



Class of 2023

Senior Newsletter

September, 2022

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Welcome to the start of the 2022-23 school year! Your senior year is one of the most exciting and stressful times in high school. This is a big year for each and every one of you as you balance schoolwork, extracurricular activities, and the college application process. Our goal as a Guidance Staff is to work with each senior to help him/her through the process of determining the best route for life after high school.

For those students planning to attend college after high school, our most important advice is to stay on track with the college admissions process. Get organized, be aware of deadlines and do not procrastinate! The college application and financial aid process is filled with a lot of details and paperwork. It is very important that you involve your parents in this process.

Senior Newsletters will be distributed quarterly. This newsletter contains a lot of information to help you navigate through the first semester of your senior year:

- Advice for Parents
- First Semester Senior Calendar
- Senior Year Planning
- XHS college application/transcript process
- “Life After High School”

-Things to consider when choosing a college

-Things to consider when looking for a job/career

-Things to consider when looking at a military career

- ACT/SAT Information
- Helpful Websites for College Planning and Financial Aid

Advice For Parents:

There are many things you can do to help your senior prepare for continuing their education after high school.

- Sit down with your student and prepare a list of what he/she is looking for in a college and help him/her sort through the information they receive from different institutions to decide which ones offer what’s on their list.
- Complete Applications with your student.
- Ask them monthly, “what are you working on and what scholarships have you applied for?”
- Go on college visits with your student. A visit to a college campus is invaluable for making a decision.
- Attend Senior Parent Night Meeting (Sept. 22 @ 6:00)
- Complete the FAFSA application online
- In March, the award notices will start coming in. Look at the financing carefully and contact the schools with any questions

Senior Calendar

SEPTEMBER 14	Senior Sessions @ XHS
SEPTEMBER 15	Senior Sessions @ GCCC
SEPTEMBER 21	Professional Development - 2 hour early dismissal for students
SEPTEMBER 22	Senior Parent Planning Night – 6:00 p.m. – XHS Auditorium
SEPTEMBER 22	XHS Senior Class Meeting for Graduation Products – 7:30 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 22	Josten’s GCCC/1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 29	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 30	Josten’s Grad Order - Lunch/XHS and GCCC
OCTOBER 14	End of First Nine Weeks
OCTOBER 19	Professional Development – 2 hour early dismissal for students
OCTOBER 22	ACT TEST @ XHS at 8:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 23	ACT TEST @ XHS at 8:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 31	College applications submitted for first consideration
NOVEMBER 14	FAFSA SENIOR HELP - WSU - Library 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 16	Professional Development - 2 hour early dismissal for students
NOVEMBER 17	XHS Parent Teacher Conferences/FAFSA night
NOVEMBER 21-25	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
NOVEMBER 29	Senior Session @ GCCC
NOVEMBER 30	Senior Sessions @XHS
DECEMBER 10	ACT TEST @ XHS – 8:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 21	END OF 1ST SEMESTER
DEC 22 - JAN 2	WINTER BREAK

Planning Ahead: Timeline for a Successful Senior Year

Fall: Plan Wisely for Application Season

- Track Deadlines for application submissions
- If required for admission or scholarship applications, request recommendations from teachers, employers, and/or guidance counselors, and begin writing rough drafts of essays
- Attend college fairs and schedule college visits
- Meet with your counselor to stay on track of admission requirements
- Complete applications and let the Guidance office know where you are applying so transcripts can be sent
- Register for the ACT/SAT if necessary
- Start working on scholarship searches and applications
- Stay on track with your grades and extracurricular activities

Winter: Finalize Admission and Scholarship Applications

- Keep track of deadlines (cannot stress this enough!!)
- Complete all applications
- Continue with scholarship search
- Complete FAFSA online to determine financial aid eligibility. (Have your parents gather their IRS tax returns – they will be needed on the FAFSA)
- Stay on track with your grades and extracurricular activities

Spring: “The Home Stretch”

- Follow up on your college applications
- Watch mail and e-mail for college decisions
- Review colleges acceptances and compare financial aid offers
- Make your final college decision (May 1 is the last to day to notify many schools of your intent to attend)
- Prepare for End of the Year exams
- Graduate Strong!

Xenia High School Application/Transcript Process

Important Information to help you complete applications:

School: Xenia High School

Address: 303 Kinsey Road
Xenia, Ohio 45385

Telephone: 937-372-6983

Guidance Fax Number: 937-352-4450

School CEEB/Code Number: 365-682

XHS ACT Test Center Code: 183070

Senior Class Size: 285 (based on August 2022)

Graduation Date: May 24, 2023

Xenia High School College Application Procedure:

College application deadlines are early!! College applications should be submitted by October 31, 2022. We encourage you to get busy filling out applications to the college(s) or the university (ies) of your choice! In addition to your application, colleges and universities will need a copy of our high school transcript. The transcript should be sent after you have applied to the college or university.

