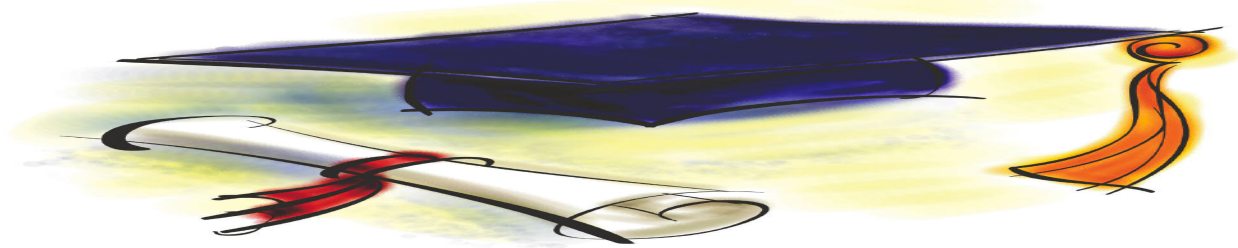


BISHOP FENWICK HIGH CLASS OF 2012



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIOR PARENTS

As the excitement of Senior Year and Graduation approach, many details can be forgotten or simply overlooked. This flyer has been put together to bring these details to the attention of seniors and their parents. Please read this material carefully and keep it as a reference for use throughout the coming school year. Hopefully you will find this helpful as you navigate through what will surely be a very busy time for you and your family. Please feel free to contact the office at 513-423-0723 if you have any questions. We are eager to make this coming year an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone!

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

25 credits are required for graduation from Bishop Fenwick High School for the Class of 2012. The *required* credits are:

English	4 credits	Mathematics	3 credits	Religion	4 credits
Science	3 credits	Social Studies	3 ½ credits	Foreign Language	2 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit	Technology	1 credit	Phys. Ed/Health	1 credit

Required courses in Science are Biology and 2 other Sciences, including at least one physical science.

Required courses in Social Studies are U.S. History I, U.S. History II (or APUS History), Government, and World History.

Please contact Jean Horn (last name A-J) at 513-423-0723 (x239) or jhorn@fenwickfalcons.org OR Vicki Weisbrod (last name K-Z) at 513-423-0723 (x218) or vweisbrod@fenwickfalcons.org with questions.

All books and other school property must be returned to teachers, lockers must be cleaned out, and all fines and financial obligations must be met before report cards will be released, diplomas will be conferred or transcripts will be forwarded. Deadline is Thursday, May 24, 2012. Please contact Mike Raiff @ 513-420-8696 or mraiff@fenwickfalcons.org if you have any concerns.

Service requirements must be completed as outlined below. Commencement gown must be turned in as detailed below.

SERVICE

Per the student handbook, Juniors/Seniors must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to an *approved* service agency (from list provided by campus ministry) by establishing a relationship with a particular organization. This program is not based on a minimal fulfillment of service hours, but is instead a year long (or longer) commitment to serve regularly. Agency supervisors will document the student's participation and provide feedback on student service. Students will be responsible for providing written responses to two service journal prompts per quarter. **Students must complete their service requirements in order to get credit for their religion courses and to fulfill Fenwick graduation requirements. Failure to fulfill service requirements will result in a grade of "incomplete" for religion and withholding of the diploma.** Removal of an "incomplete" requires that the service requirements be fulfilled. Please contact Mark Floyd in Campus Ministry with questions at 513-423-0723 (x211) or mfloyd@fenwickfalcons.org.

SENIOR PICTURES

On May 11, 2011 Easterling Studios (937-222-8410) provided your junior student with information as to costs, preferred times for sittings, etc. during a slide show presentation. Easterling is offering the following special deals: Sittings in April, May, and June are **free** for up to three outfits. They will get a yearbook picture and two others for this, plus they may purchase more pictures at their option. Sittings in July and August are at **50% off** the regular sitting fee of \$80 for a session with up to five outfits. This will provide a yearbook picture plus any others the student wants to purchase. After August the sittings are \$80 for the yearbook picture plus the cost of any pictures they want to purchase. Senior Ads for the yearbook are due to Fenwick by January 17, 2012.

Our contract with Easterling is exclusive for consistency of picture quality for the yearbook and for the senior class composite picture. Seniors must have their portraits taken at Easterling Studios in order for their portrait to be included in the senior class composite and in the yearbook. This must be done no later than **January 5, 2012**. There will be a sitting fee if you are not purchasing a senior package from Easterling. You can have your other senior pictures taken at any other studio of your choice.

