

CONNER HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Seniors and Senior Parents:

Greetings from the Conner Guidance Department! Despite the wonderful spring weather, we are still here in Guidance working hard toward the end of the year. This is one of the busiest times of the year in Guidance, so here's a look at what Seniors need to know for the rest of the year.

First, springtime means scholarship season. While scholarship deadlines have passed for many colleges and universities, local and regional scholarships are coming into Guidance on a daily basis. Many scholarships range from state-level awards to awards specifically for Conner students. In some years, we have had a large group of Seniors apply for these awards, while in other years, very few Seniors have applied. These awards can make a substantial difference in the overall financial responsibility that a student has while attending college. These scholarships are definitely worth the time and effort that it takes to apply. Mr. Ford updates the scholarship update often, and Ms. Brock keeps copies of the applications behind her desk. Students simply need to come in with a list of scholarships (the Update has them numbered) that they wish to have, and she can pull the applications for students while they are in the office.

One of the highlights of the school year for our school and for the Guidance Department is Senior Awards Night. At this night, Seniors are awarded a variety of honors; however, the primary focus of the evening is the awarding of scholarships and the honoring of students receiving those scholarships. If you receive and are accepting any financial award, please bring a copy of the letter to the Guidance Office so that we may honor you at Awards Night. Moreover, it allows us to calculate a total of accepted awards money for our students for the year. This year's Awards Night is on May 16th at 7PM in the Conner Gymnasium.

If there is a Senior who needs to get in one more ACT, the next test date is in June. It is imperative that if you are a Senior and need to take the ACT, please sign up as soon as possible. Registration packets are available at actstudent.org or in the Guidance Office. Registration ends for the June test during the first week of May. Also, check with the university that you wish to attend, because many schools offer residual ACTs – tests that count toward admission at **their university only**. This may be another way that a student can test and gain admission to the college of their choice.

Now is the time many scholarships and awards are asking for recommendations as part of the selection process. **JUST A REMINDER:** If you need any information, recommendations, etc. from the Guidance Office, please allow 2-3 days to give us enough time to provide quality recommendations for you.

Finally, if you are a Senior and needing to finish up credits through some type of credit recovery program, please see your Guidance Counselor immediately. Students who are making up credits through the E2020 program must have those credits finished by May 7 in order to graduate on time. Credit Recovery will be held at Conner in June for those students who qualify and need to make up credits. Make certain that you have the credits you need to graduate – any questions, visit Guidance.

May 1st is National Decision Day for colleges and universities. Remember, proper etiquette dictates that you contact a) the school you will be attending to confirm, and b) the colleges that you are declining to let them know of your decision. It only takes a phone call or an email to the Admissions office – make sure you take care of this important step in the college process.

Remember a few of the following things:

- 1) AP Exam window will be from May 7 to May 18. We will be testing again this year at Hebron Lutheran Church.
- 2) Senior Awards Night will be May 16, 2012. Be sure to save those scholarship letters so that we can announce your winnings on that evening.
- 3) Speaking of scholarships, be sure to check the Scholarship Update – many local scholarships will be advertised through this publication. Scholarships are coming in RAPIDLY at this point, so be sure to check often.
- 4) Every time that you need a transcript sent, you **MUST** fill out an individual Transcript Request Form for Ms. Brock – she tracks every transcript sent out of our office or given to students (over 800 so far).
- 5) During the last few weeks of school, we will be visiting the cafeteria for students to determine where their final transcripts will be sent. Make sure that you do this, because, otherwise, your transcripts will not be sent to a college/university/military, etc.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with this year's Senior class. We have enjoyed working with you throughout your four year career at Conner High School. If you need anything after graduation, please do not hesitate to ask. Congratulations, and best wishes to the Class of 2012!

Warmest Regards,

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