**Senior Information**

1. **Senior Mailbox**:

Each senior has a mailbox that is located on the shelf right inside the counselor’s office. Find your name on the sheet posted on the wall right next to the mailboxes to find your number. Important information such as scholarships, college information, and other resources will be put in your mailbox for you to pick up. **Please check your mailbox every week!**

1. **College/Technical School/Military Information**:

Packets containing information regarding certain colleges/technical schools are also located on the wall right outside of the counselor’s office for you to take. Also, be sure to check out the college’s website that you are interested in attending next year. Most college websites have an option to take a virtual tour. **Pay close attention to enrollment details and deadlines!** Military resources and contact information are also located on the wall right outside of the counselor’s office.

1. **Scholarships**:

All scholarship information that I receive will be placed in your mailbox, uploaded to the Senior Scholarships Google Classroom, or emailed to you. **Make sure that you apply early and keep track of deadlines!** Visit your college’s website to apply for all of their available scholarships. There is also a list of general scholarship websites on the counselor’s page located under the services tab on the Otterville School website. Doing your own search for scholarships on the Internet or through contacts you may know would also be helpful.

1. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**:

This electronic form helps individuals apply for financial aid for college or technical school. Starting in **December 2023**, seniors and their parents can go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa to start filling out their application. There is more information and a video demonstrating how to fill out the FAFSA on the counselor’s page on the school website. **You must fill out a FAFSA to be able to receive the A+ Incentive!**

1. **College/Military Visits:**

There will be numerous opportunities for any interested senior to be able to visit with college/military representatives when they come here to Otterville. These scheduled visits are designed to help you narrow down your college/career choice, major, and/or plans for the future. If you decide to visit a college campus on your own, there is a form that you will need to take with you so that your absence will not count against your attendance. That form is available in the counselor’s office.

1. **ACT Test:**

If any senior needs to take the ACT, they need to go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) to register. The cost is $68. If you need help navigating the website or completing your registration, please see Ms. Staus. The ACT is a requirement for admission to most colleges. There will also be two opportunities (fall and spring) to take the ACT at school with Ms. Staus through district ACT testing.

1. **Careers:**

Any senior who has decided to go right into the workforce after graduation or if you just want to know more about certain careers, here are some helpful websites:

Missouri Job Center – [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov)

Missouri Economic Research and Information Center

(MERIC) – [www.missourieconomy.org](http://www.missourieconomy.org)

[www.jobcase.com](http://www.jobcase.com)

[www.ziprecruiter.com](http://www.ziprecruiter.com)

State Fair Community College also offers Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs – [www.sfccmo.edu/apprenticeships](http://www.sfccmo.edu/apprenticeships).

Seniors and Parents: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 660-366-4621 ext. 404, [mstaus@ottervillervi.k12.mo.us](mailto:mstaus@ottervillervi.k12.mo.us), or meet with me in person! You can also visit my webpage on the Otterville School website under the Services tab.

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