

September 15, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians of 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

On September 29<sup>th</sup> during 11<sup>th</sup> period, we will present information to seniors regarding the decisions they will be making about their future. After graduation, some students will choose to further their education at a 2 or 4 year college, others will choose to enlist in the military, while still others will choose to enter the work force. This decision seems easy for some while it can be very overwhelming for others.

**All students should consider the following when establishing their post-secondary plan:**

- **The 1:2:7 Ratio: for every 1 available job requiring a Master's degree, 2 jobs will be available that require a Bachelor's degree, and 7 jobs will be available that require an Associate's degree or Certificate.**
- **33% of future jobs will require a Bachelor's degree or higher (4 year degree or more).**
- **57% of future jobs will require skilled labor (certificate, journeymen card or 2 year degree).**
- **10% of future jobs will be able to use unskilled labor (high school diploma).**

Your help is being requested to make the transition smoother for your student. To assist you, a copy of "Senior Choices", that will be presented has been posted on the district website at [www.margarettaschooldistrict.com](http://www.margarettaschooldistrict.com) 1.) Click on Parents/Students menu, 2.) Click on Guidance menu, 3.) Click on Senior Choices (pdf)

Below are some very important dates to be aware of. Please mark your calendars now so that you do not miss out on any of these events/opportunities. For other regularly updated information, please consider following the Margarettta Facebook page and the daily announcements that are posted on our website under the high school menu. We will post job opportunities, scholarship information, college and career updates and other information.

**Now – November 30<sup>th</sup>: Seniors should be filling out applications for college or a career path of their choice.**

- **4 year colleges, 2 year colleges, skilled trade programs, etc.**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>: Jostens will be at Margarettta High School at 8:30 am in the cafeteria to present information about cap & gown and graduation announcements. Ordering packets will be distributed to students at this time. (EHOVE students, this meeting will take place at EHOVE on November 15<sup>th</sup>).**

- **On October 12<sup>th</sup> Jostens will be back at MHS to assist students with placing their orders during lunch periods.**
- **On November 18<sup>th</sup> Jostens will be back at EHOVE in the main lobby to assist students with placing their orders during lunch periods.**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Next testing date for the ACT**

- **For those students who have not yet tested and plan on attending a 4-year college, register at [www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)**

**October 26<sup>th</sup>: Financial Aid Meeting (FAFSA) – All college-bound students and their parents are welcome.**

- **A representative from BGSU/Firelands Financial Aid Office will present financial aid information that applies to all colleges.**
- **This meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. in the large conference room on the second floor in the Townsend Community Building.**

**February 12<sup>th</sup>: "College Goal Sunday" - 2:00 p.m.**

- **College Goal Sunday offers the opportunity to have experts help to complete and submit the FAFSA.**
- **A list of are colleges/universities hosting this event can be found at [www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org](http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org)**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Graduation Ceremony – 10:00 a.m. - High School Gymnasium or at the Stadium.**

Please call us at 419-684-5351 or email at [hlott@margarettaschooldistrict.com](mailto:hlott@margarettaschooldistrict.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,