

# Western Reserve Local Schools

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Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2012:

Graduation seems like it is a long way off, but it will be here before you know it! Therefore, I would like to give you a little food for thought going into your student's senior year. Our working together in these matters will promise for a more successful year for your student.

Although much care is taken in reviewing student records, errors can happen. I have in the past and will be again providing a copy of your student's transcript to them in the first week of school; please ask them to see it and review it with them. Remember, students must pass all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test to receive a diploma from the state of Ohio. Anyone interested in an Honors Diploma should refer to honors diploma requirements in their agenda on page 50.

College-bound seniors should be strongly considering which schools they are interested in applying to. Seniors are allotted three college days to visit campuses and set up prospective interviews with admissions officers. It is recommended to have applications done by December 15, although you should check the school's particular deadlines. The ACT is also necessary to take in order to complete most college applications; please encourage your student to sign up online or stop down to the guidance office for a packet to register for this college admissions test.

Of course, scholarships and financial aid is another hot topic for continuing education beyond the high school years. I will have a parent information meeting regarding college financial aid, and the FAFSA etc. on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditoria. College fairs offer a great opportunity to meet with many post-secondary institutions. There will be several in the area (LCCC, BGSU-Firelands, Tiffin University, Cleveland State). I also provide your student with a Newsletter every month of upcoming opportunities, scholarships, college visits and fairs, military recruitment. Please ask your student about these newsletters to keep yourself informed as well!

This year will be overwhelming at times. I look forward to working with you and your student in making this a successful senior year at Western Reserve. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 419-668-8470 ext 2005.

Sincerely,

Laura L Pierson, School Counselor