

The Shiner Spotlight

April/May 2010

Parents and Students,

Spring has sprung and summer is around the corner. This is the perfect time of year to visit colleges. Whether your son/daughter wants to go to college, join the military, jump into the workforce, or has some other idea, it is important to research all his/her options.

Approximately 80% of all careers require education and/or training beyond a general high school education. Some careers require four years of college. Others require one or two years of education or training at a career or trade school. In many cases, your career choice will determine which educational option is most appropriate for you.

You have seven educational options from which to choose. The first option, Career and Technology Education, enables you to prepare for a career while you're still in high school. The other six educational options are designed primarily for high school graduates. These six postsecondary options are:

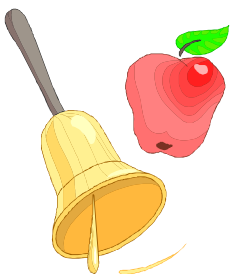
- Community College
- Career or Trade School
- Four-Year College
- The Military
- Apprenticeship
- On-the-Job Training

The sooner you start exploring different career options the more you will know and be able to create a career plan.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring and summer.

Leigh Ann Craig
Guidance Counselor

*From "Career Choices and Educational Options" by Linda O'Brien.



Information for Seniors

SENIOR MEETING: Mr. Majewski is having a senior meeting May 4th to discuss dates and times for senior activities. Students will receive information on graduation practice, awards program, and last day of school. All seniors need to attend.



COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIP: The Ohio County Community Foundation is administering a scholarship for individuals who are planning to attend a two-year community college in the Summer or Fall of 2010. The amount of the scholarship is \$500, and several scholarships will be awarded. Students may pick-up applications at the Ohio County Community Foundation at 591 Smart Drive. The deadline for the summer scholarship is May 7, 2010. Applications will be available for the Fall scholarship starting July 2, 2010. This application deadline in July 30, 2010. Contact Christy Elbright at OCCF with questions 438-9401 or by e-mail celbright@occfisingsun.com.



THE OHIO COUNTY COMMUNITY

FOUNDATION: would like to remind any Senior that is planning to apply for the Future Generations Scholarship that all Community Appreciation Service Reporting Forms must be turned into the Foundation Office by 4:00p.m. on Friday, May 28th. Those Seniors that do not complete the required 40 hours of community service or that do not turn in the Reporting Forms by the deadline will not be eligible to apply for the scholarship. It is the responsibility

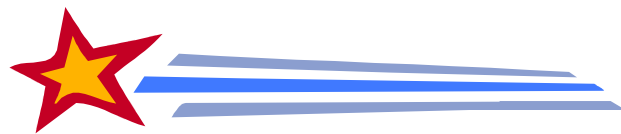
of each student to bring his or her completed forms to the Foundation. All students are issued a verification letter upon completion of the required hours. For questions or to check your number of service hours completed, please contact Christy Elbright at 438-9401 or by e-mail celbright@occfisingsun.com. After community service hours are completed the following items need to be turned in by 4:00pm on June 11, 2010.

1. Completed Future Generations Scholarship application
2. Acceptance letter from college/university
3. Final High School Transcript

LILLY RECIPIENTS & OCCF SCHOLARS:
Congratulations to our two Lilly Scholarship recipients and three OCCF Scholars!

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship
Teryn Elder & Nate Minks

OCCF Scholars
Ashley Palaima, Abbey Rimstidt,
and Krista Sprague

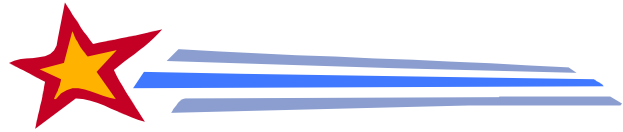


Notes to Juniors

ACT AND SAT REGISTRATIONS: College-bound juniors should make plans to register for the ACT or the SAT. Registration materials are available in the Guidance Office. The ACT test date for this summer is June 12th (registration deadline is May 7th). The next SAT test date is June 5th (registration deadline is April 29th). Students are not required to take both tests, and colleges should accept either ACT or SAT scores. Some students take both tests, thinking they may do better on one than the other. This idea is good for many students. Students should come to the Guidance Office to pick up registration materials or register online at www.collegeboard.com for SAT and www.actstudent.org for ACT.

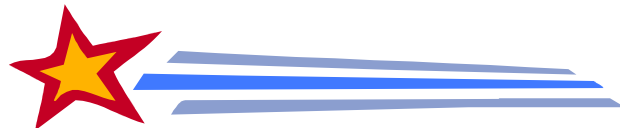
SAT PREPARATION MATERIALS are available on-line for students preparing to take the SAT. These **free** resources include practice questions and

practice tests. Students can also register for the "SAT Question of the Day" to be sent to their e-mail accounts. Visit www.collegeboard.com/srpschool for more information. Practice booklets are also available in the Guidance Office. Another source is the high school and local libraries carry practice test books that can be checked out.



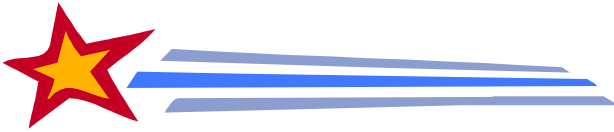
Just for Sophomores

SOPHOMORE TESTING: The required graduation exam for Sophomores is End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra I and English 10. The ECA for English 10 will be administered May 12th. The ECA for Algebra I will be administered May 11th to students who have not passed this portion of the exam. These ECA will be part of the class of 2012 graduation requirements. Students must pass the ECA Algebra I and English 10 before they receive their diplomas. Sophomores who fail the test will have opportunities during their junior and senior years to pass the test.