Most college applications should be completed online. Some select schools accept the common app application. Miami University, University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University are only using the common app application. It is available online at www.commonapp.org.

Once you have submitted your application, please follow the steps listed below to ensure all of the correct paperwork is submitted in order to complete your college application:

Step 1: Complete your college application online

Step 2: Request that a copy of your transcript be sent to the colleges you are applying to.

Step 3: You must fill out and sign the transcript request form in order for us to mail an official transcript. Your counselor will complete and mail all materials to your school.

Step 4: Your counselor will complete and mail all materials to your school.

Step 5: If your application requires a teacher recommendation, please contact the teacher first and ask him/her if they would be willing to write you a letter of recommendation and give them plenty of time to write it. It is appropriate to provide the teacher a stamped, addressed envelope to mail the letter of recommendation.

Step 6: Please make sure to notify your counselor of all college acceptances and scholarships you receive. Bring these letters to the Guidance Office and a copy will be made for our files. College acceptances will be printed in the February Senior Newsletter.

Life After High School:

It may not seem like it, but your senior year is going to go by very quickly! We hope that you have been able to come up with a plan for “Life after high school”. Many of you are planning on going to college in the fall of 2023. Some of you plan to finish school and join the workforce after graduation, and a few will be going to the military to serve our country after graduation.

Here are some things to consider as you decide on what you want to do after graduation:

HOW DO I CHOOSE A COLLEGE? There are hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the United States. Narrowing your choices down to one can be difficult. If you are trying to select a college or university, following are some factors you will want to consider:

SIZE: Enrollments can vary from 100 to over 50,000. What size would be best for you?

TYPE: Is the college co-educational or for only males or females? Is it primarily a liberal arts college or is it a specialized school? Is it state supported or is it a private/religious affiliated school?

LOCATION: Does it have a country or city atmosphere? Is it one to which you could commute or would you have to live on campus? How far is it from home?

STANDING: Is it fully accredited? What type of faculty does it have? What is the ratio of faculty to students? Does it offer the program you want?

EXTRA-CURRICULAR: Does it have the activities in which you are interested?

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Are they comparable to your past achievements?

COST AND AID: What is the cost of the college versus the amount of aid or work opportunities they typically provide? How much financial help will be available from your family? (Note: Some out-of-state schools are less expensive than in-state schools.) **DO NOT RELY ON THE STICKER PRICE!**

TRANSFER OF CREDITS: Many students plan to attend a 2-year school with the idea of transferring to a 4-year school. Be sure to check to see if courses will apply to your intended degree. The site www.transferology.com will allow students to compare courses for three schools at a time.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN DECIDING ON A JOB OR CAREER:

YOUR INTERESTS: Do you enjoy helping people, working with your hands, working with information and numbers, creating, designing, being outdoors? Identify your possibilities. One of the most important factors in career satisfaction is liking what you do.

SALARY: What salary can you expect to make in your chosen field? After two or three years of experience? After ten years? Talk with employers; get realistic estimates on what the return on your investment will be.

ADVANCEMENT: Is your career open-ended? Where will it lead you? Will it offer the opportunity to eventually start your own business if that is your goal? Are there more trained people than there are jobs in your career? Choose a career with a good future, and make sure you won't become obsolete in a few years.

JOB MOBILITY: Where are the jobs in your career specialty? Are they available in your area, or would you be required to relocate or travel? For example, commercial drivers usually have to relocate. Computer programmers often work in large or medium-sized cities. Medical workers are usually found everywhere.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Find out what your working conditions will be. Don't be unpleasantly surprised on the job. Before you make up your mind about a career, get all the facts.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Nearly every good job today requires specialized training beyond high school. Find out what kind of training is required for your career.

SKILLS: Employers can teach skills specific to a job. They are looking for people with the following abilities:

1. Good written and verbal communication skills
2. Dependability – able to complete a task without supervision
3. Attendance – will show up on time every day

MILITARY CAREERS

Local military recruiters will be contacting you to see if you are interested in joining the military after graduation. If you can schedule a time to meet with them after school, it will be greatly appreciated. Should you need to see them during the school day, the following procedure must be followed:

1. A parent note is required, if you are under 18 years of age, giving permission to see the recruiter.
2. Visits may occur only during study hall or lunch

OHIO PUBLIC COLLEGE COMPARISON

OPUAC.org

OHIO PRIVATE COLLEGE COMPARISON

aicuo.EDU



Paying For College

For most seniors planning on attending college, the admission process is finished. The next big step is to apply for financial aid. In order to be considered for financial aid, students and parents must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the federal form that the U.S. Department of Education uses to determine how much federal student aid you qualify for. The FAFSA must be completed online at www.fafsa.gov.

