniors. High school seniors who submit a poem or small group of poems, a short story, or a piece of dramatic writing before 01/15/13, are eligible to win one of six Tech scholarships. For more information, see your counselor.
- **01/16/13** – Thea Visual Arts deadline www.theafoundation.org/scholarships
- **01/30/13** – 1) Thea Creative Writing deadline www.theafoundation.org/scholarships 2) Thea Performing Arts deadline www.theafoundation.org/scholarships
- **02/01/13** – Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR – priority deadline for scholarship applications is today – students must be admitted to the University and have a minimum ACT sub score of 19 in English, Math and Reading prior to consideration for scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded as funds are available.
- **02/27/13** – Thea Performance Poetry deadline www.theafoundation.org/scholarships

- **03/16/13 – Arkansas Public Health Association** deadline - Eligibility Criteria **Applicants:** must be an Arkansas resident, must be enrolled, or have plans to enroll in a field of public health, must be a high school senior or have a high school diploma or GED, must have at least 2.5 GPA (based on a 4 point system), must demonstrate financial need.
- **03/19/13 - Area Art Club Scholarship** – A \$1,000 scholarship will be offered to a senior from the area encompassing Mountain Home, Cotter, Flippin, Norfolk, and the Guy Berry College and Career Academy. Interested seniors should return an application (located in the counselors' office) by March 19, 2013. Arrangements for an interview will be made after the deadline.
- Register As Soon As Possible – High School Senior Girls - www.DistinguishedYW.org **Distinguished Young Women** is a national scholarship program that inspires high school girls to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. The program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 700,000 young women and more than \$93 million in cash scholarships has been awarded at the local, state and national levels combined. Distinguished Young Women strives to give every young woman the opportunity to further her education and prepare for a successful future.
- 06/01/13 – ASU-Beebe Institutional Scholarship priority application deadline
- 06/14/13 - **Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants** scholarship program – award up to **\$1,000** to the winner(s). **Application Process** - Students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of our web site: <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>



Study Abroad

The U.S. Department of State Youth Exchange Scholarships for U.S. High School Students information and criteria are available in the counselors' office;

They are: 1) The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Abroad Program: deadline January 10, 2013; 2) The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program: deadline January, 2013; 3) American Youth Leadership Program Offers opportunities for American High School Students who want to study and travel abroad

COLLEGES VISITING MHHS SRS.

- November 6 – U. S. Air Force will visit during both lunches in the counseling conference room.
- November 19 – U. S. Marines will visit during both lunches in the counseling conference room.



YOUiversal Website

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

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



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

COLLEGE VISITS – OFF CAMPUS

If you are planning a college visit, remember to pick up your college visitation form in the principal's office and get **all** the signatures required from MHHS faculty before visiting the college. While you are at the college, get a signature from your college guide/representative. Upon returning to MHHS, give your completed college visitation form to Mrs. Partee.



ACT DEADLINE EXTENDED!!!

THE ACT REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 8TH TEST IS NOVEMBER 9TH. ACT EXTENDED THIS DEADLINE BECAUSE OF HURRICANE SANDY. A LATE FEE IS REQUIRED NOVEMBER 9-16, 2012. 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 have ended. If you did not have a senior conference, please schedule an appointment with your counselor.



HAVE YOU BEEN ABSENT?

REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS CAN ONLY HAVE NINE ABSENCES PER SEMESTER!

Thanksgiving

MATH TUTORING IS AVAILABLE!

Tuesday & Thursday – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Mrs. Brooks
Room 411

HELPFUL AND/OR INTERESTING SITES

- **Zinch** is offering a free College Essay Writing Workshop led by former Stanford University Director of Admissions, Bob Patterson on 10/29 at 7:00 p.m. and 10/30 at 9:00 p.m. Go to Zinch.com/webinar to sign up if you are interested. Zinch is a free website where high school students can apply for scholarships, request information from colleges, access expert admissions advice, deadline reminders, and free test prep. www.Zinch.com if you have any questions you can contact Rob Wellington at Rob@zinch.com.
- **MyMajors Magazine** - Introducing My Majors Magazine, the new online magazine is a powerhouse combination of major, college and career finding. Read online: www.mymajors.com/read. The online version also includes a \$500 scholarship for students!
- Compare colleges at nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator **This could be your first step in finding the right college.**



