

Counseling notes

May 2011

Inside this Issue

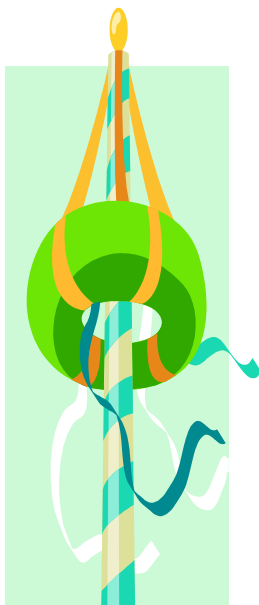
- 1 Counseling Staff
May Events Calendar
- 2 Testing Information
A.C.T. /S.A.T.
- 3 Financial Aide Information
- 4 Community Services
- 5 Career News
- 6 Scholarship/Financial Aid Process
- 7 Steps for Applying to College



UTICA HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

Mrs. Peterson A – Gol
Mr. Perry Gom – Og
Mrs. Carabelli Oh – Z

Mrs. Rutledge – Counseling
Administrative Assistant



MAY Events

May 2 – 12 – AP Testing

May 3 & 4 Senior Parent
Meeting

May 12 – Senior Honors
Night

May 27 – No School
Professional Development Day

May 30 – No School
Memorial Day

SNEAK PREVIEW INTO JUNE

June 2 & 3 – Seniors Exams

June 3 - Seniors Last Day

June 3 - Senior Picnic

June 9 – Prom
Palazzo Grande

June 10 – Baccalaureate

June 11 - Commencements

June 11 - Sr. All Night Party

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

June 13 & 14, 2011 – Full Day

June 15 & 16 – Half Days

June 16 – Last day of school

TESTING INFORMATION - PLEASE POST

<u>A.C.T. EXAM</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>COST</u> no writing	<u>COST</u> plus writing	<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
06/11/11	05/06/11	\$32.00	\$47.00	05/20/11	\$21.00

<u>S.A.T. EXAM</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>LATE REGISTRATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
05/07/11	04/08/11	\$47.00*	04/22/11	\$24.00*
06/04/11	05/06/11	\$47.00*	05/20/11	\$24.00*

****PLEASE SEE YOUR COUNSELOR ON ADDITIONAL COST FOR ACHIEVEMENT TESTS.***

Students can register for the ACT test at www.act.org and the SAT test at www.collegeboard.com.
 Utica High School code is 233630

NOTE: Students taking college admissions test are strongly encouraged to take the practice tests and read testing strategies provided by companies in their student bulletins. If you take time to prepare for the test, you will find time spent was worthwhile.

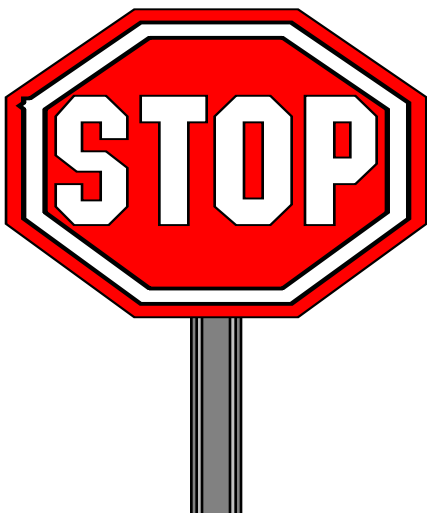




**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
AND FINANCIAL AID
INFORMATION**

ALL SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED IN THIS SECTION HAVE APPLICATIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAREER CENTER OFFICE, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR WHEN INTERESTED IN A PARTICULAR SCHOLARSHIP.

Always NOTE:
DEADLINE DATES



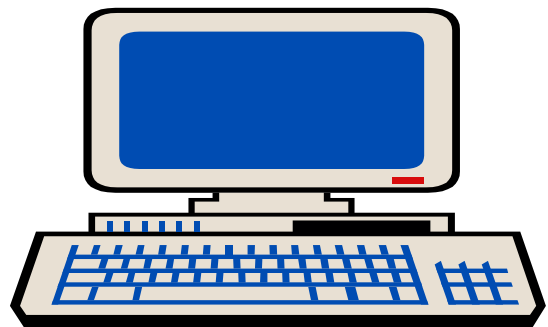
**FINANCIAL AID
INFORMATION**

Students are reminded that they should contact the **FINANCIAL AID OFFICE** of the college they are planning to attend to see if there are any scholarships that are available through that office. Not all colleges will automatically send students this information.

Students are also reminded to seek out scholarships that may be available through their parents:

- EMPLOYERS**
- ASSOCIATIONS/CLUBS**
- RELIGION**
- UNIONS**
- ETHNIC AFFILIATION**
- MILITARY SERVICE**

For further information and availability on financial aid and scholarships please check out our page that lists the websites.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Listed below are examples of community agencies available to assist you. Further questions contact a counselor.