Steps for Applying for Federal Aid

- _____ Step 1 *Collect documents needed to complete the FAFSA*
 - *Income Tax returns (2020)*
 - *W-2 Forms (2020)*
 - *Other records of Income*
 - *A complete listing of what you need is available at www.fafsa.gov*
- _____ Step 2 *Complete the FAFSA between Oct. 1 and June 30 (The sooner you complete the FAFSA, the sooner you will be notified of your financial aid package!)*
- _____ Step 3 *Federal Student Aid will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR). This is a summary of the information from your FAFSA. The SAR will contain your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and this is the number colleges use to determine your federal student aid eligibility.*
- _____ Step 4 *You will receive award letters from each college that received your FAFSA information. The award letters will tell you how much financial aid the college is able to offer you. Financial aid awards are usually a combination of grants, Scholarships, loans and/or work-study.*

Helpful Websites for College and Financial Planning

ACT:

www.act.org

- Site where students can register for the ACT test.

The College Board:

www.collegeboard.org

- Site where students can register for the SAT test, as well as search for colleges.

Ohio Board of Regents:

www.regents.ohio.gov/collegesuniversities.php

- Information on colleges in Ohio as well as scholarships and financial aid is found here.

Peterson's Online:

www.petersons.com

- A collection of useful information on the College search, financial aid and test prep processes.

College is Possible: www.collegeispossible.org

- Preparing for, selecting and paying for college is covered here.

Higher Education Access Resources: www.teri.org/

- This online database includes information about programs and publications that help prepare students for college.

College Planning Website: www.collegeplan.org

- Provides information on college selection, admission, financial aid and scholarships.

FastWeb: www.fastweb.com

- A resource for students researching scholarship assistance.

Colleges and Careers: www.collegesandcareers.com

- A resource for students researching scholarship and grant assistance.

Mapping Your Future: <http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

- Provides information on planning a career, selecting and paying for school.

National Association of Student Financial Aid

Administrators: www.nasfaa.org

- Learn about financing your education.

CollegeNET:

www.collegenet.com

- Offers online college application information, as well as free financial aid search resources.

Financial Aid for Students — U.S. Department of Education:

<http://www.ed.gov/fund/grants-college.html>

- Provides college financial planning information.

Sallie Mae:

www.salliemae.com

- Planning for college, applying for financial aid and loans is covered here.

The Financial Aid Information Page: www.finaid.org

- The SmartStudent™ Guide to financial aid.

The Student Guide to Financial Aid — U.S. Department of Education:

www.studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/studentguide/index.html

- This site is a guide to federal aid opportunities from the U.S. Department of Education. To apply for aid from these programs, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov or by phone at 866-550-5120.

My College Options: www.mycollegeoptions.org

- A free college planning service, offering assistance to students, parents, high schools, counselors, and teachers nationwide.

College View:

www.collegeview.com

- Provides information on selecting and paying for school, majors, campus life, etc.

2022-23 XHS Yearbooks – Order Yours Today!

Orders are now being accepted for the XHS 2022-23 yearbook. Orders can be placed online at www.jostens.com, at the XHS fee office, or with Mr. Frank. The price depends on when the yearbook is ordered. The sooner the better! If ordered **by October 14, 2022**, the cost is \$69.00; if ordered **by December 21, 2022**, the cost is \$73.00; if ordered **after December 21, 2022**, the cost is \$77.00. Please contact Mr. Frank at pfrank@xeniaschools.org with any questions.

Senior Info for 2022-23 XHS Yearbook

This Is YOUR Yearbook. Be In it!!

Senior Headshots: *(Please pay attention to the dates. Last year, only 60% of seniors met the deadline).* Senior headshots must be scheduled for your photo to appear in the yearbook. Headshots are different than Senior portraits which include several outfits and poses.

Option 1 - Schedule with Mr. Frank's Interactive Media students from **September 12-21, 2022**. The cost is \$20.00, and you will receive a print of your headshot. Scheduling can be done through [this calendar](#) or by emailing Mr. Frank at pfrank@xeniaschools.org.

Option 2 - Schedule with BetterImages Portrait Studio for one of the following dates: **October 17, 24, or 25 or November 2, 2022**. The cost is \$25.00. Schedule your appointment [online through this link](#) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4ba4ab2ca7ff2-senior>), the form on their website at <http://www.betterimagesonline.com/>, or by calling (937) 562-3205.