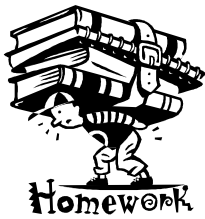
Freshmen News

FRESHMEN TESTING: The required graduation exam for Freshmen is End of Course Assessments (ECA) in Algebra I and English 10. The ECA for Algebra I will be administered May 11th to students who have not passed this portion of the exam. The English 10 portion will be administered next spring when a student has completed English 10 as a sophomore. These ECA will be part of the class of 2013 graduation requirements. Students must pass the ECA Algebra I and English 10 before they receive their diplomas. Freshmen who fail the test will have opportunities during their sophomore, junior and senior years to pass the test.



Additional Info.

FREE TUTORING: is available at the high school. It takes place after school on Monday through Thursday from 3:15-4:30pm in Mrs. Walcott's room (2029). Students who are having difficulty in one or more classes should attend these sessions.



FUTURE GENERATIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The Ohio County Community Foundation is administering the Future Generations Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to be non-competitive; meaning students who meet the criteria and apply will receive the scholarship. The amount of this year's award is \$1,000. To be eligible, students must have attended RSHS all four years of high school, plan to attend a four-year college in Indiana, Kentucky, or Ohio, complete 40 hours of community service reported to OCCF, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0/4.0. Students who have full-tuition scholarships elsewhere are not eligible for the scholarship. Contact Christy Elbright at OCCF with questions 438-9401 or by e-mail celbright@occfrising.sun.com.



AWARDS PROGRAM: Our awards program will be held on Thursday, May 27th at 12:30pm. Parents of our graduates are encouraged to attend. In addition to presenting seniors with awards, certificates, and scholarships, we will also be presenting awards to underclassmen in individual subject areas.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR: Thursday, May 27th will be the last day of school for students. Graduation takes place on May 30th at 2:00pm in the RSHS gymnasium.

PROM INFORMATION: Prom is May 8th. Tickets will go on sale the week of 4/26/2010 during lunch. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

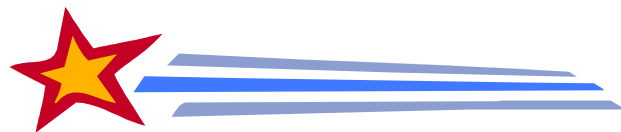


AFTER PROM: **Sign up** for this year's after prom will be at the same time as the prom tickets are sold. Tickets are free this year. If you sign up at school and bring your ticket to the after prom, you will be entered in a drawing for a \$100.00 Florence Mall Gift Card. Don't forget – **EVERYONE** must turn in a permission form signed by a parent or guardian. This includes all students and their dates. There are extra permission forms in the office. You can turn them into the office or at the after prom. After prom is open to all juniors and seniors at RSHS even if they did not attend the prom. However, freshmen and sophomores may not attend the after prom unless they also attended prom and are accompanied by their prom date. There are over **\$7,000.00** in prizes so you won't want to miss this year's after prom!!

ACADEMIC TEAM NEWS: The following Rising Sun students participated in the senior division of the Indiana Academic Super Bowl area competition on April 20: Matt Becker, Zach Becker, Dustin Devers, Adam Eldridge, Parker Kelly, Nate Minks, Jodie Otter, Ashley Palaima, Krista Sprague, Hillary Thompson, and Minh Tran. Rising Sun's science squad placed 14th, and our fine arts squad placed 8th, among teams from more than 60 Indiana schools competing in the Class 4 enrollment division. The academic team coaches are Karen Gillard and Linda Paeth.

IMMUNIZATIONS DEADLINE: Letters have already been sent outlining new immunization requirements for next school year. Parents were also sent letters telling them what their child needed specifically. A free clinic was offered at school on

April 15. If your child is still in need of immunizations, you can contact the health department at 438-2551 for free immunizations. If your child does not receive the required immunizations by August 30, 2010 he/she will not be permitted to attend public school according to state legislation. If you have any questions regarding immunizations you can contact Jamie Works, School Nurse.



Sports News

PHYSICALS: High school students who plan to participate in any sports during the 2010-2011 school year will need to have a physical examination before participating in any practices or games. As always, athletes may use their own doctors at their own expense. The physical must be given after May 1st in order to be good for the following year. Physicals for high school and middle school athletes will be given at the high school building on the following dates: Wednesday, May 26th for boys and Thursday, May 27th for girls. Both days will be from

3:30-5:00pm. The fee for the physical is \$10.00. More information and forms are available at each school.

ORVC ALL-CONFERENCE BANQUET: This banquet will be held on Wednesday, June 9th at the Pines in Madison. The banquet will begin at 6:30pm. Only all-conference players and coaches attend this banquet, no parents.

END OF THE YEAR SPORTS BANQUET: The End of the Year Sports Banquet will be held on Thursday, June 10th at 6:00pm in the high school cafeteria. Appropriate dress is required. Athletes are free for the catered meal, but they are limited to two guests. Cost for guests is \$5.00 per reservation. See Mrs. Billingsley for reservations and questions.

SECTIONAL DATES

Sport	Place	Date
Softball	Jac-Cen-Del	May 24, 26, & 27
Baseball	Shawe	May 27, 31, & June 1
Girls Track	Franklin Co.	May 18
Boys Track	East Central	May 20
Golf	Madison	June 7



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