<i>ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE</i>	<i>COUNSELING MACOMB COUNTY</i>	<i>PROTECTIVE SERVICES/ FAMILY VIOLENCE</i>
AL-ANON FAMILY & TEENS1-248-888-8586	CRISIS CENTER (24 HOUR)1-586-307-9100	MACOMB COUNTY PROTECTIVE SERVICES
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS1-248-541-6565	FAMILY INDEPENDENCE1-586-254-1500	Weekdays after 5:00 p.m. and weekends1-586-254-1513 Clinton Twp...1-586-412-6109
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS1-248-543-7200	MACOMB FAMILY SERVICES CLINTON TWP1-586-226-3440 SHELBY TWP1-586-254-5660	NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE (24 hour)1-800-442-4453
<i>MACOMB COUNTY</i>		
CARE1-586-541-2273	Utica High Counselors have the names of numerous agencies and phone numbers they can share with you.	TURNING POINT (Family violence, Sexual Assault) (24 hour)1-586-463-6990
OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE1-586-469-5278	Contact your son's/ daughter's counselor.	<i>SUICIDE PREVENTION</i>
<i>PARENTING HELP</i>		
FAMILY VIOLENCE HELPLINE1-800-996-6228	<i>UTICA HIGH COUNSELORS</i> (586)797-2290	MACOMB COUNTY CRISIS CENTER1-586-307-9100
PARENTING MATTERS1-800-531-5151	Marcy Peterson..... <i>A - Gol</i> Lawrence Perry..... <i>Gom - Og</i>	Utica High Counselors have access to agencies that are available 24 hours for assessment or evaluation. See or talk to your counselor.
PARENTING HELPLINE1-800-961-2229	Annemarie Carabelli..... <i>Oh - Z</i>	<i>YOUTH PREVENTION SERVICES (ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTION)</i> YOUTH PREVENTION1-586-469-5479
<i>RUNAWAY SERVICES</i>		
FAMILY YOUTH INTERVENTION1-586-465-1212		YOUTH BUREAU - SHELBY TWP POLICE1-586-731-2121
RUNAWAY RAP LINE (24 hour)1-800-292-4517		

SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

- ✚ Check out scholarships listed weekly at the UHS Counseling website link, “Counseling Notes” . Applications are available in the Counseling Office unless otherwise noted. Students are advised to see their counselor when interested in a particular scholarship.
- ✚ Contact the financial aid office to the college(s) you are planning to attend to see if you qualify for any scholarships or scholarship competitions. (*note:* not all colleges/universities will automatically send students this information).
- ✚ Do a scholarship search. Scholarship search websites can be found at UHS Counseling website link “Scholarships/Financial Aid” .
- ✚ Federal and State Aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants and loans. You must fill out the FAFSA forms (Free Application for Federal and State Aid) by February of your senior year to see if you qualify for any state or federal funds. (*note:* students who have achieved a 23+ composite score on the ACT qualify for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship which is a need based scholarship. FAFSA forms must be completed in order to receive this scholarship).
- ✚ College Goal Sunday will be held at the University Center at MCC on Feb.14, 2010 from 2-4 p.m.. (See page 5 of Counseling Notes for additional information)
- ✚ Students are also reminded to seek out scholarships that may be available through their parents - Employers/Associations & Clubs/Religion/Unions/Ethnic Affiliations/Military Service.
- ✚ Always be aware of *deadline dates!!!!*
- ✚ *Always be aware of Scholarship Scams!!!!*

STEPS FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE

1. Pick up College Application in the Career Center/Counseling Office or use On-Line Applications (*preferred method*).
2. Fill out the hard-copy application (Be sure to print in black or blue ink *only*).
3. Completed applications should be turned in to the Counseling Office (with application fee-check or money order only) for processing.
4. Students doing on-line applications *must* print out the "Counselor" page and bring it in to the Counseling Office for processing.
5. It is recommended that students apply to college by Thanksgiving of their senior year (**note:** some colleges/universities have an early admissions program. Students interested should contact the college of their choice in late August/early September).
6. Students can access all in-state college websites by clicking on our college/university link. These sites include electronic applications and other important college information.
7. Students interested in attending an out-of-state college are advised to "Google" that school website for applications/information.
8. Seniors are reminded that they must take the ACT test for in-state colleges/universities. ACT tests are offered in April & June (recommended dates for 11th grade students) and October, December and February (recommended dates for 12th grade students). **NOTE:** students planning to attend an out-of-state college/university should contact that school as to what college entrance exam is required (ACT or SAT).
9. Seniors planning to attend Macomb Community College should apply before April of their senior year. Applications are available in the Counseling Office or on-line. All applications should be processed through the Counseling Office.
10. Students should be aware that college reps visit our high school campus. To attend these visits, students must register on-line. To check out the times and dates of these visits as well as register, you should go to our website link "college visits".
11. Students are also encouraged to do on campus college visits before choosing a college. Contact the college/university for a planned visit.
12. Determine how you will finance your college education. Check out UHS Counseling Website for scholarships, scholarship searches & financial aid information.