

# COUNSELOR CHATTER

## **NOVEMBER 2020 EDITION**

*Mrs. Zearley, Lexington HS Counselor*

**THIS IS A WEIRD YEAR. HOW IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE THAT FIRST SEMESTER IS ALMOST OVER....**I want you to enjoy it, make memories, and have MUCH fun as possible. Make the most of this year... BUT don't forget that this is the year that begins the rest of your life! Make good choices, be safe and prepare, prepare, prepare. :)

### :NEW INFORMATION FOR THIS MONTH:

**\*IF YOU ARE AN ATHLETE AND INTEND TO PLAY SPORTS IN COLLEGE, MAKE SURE YOU SIGN UP FOR NCAA BY VISITING [WWW.NCAA.ORG](http://WWW.NCAA.ORG).** You click on "Eligibility Center" at the bottom of the page and create a Prospective Student Athlete Account by clicking on "REGISTER" in order to create an account or profile depending on which division you plan on playing in. You will need to pay a registration fee. If you take the ACT, NCAA requires that they receive your scores directly from ACT. When you register, you must enter code 9999 for ACT to send scores.

**\*IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED TO ANY COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, LET ME KNOW!!!!** We will include this during graduation festivities so that you can be congratulated and honored. Even if you decide to not go to a college, we still want to know you were accepted.

**\*LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE A TEST SITE FOR THE DECEMBER 12 NATIONAL ACT DATE.** If you have already registered for the site at MATC/Vo-Tech or another testing site, do not worry!! You can still take the test there OR you can login to your account at myACT.org and change the test site. Thanks to the CARES ACT money, every Lexington HS Senior will be receiving 1 FREE ACT VOUCHER that can be used at any time during the 2020-2021 ACT testing year (December 2020-July 2021). SIGN UP WITH MRS. ZEARLEY IF YOU WOULD LIKE A VOUCHER. You may even be eligible for multiple free fee waivers. See Mrs. Zearley for more information.

### :ACT DATES 2020-2021:

*If you have not taken the ACT, see Mrs. Zearley ASAP! EVERY LEXINGTON SENIOR IS ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE ACT VOUCHER for the 2020-2021 academic year through the CARES ACT allowance.*

**OUR ACT CODE FOR LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL IS 372105**

Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Online Score Release*
<b>*Dec 12, 2020*</b> <b>LEX HS TESTING SITE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>Nov 20, 2020</b>	<b>Nov 20, 2020</b>	<b>Dec 22, 2020; Jan 5, 2021</b>
<b>Feb 6, 2021</b>	<b>Jan 8, 2021</b>	<b>Jan 15, 2021</b>	<b>Feb 16; Mar 1, 2021</b>

Apr 17, 2021	Mar 12, 2021	Mar 26, 2021	Apr 20; May 4, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 21, 2021	June 22; July 6, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 25, 2021	July 27; Aug 10, 2021

.....ACT PREP CLASSES.....

These ACT Prep Classes are for your information; I am not endorsing them, just passing along the information:

The University of Oklahoma is offering ACT Prep Courses on December 5, January 30, April 10, and June 5. These courses will be on Zoom and the cost is \$100. To register, visit <https://pacs.ou.edu/precollegiate/9th-12th-grade/act-test-prep/> or call 405 325-6897.

Method Test Prep is offering ACT Power Classes which are offered online. There is a cost for each individual test prep. Visit the link: [https://www.methodtestprep.com/classes/act-test-prep-online/act-power-classes/?utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=76500277&hsenc=p2ANqtz-7RE8j2i7VPPoMUyI8lmcz0Rt29rvPuOClUZ4OVwxXFitSnMD545uu7EowbgaDmXg85Ds4Vn0IZTLByTyY\\_R7ViuLw&hsmi=76500840](https://www.methodtestprep.com/classes/act-test-prep-online/act-power-classes/?utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=76500277&hsenc=p2ANqtz-7RE8j2i7VPPoMUyI8lmcz0Rt29rvPuOClUZ4OVwxXFitSnMD545uu7EowbgaDmXg85Ds4Vn0IZTLByTyY_R7ViuLw&hsmi=76500840)

.....APPLY TO COLLEGE.....

Begin to apply to your individual colleges of interest NOW! If you meet admission criteria, NOW IS THE TIME! The earlier you apply for admission, the better your chances of getting scholarships and offers. Most early scholarship application deadlines are December 15 or February 1. The earlier you apply for admission, the better your chances of getting scholarships and offers. Just because you apply to a college and they accept you and offer a scholarship, does not mean you are obligated to go there. SHOP around, apply to colleges and determine later where your best offers and programs are. See who will give you the best deal for the best future!

I will be able to offer 2 days of “excused absences” for you to visit college campuses. See me for more information.

When you are ready to fill out an application, you may do so on your own OR, if you need help, you are welcome to come work on it in my office. You all are one of my biggest focuses and my door is always open. You must put forth the initiative to come to me, though. I’m more than happy to help, just ask.

.....SCHOLARSHIPS/IMPORTANT LINKS.....

Many scholarships I come across will be in your senior file. We place them in your senior folders as soon as I get them, so this can mean that we fill your file multiple times a week. There are many scholarship search engines, though. I will be able to share A LOT of information with you, but you will need to do your own research as there are entirely too many offers for any one

person to keep up with at any given time. Here are a few websites that will be extremely important for you to keep up with:

[www.ucango2.org](http://www.ucango2.org)

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

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

[www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org)

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

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

<https://occf.academicworks.com/opportunities>

<https://studentscholarships.org/>

IF YOU ACCESS THIS NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE YOU CAN CLICK ON THE ACTIVE LINKS TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FOR EACH.

.....**FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA**.....

What is FAFSA? The Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Every college requires this document to be on file if you attend their school, whether you qualify for federal money (grants, loans, work/study, scholarships, etc) or not. Additionally, many scholarships may ask for this, as well. The FAFSA opens every year on October 1 and closes the following June. You must fill the FAFSA out every year that you attend college or post-secondary schooling (Vo-Tech, etc). You will use your tax information from this past April to complete the application (2019 taxes). The earlier you apply for FAFSA, the better. This will be done at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Everyone who will go to college or attend a post-secondary educational experience (such as Vo-Tech or a trade school) will be required to fill out a FAFSA application .

.....**HOW DO YOU STAY INFORMED**.....

Check your Senior Folder. This is where you will find scholarship information and updates on things your seniors sponsors and I may need from you before graduation.

“Counselor Chatter” monthly memos as well as other information specific to Seniors will be accessible online at [www.lexington.k12.ok.us](http://www.lexington.k12.ok.us). Go to the school website and look on the right hand side under “Quick Links” to find the link titled “LHS Senior Site”.

.....**REMIND APP FOR SENIORS**.....

I will send information and reminders using the Remind App. You and/or your parents/guardians can sign up for this by texting @lexhs21 to 81010 to receive information via text message or you may log on to [www.remind.com/join/lexhs21](http://www.remind.com/join/lexhs21) to receive updates. If you sign up and would like to unsubscribe, you simply reply “unsubscribe”.

**MY OFFICE IS ALWAYS OPEN TO YOU**

**FOR WHATEVER YOU NEED.**

**PLEASE COME SEE ME! :)**