

December 2010



# OMAK GEAR-UP NEWS



## FUN WITH LINK CREW

LINK CREW has been working very hard at creating connections with freshman in their classes. Many of the GEAR UP students are Link Leaders and meet monthly to discuss and plan social and academic follow ups for their freshman. In November they had an academic event where the leaders went into the freshman science and English classes and helped teach lessons and work with students to strengthen the freshman's academic success in these core classes. All the students and teachers found it to be very successful and engaging. Link Crew always tries to stagger academic events with social events so in December the Link Crew members decided to do an afterschool scavenger hunt where the freshman had to find their Link Leaders in the school. This event not only helped bond freshman to their upperclassmen leaders but helped the students get to know the school, classes and events available to them. The next event will be Cocoa and Cram at the end of this semester. Let Link Crew help you get the good grades you deserve!! Don't miss out, we can help you!!



## DECEMBER PARENT NIGHT



December 14th at 6:30 in the High School Library we will be having a FAFSA parent night!! Daryl Moulton and WVCO will be helping parents and students understand how to navigate the financial aid application. Don't let this application intimidate you! Join us for a fun and informative evening that will ensure that your student has the financial option of going to the school of their choice. GEAR UP will be providing yummy snacks and beverages! Don't miss out!!



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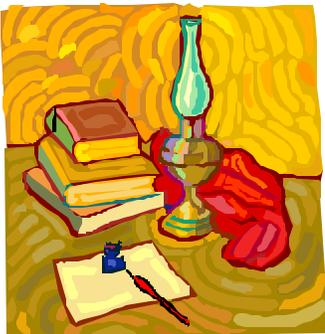
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## Back Page Story Headline

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If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your

organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

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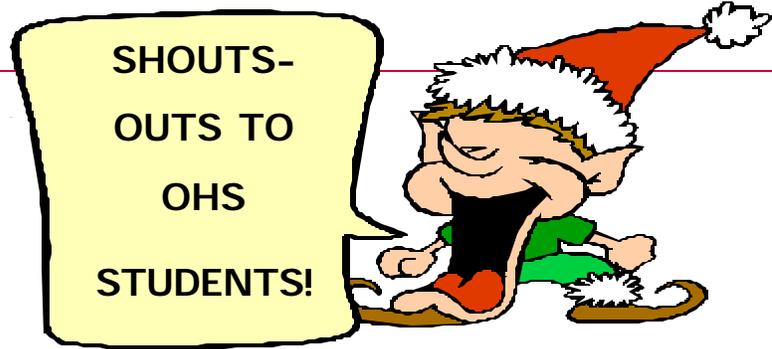
## CHECK OUT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

### Upcoming College Presentations

11/17	8:00am (1 <sup>st</sup> period)	Armed Forces
12/15	9:55am (3 <sup>rd</sup> period)	UTI
1/5	2:00pm (7 <sup>th</sup> period)	WVCO
1/19	10:00am (3 <sup>rd</sup> period)	Western Washington University
2/16	11:00 am (4 <sup>th</sup> period)	Washington State University

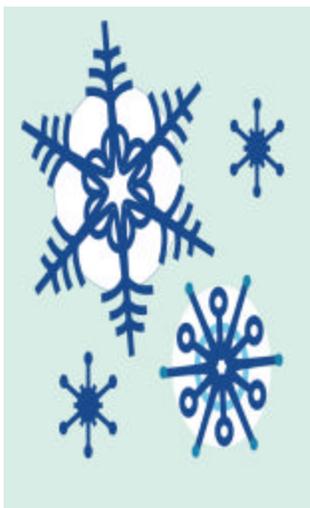
*Interested in learning about these colleges? Juniors and Senior's -be sure to sign up in the Career Center.*

**"A journey of  
a thousand  
miles begins  
with a single  
step."  
Confucious**



- ? WAY TO GO SAT TESTERS: 49 Students signed up to take the test for December!
- ? Way to go Football Player for making it into the playoffs!! Your hard work and dedication really paid off!!!
- ? Way to go LINK LEADERS for pulling off some great events!! We look forward to our future events!

## SENIOR PARENT NIGHTS



Senior Parents are now meeting on Tuesdays bi-monthly!! Please join us in the student commons area at 6:00 to stay updated on deadlines and important senior dates for graduating!!

December: 12/7 & 12/14

January: 1/4 & 1/18

February: 2/8 & 2/22

# SENIORS, ARE YOU READY?

Whew, baby! Are you ready for this? You've made it to your senior year. If you've done your work in prior years, this one should be a breeze. If you've slacked off at all - well, let's just say that it'll be a bit harder for you. We've given you some guidelines below as to when you need to have things done. The GEAR UP & Career Center are your friends. Visit often.

## September - December

- ? Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements
- ? Consider taking courses at a local university or community college
- ? Keep working hard all year; second semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility
- ? Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines. Follow your school's procedure for requesting recommendations.
- ? Visit with admissions counselors who come to your high school
- ? Attend a college fair
- ? Begin your college essay's)
- ? Apply for admission at the colleges you have chosen
- ? Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college you have applied to
- ? Start the financial aid application process (GEAR UP can help you with this!)
- ? See your school counselor for help finding financial aid and scholarships

## January - May

- ? Ask your guidance office in January to send first semester transcripts to schools where you applied. In May, they will need to send final transcripts to the college you will attend.
- ? Visit colleges that have invited you to enroll
- ? Decide which college to attend, and notify the school of your decision
- ? Keep track of and observe deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork
- ? Notify schools you will not attend of your decision
- ? Continue to look for scholarship opportunities
- ? Keep track of important financial aid and scholarship deadlines
- ? Watch the mail for your student aid report (SAR) it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed
- ? Compare financial aid packages from different schools
- ? Sign and send in a promissory note if you are borrowing money
- ? Notify your college about any outside scholarships you received