

Fall 2011 Senior Information

Retaking the ACT

- ✦ Register for Fall ACT or SAT exams if you need to retake. Registration materials are located in counseling office or you can register online for the ACT @ www.actstudent.org or the SAT @ www.collegeboard.com. Always select 4 colleges to send your scores to when you register to take the ACT.

Below are the average ACT scores of many local colleges. (Remember this is AVERAGE, students do get in with lower and higher. Colleges also look at grade history, rigorous classes, extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, etc). Most students who retake the ACT improve their score.

Albion: 25	Alma: 24	Central Mich: 22.3	Eastern Mich: 21	Ferris State: 21
Grand Valley: 24	Hope: 26	Kettering: 27	MSU: 25	Michigan Tech: 26
Northwood: 21	Oakland: 22	Saginaw Valley: 21	UD Mercy: 24	UM: 30
Wayne State: 21	Western Mich: 22.5			

Credit Check – Do You Have All Your Required Courses/Credits?

- ✦ Credit Check – Do you have all of your graduation requirements? See the enclosed form to verify you are on track to graduate. Sign up to see your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate.

College Fairs

- ✦ Local College Fairs:
These fairs are opportunities for you to speak with and receive information from many local colleges and secondary programs in one area.
 - Warren City Hall Sept 22nd 6:00-8:00 pm
 - Macomb CC (South Campus) Oct 11th 5:30 – 8:00 pm
 - Grosse Pointe North HS Oct 19th 6:00-7:30 pm
- ✦ Seniors have the opportunity to sign up to visit with (3) College Representatives during Seminar. See Mrs. Kandel in the counseling office to sign up to learn more about the college you are interested in.

College/Technical School Applications

- ✦ Most colleges/technical schools encourage on-line applications. The advantage is that your information is immediately uploaded to the college's admission office. **Remember, to download the required Counselor Form and bring it to your counselor.** Your counselor will complete the form and mail it with your official transcript, test scores, and other information the college requests within 3 school days.
- ✦ Check "YES, I am interested in Financial Aid" on all applications, so that you'll receive information from the colleges about scholarships and financial aid.
- ✦ **School Information:**
Lakeview's school code is: 233-350
The Address is 21100 E. Eleven Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
Counseling Phone: 586-445-4055
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- ✦ **Counselor Information**

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Letter of Recommendation

- ✦ Many colleges do not require letters of recommendations from teachers but, if one is required, request recommendation letters from teachers, counselors, coaches, or employers early. Give teachers your resume to provide ideas for strong letters, or you could use our “Request for a Letter of Recommendation” form included in this packet. You should provide an addressed, stamped envelope so they can send them directly to the college/technical school. You will need to remind your recommender of your deadlines.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- ✦ **Merit Based Scholarships** - If you are eligible for a scholarship (usually ACT and GPA based) from the school(s) to which you apply, you will receive information from that school after your application is accepted. You may need to take a test, write an essay or go for a competition to be eligible. Visit the office of Financial Aid/Scholarships at your individual schools (online) for a listing of potential scholarships offered by that college.
- ✦ **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
 - Information available in Lakeview’s HS Counseling’s Office in late November or from www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - The FAFSA is required by every college before you’re considered for need-based loans or financial aid
 - **a FAFSA must be submitted AFTER January 1, 2012 and BEFORE March 1st, 2012 at www.fafsa.ed.gov**
 - If you expect consideration for need-based aid from the state of Michigan, mail it by mid February.
 - After you mail the FAFSA, within several weeks you’ll receive a STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR) which details your financial aid package from the federal government and tells about loans or grants for which you are eligible.
 - The aid package may consist of (a) grants, (b) loans, and/or (c) work study/internships. Please work closely with the college financial aid office you plan to attend
- ✦ **Need Help Completing your FAFSA?**
 - Attend College Goal Sunday on February 12th, 2012 at Madonna College in Livonia from 2pm – 4pm. This is a FREE service that will help you and your parents/guardians complete the FAFSA. Please remember to bring along your (student and parents) tax return information. This service will be provided at several colleges/universities.
 - For more information please visit www.collegegoalsundayusa.org
 - Attend Lakeview’s Financial Aid Night: **Wednesday, Dec 7th, 2012 @ 6:00 pm, Lakeview HS Auditorium**
- ✦ **Scholarship Search Sites:**
 - fastweb.com, careersandcolleges.com, gocollege.com, cappex.com, scholarship.com
- ✦ **General Information About the College Process:**
 - Knowhow2go.org – Planning for college
 - Mikeroweworks.com – All kinds of information about technical and trade careers
- ✦ **Scholarship Board in our Counseling Office** - Check often to locate new scholarships in the CRC. We receive scholarship mail from business groups and many organizations, such as Comcast, Target Dept., Professional Groups, and Local Scholarships. You may apply for as many as you wish. Also check with your parents and your employers, clubs, churches, unions, etc. for scholarship offers.
- ✦ **NCAA Clearinghouse** – Are you going to play a college sport at the D-1 or D-2 level? See Mr. Morin in the counseling office for information on the Clearinghouse procedure.

