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Counselor's News

Greetings from the School Counseling Office. My name is Mrs. Pertner and I am the Counselor for New London High School. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to the New London Community.

This is my 5th year as a school counselor. Previously I have worked as a Social Worker and a therapist in the Toledo, Port Clinton, and Sandusky area. While working in Sandusky, I had the opportunity to work in area schools collaborating and supporting their school counselors and their programs. This is when I realized how much I enjoyed the school environment and working not only with the staff but with students of all ages. I knew that I wanted to go back to graduate school to receive my school counseling degree, and I did. It was a great accomplishment in my life. I know that this is the job that I would enjoy for the rest of my career.

I live in the area with my husband, Joe, and our 3 children. I feel welcomed by the New London community and hope that I can work collaboratively with the staff and students here for a long time to come.

For this newsletter, my goal is to continue to keep communication open between myself and the community. I would like to talk about current meetings that are happening relevant to my office, thoughts on college readiness or preparation, healthy habits and awareness, and any other information that might be beneficial.

If there are any topics that you would like included, please email me at bpertner@newlondon.k12.oh.us and let me know!

Take Care,
Mrs. Pertner

Upcoming Events

March 1st, 2012

Local Scholarship Available to
Seniors

March 12th- 16th, 2012- OGT testing

all Sophomores

March 12th, 2012- ASVAB test

all Juniors

May 9th, 2012 8:00 AM

AP Calculus Exam

May 16th, 2012 12:00 PM

AP Statistics Exam

May 29th, 2012

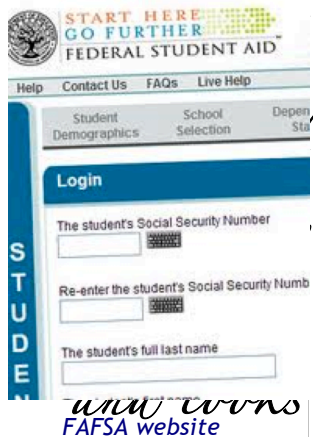
Senior Scholarship Night

Graduation Requirements



Registration for 2012-2013 is coming soon. Please look for information on the school website.

“Opportunity is missed by most



Math, English, Science, and Social Studies are what students need to graduate, right? Sure, but there is a little more to it. The State of Ohio has been changing their graduation requirements in the recent past, and New London High School has been doing its best to update our local requirements and maintain a curriculum that prepares our students for life after high school.

For the Class of 2013, they are required to complete 4 Math classes, 4 English classes, 3 Science classes, 3 Social Studies classes, a half a credit of Physical Education, a half a credit of Health, and a half a credit of Financial Management. They also must be in a fine arts class for 2 semesters. This does not add up to the 23 total credits that are required for a diploma, so the rest of the credits are made up with electives. College bound students are encouraged to take at least 3 years of a foreign language. And to round out the rest of the requirements, we have

What is a FAFSA?

All college bound seniors must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Regardless if you believe that you are eligible to receive financial aid, colleges and universities require all students to fill this out. Some parents may remember this as a paper form (I know I do), but

classes in business, art, agriculture, family & consumer sciences, vocational offerings, & music. We also offer many elective classes in the core subject areas of math, English, science and social studies.

Very soon your student will be bringing home the Student Registration Guide for the 2012- 2013 school year. I would encourage you to read the book thoroughly. There have been a few changes to policies in the past, and these are highlighted here. Also, use this book to talk to your student about what classes that they would like to take next year and in the future. This guide is the biggest source of information regarding classes that are offered, policies that guide the selection process, and suggestions for a smooth registration process. This is an effort between the student, parents, and staff here at New London High School.

that's no longer the case. The federal government has gone paperless and streamlines the process online. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin the process as soon as possible. Below are some helpful tips to know about the FAFSA before you begin filling it out.

1. Parents and students must request a PIN number (this is your electronic signature). If a parent has one for an older sibling, they will use the same one. You can get a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov
2. You can auto fill your income information directly from the IRS website. This can save you some headaches down the road.
3. Never pay for anyone to fill out your FAFSA for you! This is why it is call a "Free" Application.
4. Try to prepare your federal income taxes early.
5. Remember, when the FAFSA says "you" and "your", it means the student, not the parents.
6. Don't use decimal points when completing financial sections.
7. Save your online work frequently. You can return to it later if you need to leave your computer.
8. Review the Student Aid Report (SAR) carefully. You are able to go back and make corrections within 30 days.
9. FAFSA is available on January 1st of each year.

What's On the Board

Have you taken a look at the bulletin board outside of the Guidance office? It has been used for students to announce their acceptance to the college that they plan on attending. We are also using it to advertise current scholarships that are open for applications. These scholarships are national and state ones, that are open to a larger group of students than just the ones that we award in May. Some of them include

KFC Scholars, US Bank, PDK Prospective Educators, and more. We receive more in the mail weekly. Please make sure you are checking this board for information.

Also, if you would like to announce where you are going to college next year, bring in your acceptance letter and we would be happy to announce it for you!

Junior College Awareness

Now is a great time of year for the Junior class to really start thinking about what their plans for applying to college are. Campus visit opportunities and college information may be coming to you in email or snail mail now. You have 2 college visit/job shadowing days that you can use this year. I am visiting the Junior English

classes to talk about the application process and answer questions that students may have at this time regarding their plans for after high school. As always, if you would like to speak with me individually, please stop in the office and schedule an appointment.



Career Spotlight:

In this section, I hope to spotlight one career and talk about the training or schooling that a student would need to be qualified for this job, how much someone who does this makes per year, as well as the job demand for the future.

A great website for you to visit for more information is

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/index.htm>.

At this website, you can click on what you like to do (such as Math, Building & Fixing Things, Science, etc...) and from there it will suggest possible careers. Click on one of these, and it will give you information such as what the job is like, how do you get ready, how much does the job pay, how many jobs are there, the future of the profession, and what jobs are similar. It is never too early or too late to look at this information. In the future look here for more information regarding a specific career.

FAQ's in the Office...

I'm a sophomore (or freshman)...should I even think about college right now?

Absolutely! The choices that you are making when registering for classes, jobs or volunteering in the community, and other activities can impact your college selection and affordability.

What are colleges looking for on your transcripts?

Colleges are looking to make sure that you have taken a rigorous course load and challenged yourself while you were in high school. More selective colleges (private colleges as well as more popular schools like OSU) actually do look at course selection and follow up with the student to ask why they may not have taken a class or why they dropped a class. Schools are also sent a "School Profile" from NLHS that lists the courses that we offer here. This is so that they don't fault a student for not taking a course, when it is not offered.

Do you have a question that you would like answered here? Please stop in the Guidance office or email Mrs. Pertner your questions!