NOTE: *This is a portrait on a blue studio background that will be used in the Senior section of the yearbook. Please dress nicely. No hats or t-shirts. Dress to show that you are proud to be a graduating Senior.*

Senior Baby Pictures: These will be collected digitally or as a printed photograph. There is no charge for this, but it's fun to have a baby picture included in the Senior section. E-mail pictures to pfrank@xeniaschools.org or bring them to XHS Room C119.

Senior Ads: Show your love by buying a space in the yearbook to recognize a Senior. Design and pay for your ad at www.jostens.com or by contacting Mr. Frank at pfrank@xeniaschools.org.

Please correspond with Mr. Frank with any questions.

You'll need:

- FSA ID for both the student and the dependent student's FAFSA parent
- Your driver's license number
- Your federal income tax return
- Records of your untaxed income
- List of the school(s) you are interested in attending
- Email address (not school email)
- Parent's date of birth
- Parent's social security number
- Parent's marital status
- Date parent was married, divorced, or widowed
- Your social security number

To receive Federal Student Aid, a student must provide their Social Security Number (SSN) to UC. Students have the option to do to this on their admissions application.

Contact Us



(513) 556-1000



onestop@uc.edu

8 STEPS TO COMPLETE ① THE FAFSA ②

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

By the One Stop Student Service Center



1 CREATE A FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID

Students and parents must each create THEIR OWN separate FSA ID. We recommend not to use your school email.

Keep track of your FSA ID:

Username _____

Password _____

Security questions & answers:

2 START THE FAFSA FORM AT FAFSA.GOV

Complete the: 2022-23 FAFSA form if you will be attending college between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

2023-24 FAFSA form if you will be attending college between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

*Each new year's FAFSA opens October 1st.

3 FILL OUT THE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS SECTION

Make sure you enter your personal information, like your name, exactly as it appears on your Social Security card.

*Eligible non-citizens can use alien registration number and non-citizen parents use all zeros.

4 LIST THE SCHOOLS THAT WILL RECEIVE YOUR FAFSA INFORMATION

You can add up to 10 schools you are considering, even if you have not sent your admissions application or received an acceptance letter.
- UC's school code is 003125 for all campuses.

5 ANSWER THE DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTIONS

If you are a dependent student, you will need to fill out information about your parents.

If you are an independent student, you will not have to provide parent information and can skip to the next step.

Am I a dependent or independent?

You are an independent student if you are one or more of these:

- At least 24 years old
- Married
- A graduate or professional student
- A veteran
- A member of the armed forces
- An orphan
- A ward of the court
- Someone with legal dependents other than a spouse.

You are a dependent student if you do not classify as any of these.

6 FILL OUT THE PARENT DEMOGRAPHIC SECTION

Which parent(s) do I include on my FAFSA form?

- Are your parents married to each other? If yes, include both parent's information on the FAFSA.
- Do your parents live together? If yes, report information for both parents on the FAFSA even if they were never married, are separated, or are divorced.
- For divorced parents, the FAFSA parent is the one the student lived with more during the past 12 months.
- If residence was split 50/50, the parent who provided more financial support during the past 12 months is the FAFSA parent.
- If that parent is now remarried, step-parent income information is required. (As of the date the FAFSA is completed).
- Adoptive parents are considered legal parents, and therefore should complete parent section of the FAFSA.
- If none of the above apply you might have a special circumstance.
- Your parent does not have to claim on taxes.

7 PROVIDE YOUR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Students and parents may be eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT). This tool allows you to securely transfer original IRS tax return information to the FAFSA without having to manually enter in the required IRS tax return information. This tool is quicker and recommended if it's available.

8 SIGN AND SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA FORM

If you are a dependent student, your parent will need to sign the form as well before submitting.

SIGN AND SUBMIT TIPS:

Make sure you and your parent do not mix up FSA IDs.

Sign the FAFSA form with an FSA ID because it is the fastest way to get your FAFSA form processed.

XENIA HIGH SCHOOL – TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Official transcripts include: Grades throughout high school, OGT Scores, unofficial ACT/SAT Scores.
(Please include \$1.00 per transcript requested with this form.)

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____ **Year of Graduation:** _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Student ID Number: _____

College: _____ **College:** _____ **College:** _____

I have submitted the Online application	YES	NO
I have attached the Counselor Form to be completed.	YES	

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I authorize the release of my high school transcript to be sent to the above college(s).

I will pick up my transcripts from the Guidance Office.

Student Signature: _____

For official use only: RECEIVED BY: _____	DATE MAILED: _____	AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____
DATE: _____	PICKED UP: _____	

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