Enjoy Your Senior Year, and see us at anytime for assistance.

-The Counseling Department

SENIOR INFORMATION SHEET – Class of 2012

NAME: _____ SEMINAR TEACHER: _____ DATE: _____ COUNSELOR: _____

Graduation Requirements 2012:

- English – 4 credits (Eng I, II, III, IV)
- Math – 4 credits (Alg I, Geo, Alg II (IIA & IIB or Accelerated ALG II), Senior Math/Math Related)
- Science – 3 credits (Physics, Chemistry, Biology)
- Social Studies – 3 credits (World, US History, Econ/Gov)
- Health – 1 credit
- PE – 1 credit
- Visual, Performing, Art – 1 credit
- Electives – 11 credits (minimum)

Total Credits Available to Earn: 32

Minimum Credits needed to graduate: 28

Graduation Requirements will be met: Yes _____ No _____ If no, what will you be missing: _____

If you transferred in to Lakeview at anytime during high school your graduation requirements may be different. Any Lakeview Senior with questions or concerns regarding requirements should sign up to see his/her counselor ASAP.

Also, sign up to see your counselor to assist you with post secondary planning and college applications. All applications should be in my mid November to be competitive for admissions.

Post Secondary Plans – Check and List options you are thinking about

Community College _____
List

4 Year College _____
List

Armed Forces _____
List

Career/Technical School _____
List

Work

Any other information, concerns or questions you would like to discuss with your counselor?

Request for a Letter of Recommendation

My Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Date Needed: _____ (Allow a minimum of one week)

Would you please write me a letter of recommendation for:

- College Application (list schools) _____
- College Scholarship _____
- Summer Program/Job _____

About Me:

My High School GPA: _____

My Clubs, Sports, Activities, Part-Time Job:

Awards and Honors I've Earned:

Some of my Personal Strengths Are:

What sets you apart from other candidates?

Anticipated Major/Career Field and why:

Anything else you think would be beneficial to add?

Please:

- Give this letter to : _____
- I have included a stamped addressed envelope, please seal the letter and mail it to: _____

Senior Year Checklist

Senior year is finally here, and it's full of things to do to get ready for college. Use this senior year checklist to keep track of your progress and upcoming deadlines for testing, admissions and financial aid.

September – December

- Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements
- Sign up for the ACT (if you didn't take it as a junior, or if you aren't satisfied with your score, or if you've learned a lot since you first took it.)
- Review ACT test results and retest if necessary
- Keep working hard all year; second semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility
- Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines. Follow your school's procedure for requesting recommendations.
- Visit with admissions counselors who come to your high school
- Attend a college fair
- Begin your college essay(s)
- Apply for admission at the colleges you've chosen – Apply by Mid-November
- Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college you have applied to
- Search for scholarships

January – May

- If you need it, get help completing the FAFSA – Apply after January first and get your FAFSA completed by Mid-February
- Visit colleges that have invited you to enroll
- Decide which college to attend, and notify the school of your decision
- Keep track of and observe deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork
- Notify schools you will not attend of your decision
- Continue to look for scholarship opportunities
- Keep track of important financial aid and scholarship deadlines
- Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR)—it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed
- Compare financial aid packages from different schools
- Sign and send in a promissory note if you are borrowing money
- Notify your college about any outside scholarships you received