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November: a lot to be thankful for, especially the turkey...!

- **Report cards:** The 1st 9-weeks report cards were mailed out on Oct. 28th, and we are so proud of all our students for doing so well. A lot of the kudos goes to you, our parents, for your patience and commitment, and for being as involved as you are. And where would we be without our wonderful teachers? As you can see, great education is truly a team effort! ...continued on page 2
- **World School:** The World School team - represented by Dillon, Samantha and Leslie - was welcomed back to school on Monday. The topic for this year's forum was "Food and Value". Teams consisting of three students and a teacher each, from over 20 countries, researched and analyzed the topic before meeting in Japan to discuss and debate the issues. ...continued on page 2
- **Registration for LMU Spring semester classes** has now started. Seniors and juniors interested in signing up need to see Ms. Nadvi ASAP; some of the classes fill up fast.
- **The PLAN Test** - for sophomores and freshmen - will be held on **Friday the 13th. Make-up day will be Monday 16th - not 14th as originally listed.** We will start at 8:15 a.m. and end in time for lunch. More information about the PLAN test has been given to students; they need to sign up with Ms. Nadvi ASAP, and need to bring \$10.00 which is the fee that ACT charges for the test ...**more pg 2**
- **Please note re. Thanksgiving holiday:** LMU classes are in session Mon. 23rd to Wed. 25th. Check on your classes!

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- 2 – World School team returns to school
- 6 – Sign up for LMU spring semester classes - 2010
- 6 – Sign up with Ms. Nadvi for PLAN test
Gr. 9 & 10 (PLAN fee: \$10)
- 6 – ACT reg. deadline for the Dec. 12 test
- 7 – SAT test
- 13 – PLAN Test (grades 9 & 10)
(8:15 -11:00 a.m. at JFWA)
- 16 – Make-up day for PLAN test
- 24 – Progress reports mailed
- 25-27 – Thanksgiving holiday – JFWA
- 26-27 – Thanksgiving holiday – LMU



Please note...

Seniors Corner... Juniors take heed!!

Testing Info

Register online for

ACT: www.actstudent.org

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

The JFWA school code for both is the same: **430-868**

Do explore the websites for valuable test-taking tips and college related information. More on page 2....

- College Information,
- College scholarship information, as well as
- Other scholarship information

are all on page 3....

THIS IS THE BUMPER ISSUE...!!

Welcome to the Guidance newsletter online! Please note: the Guidance office will continue to send all progress reports and report cards by regular mail, along with newsletters *if you* have requested that they be mailed to you. Please check the JFWA calendar so you will know when to expect those.

Please continue to check the website often for other information as it is updated frequently.

Honor Rolls are posted on the website...!



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Out of 96 students a total of 69 made it on the Honor Roll (a whopping 72%) – 31 on the “A” Honor Roll and 38 on the “B” Honor Roll. That is fantastic! Do check out the Honor roll list, and let’s keep up the pace!

A word to the wise: **seniors** – colleges will be looking at these 9-week grades closely, and **freshmen** – these are the first grades colleges will be looking at when you start applying to them as seniors, and that is not far away!

PLAN Test ... contd. from page 1

Checks should be made payable to J. Frank White Academy.

The PLAN test is a pre-ACT test, and gives students a head start on improving academic skills needed for success in college. It also gives valuable feedback regarding strengths or weaknesses in reading skills, math reasoning, science and writing skills, thus identifying areas that need improvement.

The PLAN is also a curriculum-based test that is similar to the ACT test, and is a good predictor of the student’s future ACT score. It is strongly recommended for students in grades 9 and 10; 9th graders take it for practice whereas for 10th graders it is the real thing.

Do check out www.actstudent.org and go to the PLAN link for more information, resources and helpful tips.

For the **PLAN Test on Nov. 13th**, students should be well-rested, and bring the following: a) school I.D. card b) two sharpened soft lead (#2) pencils with erasers c) watch d) calculator

World School ...contd. from page 1

Grappling with pertinent global issues regarding food and value, and seeing those issues from the point of view of other countries, was an invaluable experience in itself. It certainly gave them an idea of the issues their generation will be dealing with, and the importance of having a realistic global perspective. Yet the friendships forged over the two weeks will hopefully last a lifetime.