SPOTLIGHT ON –

- **Missouri State University West Plains Nursing Program**-- The counselors' office now has information on the two-year Registered Nursing program. MSU at Springfield offers the BSN completion for the RN's. The BSN coursework can be done on the West Plains Campus through distance learning. MSU-Springfield also offers a masters in nursing. The following information seminars will be available to applicants to the nursing program: 10-16-12 – 2:00-3:30 (room Looney 107); 11-15-12 – 5:30-7:00 (room Looney 107); 12-4-12 – 12:00-1:30 (room Looney 107). College math and English eligibility (based on ACT scores and two years of high school Algebra) are required for admission to the ASN program. **The deadline for application is February 1, 2012.** For more information, come by MHHS Counseling Services.
- **University of Arkansas at Little Rock POLICY CHANGE:** Starting in the fall of 2013, all traditional freshmen students (who are not commuter students, older than 21, married, have children, or live with their parents) attending UALR will be required to live in the dorms.

- **The University of Texas at Dallas** - The [online application](#) for the 2013 Class of **Eugene McDermott Scholars** at [The University of Texas at Dallas](#) is now open. Priority deadline, Nov. 6, 2012 or regular deadline, Jan. 6, 2013. Specific information regarding application materials and student qualifications can be found on the McDermott Scholars Program website. <http://www.utdallas.edu/mcdermott/>
- **Harding University, Searcy, AR** – learn everything you need to know about Harding. Read about Harding. Read about life as a college student. Submit questions that are important to you and get the answers – fast. Get advice in choosing a major or simply schedule a college visit at www.iheartharding.org. **Harding University Housing Deposit Sale** – This ended on October 6, 2012, but it has been **extended to November 15**. If you apply and are accepted before the end of the sale, you'll save \$55 and will be given priority to the residence hall of your choice. Here's how: Go to www.harding.edu/admissions. Click on Apply to Harding here! Apply online and save when you pay the \$75 housing deposit by November 15 (normally \$130).
- **The Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL** - If any student is interested in The Florida Institute of Technology, please stop by the counselors' office for information. Florida Tech is a national, doctoral-granting research university with a unique focus on hands-on education. You may visit them at www.fit.edu/college-compass
- **Central Baptist College, Conway, AR** November 14, 2012 is Stampede Days. This is a great time to visit CBC. CBC is a 4-year private college that is affiliated with Baptist Missionary Association of Arkansas. The enrollment is around 900 students. New this year is a BA and BS in History. They also have a new smart building and a new library.
- **Crowley's Ridge College, Paragould, AR** CRC Discovery Days are November 6-7, 2012. Discovery Days is an opportunity to visit the campus of CRC and get a taste of college life. You can talk to current students, meet professors and coaches, and find out about financial aid and the admission process. Be sure to bring your toiletries, bedding and pillow. RSVP by phone or e-mail. (870) 236-6901, (800) 264-1096, or njoneshill@crc.edu. Crowley's Ridge is a 4-year private Christian college. They have a set price for their tuition and they also have book rentals. Students know up front exactly what their cost will be. Scholarships start at a 20 and CRC uses ACTs through June 2013 to identify scholarship amounts.
- **Hendrix College, Conway, AR** – premed visitation day is November 12, 2012. Hendrix is a 4-year liberal arts private college. It is an expensive college but there is aid available. They recently added football and women's lacrosse. Early action deadline is 11/15/12. New to Hendrix is kinesiology and public health.
- **John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR** – Special visitation is November 11-12, 2012. John Brown is a 4-year private university. The enrollment is around 2,200 students.
- **Lyon College, Batesville, AR** - Honor's Day (students can attend with a 23 ACT or 3.25 gpa and have been admitted to the college) November 17, 2012 and December 1, 2012. Lyon is a 4-year liberal arts college. They have grown 50% in the last four years. They have a new dining hall and a new \$10 million building. They participate in LEAP (Lyon Education Adventure Program where they have zip lines, huge swings, team building activities, etc. and enjoy the Arkansas outdoors.) 100% of Lyon students get some type of financial aid.
- **Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR** – Tiger Days is November 30, 2012. Ouachita is a 4-year private university. The admission application serves as the scholarship application. They recently renovated two buildings and have a TV studio with new HD equipment. They also expanded their coffee house. The newest degrees at Ouachita are the kinesiology, Christian studies as it relates to recreation/sports ministry.
- **South Arkansas University, Magnolia, AR** – Preview Day is November 7, 2012. SAU is growing! SAU presently has around 3,400 students. They have new majors in chemical/mechanical engineering, wildlife biology, and environmental science. In 2013 they plan to have an e-commerce major and a computer gaming major. They have a strong BSN program as well as business. They have a strong theatre department and a digital cinema media program. What's new would include two new centers, rodeo arena, new recreation center, new food court, and a new honor's dorm. There are separate applications for admission, scholarship, and housing.