Please contact Karen Chicketti at (513) 423-0723 ext 220 or kchicketti@fenwickfalcons.org with questions.

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Summer/Early Fall - Continue to research and visit potential college options. Narrow down list where applications will be submitted. Compile a "To Do" list including application requirements and deadlines. **Please see the enclosure regarding our new college planning tool, Naviance.**

Early September - Counselors distribute and explain re-calculated transcripts utilizing the updated table located on page 1 of the 2011-2012 Course of Studies. In addition, the procedures for requesting transcripts will be explained. Students planning to retake the ACT/SAT should plan on doing so before Christmas Break. Go to www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com for additional details.

September through December - Application window. All seniors are encouraged to finish applying by December 1, 2011 in order to be eligible for all early action and priority scholarship deadlines.

September through May - Scholarship Search Window. This search should occur concurrently with the application process. College websites, OCIS, Fastweb, College Board, Edline, and Naviance are just a few of the many sites where scholarship information can be accessed.

January 1 - FAFSA TIME! Families should complete the federal aid form and submit the results to all of the colleges to which their children submitted applications.

January - Financial Aid Night at Fenwick

May 1 - National commitment deadline - students must deposit at their college of choice.

Early May - Complete Senior Exit Survey for the counselors for use with graduation festivities.

May 25th - CELEBRATE - Graduation

GRADUATION EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES/DEADLINES

Sometime during **October** seniors will be asked to fill out a card with their **name as it should read on their diploma**. There will be a charge to replace a printed diploma which was previously approved by the student.

October 19, 2011 - Senior Meeting with Graduate Services (phone #513-272-5890) will be held at Fenwick to fit seniors for their caps and gowns (rental covered by graduation fee), and to give them order forms for graduation announcements and other items. These announcements and other items are not mandatory so if desired they must be ordered and purchased by the parents.

October 28, 2011 & November 15, 2011 - Senior Order Due Dates: Graduate Services will be at Fenwick during lunches to take your order for graduation announcements and any other items you desire.

January 5, 2012 - Deadline for senior portraits to be taken at Easterling Studios in order for portraits to be included in the senior class composite and in the yearbook.

January 17, 2012 - Deadline for senior ad for the yearbook.

March 2, 2012 - Graduation Announcement orders will be delivered during lunches by Graduate Services.

April, 2012 - Senior Letter, with tickets (possibly 7) enclosed, will be mailed detailing graduation events.

May 7, 2012 - Caps and gowns will be delivered during lunches by Graduate Services. The gowns have been custom made for Bishop Fenwick High School with the school emblem embroidered on them. **These gowns are rented and must be returned following the commencement ceremony, at which time the students will receive their diplomas.** Graduates will keep their caps and tassels.

Monday, May 21 and Tuesday, May 22 senior exams will be administered.

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 (date needs to be confirmed, location TBA) - Senior Banquet will be held for seniors and their parents *only*. Reservations are required. Two parents and their student are covered by senior fees. There will be a fee for additional meals for two household families. Boys should wear shirt and tie; girls should wear dress-up attire.

Friday, May 25, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. - **MANDATORY** graduation rehearsal at St. Susanna Church in Mason

Friday, May 25, 2012 - Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremonies will be held at St. Susanna Church in Mason at 6:30pm. Admission is by ticket only due to space limitations. You will most likely receive 7 tickets. Seniors are to arrive at 6:00pm dressed in caps and gowns. These events will be videotaped by Great Scott Productions. Information on purchasing a video will be available later.

DIRECTIONS TO GRADUATION EVENTS

ST. SUSANNA CHURCH, 616 READING ROAD, MASON, OH 45040

- I75 (North or South)
- Tylersville Road Exit - Go East on Tylersville Road towards Mason and away from Hamilton.
- Follow to the intersection of Tylersville Rd. and Reading Road/Route 42. There is a traffic light and a BP station at this intersection. Turn left (North) onto Reading Road.
- St. Susanna Church will be on the right side about a block down from Tylersville. The address is 616 Reading Rd. Parking at the church.
- If you come to St. Susanna Education Campus with the old church behind it, you have gone about a block too far.

SENIOR BANQUET LOCATION

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