The students spent almost two weeks in Japan, part of it at Katsuura and part of it in Tokyo, hosted by the Kanto International School. Each team also had to set up a display about their country, as well as doing a cultural presentation.

Do check out www.world-school.com for videos and pictures of their daily activities as well as their debates, topic presentations and cultural presentations (hint: The Thriller was a knockout!).

Incidentally, Dillon’s team won the debate for their topic (vegetarian vs. omnivorous diet) and Samantha’s team won the debate for their topic (globalization of the food system vs. the local food movement).

LMU will be hosting World School in 2012, so keep checking!

Seniors & Juniors-take heed!

Seniors who are still dragging their feet, and juniors who want to get a head start: this is the time to be checking out colleges and doing college visits. Also scholarship searches, they take time, and everything has a deadline. Please use the resources listed below as a springboard to dig deeper. You don’t have any plans for fall or Christmas break anyway, right?!

ACT: ...contd. from page 1

Juniors are advised to register for the ACT test by Nov. 6, for the Dec. 12 test, and they should take it again late in spring, with the writing component. More and more colleges are requiring the writing score as it is a good indicator for Freshman Comp. classes. Seniors can also take the ACT on Dec. 12 if they want one last shot, as some universities (e.g. LMU) will accept the scores for scholarships and academic placement etc.





Can't decide which college to go to? The following websites should help:

1. www.petersons.com
2. www.princetonreview.com
3. www.collegeboard.com
4. www.college-scholarships.com/100college.htm
5. www.50states.com/college/tenn.htm (Tennessee colleges)
6. www.50states.com/college/kentucky.htm (for Kentucky)
7. www.50states.com/college/virginia.htm (Virginia colleges)

College Preview Day/Open House

- Athletes: **Gardner-Webb University** (Boiling Springs, NC), will have Athletic Training Visitation Day on Nov. 21st. www.gardner-webb.edu. Contact the athletics coach at your college for similar events.
- **Bridgewater College** at Bridgewater, VA, has Open House on Nov. 14th. www.bridgewater.edu/Admissions. (Check your college for similar events).
- **ETSU** has Open House on Nov. 13-14, for Minority Students. www.etsu.edu.
- **Randolph College** (Lynchburg, VA)-Open House: Nov. 14 www.randolphcollege.edu/visit

Check out other college websites too!

College Scholarships & awards:

- **LMU** offers a scholarship to JFWA students just for being from the Academy, plus other academic scholarships and grants worth looking into. Ask your admissions counselor.
- Check out **UT Knoxville's** Competitive scholarships, Chancellor's Honors and Haslam Scholars Programs. Some are based on your major, so keep that in mind.
- Check **UT Chattanooga's** Grote Chemistry scholarship worth \$14,000, and others.
- **ETSU** has several academic as well as need based scholarships.
- **MTSU** has special scholarships for the Honors Program – aim for the prestigious **Buchanan Fellowship**. Application deadline is Dec. 1st.
- The math department at **Furman University** (Greenville, SC) offers the Wylie Scholarships worth up to \$15,000 annually, among others.
- Interested in **Harvard**? They are looking for students with a family income of under \$60,000, with generous financial aid. Check out www.harvard.edu/admissions
Make sure to check with the admissions counselor of the colleges you are applying to, for scholarships and grants pertinent to that college.

Other scholarships & awards:

- Are you a budding entrepreneur? Apply at www.NFIB.com/YEA for the 2010 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award, starting Oct. 31st '09.
- www.ChristianConnector.com is for Christian college information and scholarship drawing.
- www.axa-achievement.com to apply for scholarships of \$10,000 or \$25,000. Deadline: December 15, 2009.
- For your creative writing talents, enter the University of the Cumberland's **Next Generation Creative Writing award 2010** (poetry, short fiction or creative non-fiction writing). Ms. Ayers has details. Deadline: Dec. 1 '09.
- http://www.college-scholarships.com/free_scholarship_searches.htm is a good website for scholarship search.
- Check out Tennessee Education Student Assistance Corporation at www.state.tn.us/tsac for information on HOPE and other scholarships. Here are some more:
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.wiredscholar.com