- **University of Arkansas @ Fort Smith** – Senior Den Day is November 6, 2012. U of A Fort Smith is a 4-year public college. The enrollment at UAFS is 7,600 students. Many new features have been added to the campus recently and the college invites you to visit to look at their campus.
- **University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR** – Bear Facts Day is on November 17, 2012. UCA is a 4-year public college. The enrollment at UCA is 11,000 students. UCA encourages students to take a day trip to visit their campus. They will have an evening meeting from UCA later in the year. Announcements will be made as to when UCA will visit our area. Read your announcements for more information. UCA Academic Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. To be considered for a UCA Academic Scholarship, you must be a first-time entering freshman fully admitted by the priority deadline – February 16, 2013. There is no separate Academic Scholarship Application. December is the LAST ACT score accepted for Academic Scholarship purposes.
- **University of the Ozarks at Clarksville, AR** – Fall Preview Day is November 12, 2012. UO is celebrating their 177th year this year. Total enrollment of UO is 630 students. The Jones Learning Center focuses on helping college students who have disabilities. UO has 100% acceptance into medical school.
- **Williams Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, AR** – Honor Days is November 9, 2012. A student must have a 22 or higher ACT to attend Honor's Day. Those in attendance are offered scholarships as long as you apply for admissions before or during Honors Day. Some things new at Williams is the new women's residence hall, text messages sent to the student when their laundry is finished, new coffee house, strong business program, strong P-4 education and mid-level degrees, and a great study abroad program. The enrollment at Williams is 600 students.
- **Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ** – Open house, November 18, 2012, February 17, 2013, and April 28, 2013. For more information www.shu.edu/visiting or thehall@shu.edu. Seton is one of the nation's leading Catholic universities.
- **Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR** - Students MUST be admitted to the University by December 1, 2012 to receive a scholarship offer. Scholarship criteria and guidelines can be found at www.astate.edu/finaid.
- **Ecclesia College, Springfield, MO** – 1st Friday Campus Visits include a campus tour, financial aid, academics, athletics, current student question and answer panel, admissions, and lunch. RSVP with the Admissions Office at 479-248-7263 or e-mail at admissions@ecollege.edu Dates – December 7th; February 1st; March 1st; and April 5th
- **Harding, Searcy, AR** – The Harding University housing deposit sale, which ended on October 6th has been extended to November 15th. If you apply and are accepted before the end of the sale, you'll save \$55 and will be given priority to the residence hall of your choice. Here's how to Do It – 1) Go to www.harding.edu/admissions; 2) Click on **Apply to Harding here!**; 3) **Apply online** and save when you pay the \$75 housing deposit by November 15 (normally \$130)
- **MIZZOU, Columbia, Kansas City, or St. Louis** – To all students who are planning to attend The University of Missouri, you must place the appropriate code on your ACT registration sheet to indicate the college location that must have your ACT scores. Mizzou will NOT accept scores from you or your high school. The codes are 2382 – Columbia; 2380 – Kansas; and 2383 – St. Louis. If you have taken your ACT and did not do this, please call the admissions office at the university and ask them what procedures you need to follow to send them your scores.



Have a safe Thanksgiving break!

Students will be out the week of November 19th for teacher in-service and Thanksgiving break.

FIRST SEMESTER ENDS ON DECEMBER 21, 2012.