



GBHS Newsletter

January
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Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we begin a new calendar year and a new semester at GBHS, let me take a minute to reflect on the first half of the school year. Each of these letters probably starts to sound similar because this writer always talks about the “good things” at GBHS. My “problem” is that there are so many good things going on that I have difficulty remembering all of them and/or acknowledging each of them. I guess that is a good “problem” to have!

I reflect on the student body of GBHS and the many good things that they do each day. Some are doing these good things in spite of obstacles that are continually in their paths. Many of our students come to school despite circumstances that they can’t control and, yet, they are here working hard to succeed at GBHS. That is inspiring. It is inspiring to see an Honor Society student working side by side with a special needs student to bring food donations to school for the Food Bank. It is a blessing to see students gathering over 11,000 items for the Food Bank and working together to help those in need. Being around so many great students each day is truly what makes this job so rewarding. It is easy to take for granted or overlook some of the “simple” things that our students do to help others. This is an acknowledgement to you as parents that you may not know all of the great things that your child is doing but, rest assured, they are doing many great “little” things that haven’t gone unnoticed here. I thank you for all that you do on the outside to ensure that your student is good on the inside!

Starting a new semester brings an excited anticipation of other students stepping up and doing even more “right things” in every situation. Perfection is impossible, but, each student counts and getting each of them to do the right thing in every situation will make this building almost impossible to beat!! Thank you for your support of GBHS and the mission that we are working on. You are vital to all that we are trying to accomplish here.

Sincerely,

Tim Friess

FOR ALL PARENTS:

The yearbook deadline has been extended to March 16^h. If you have not purchased a yearbook, yet, order forms are available in Mrs. Basden's room, room 100, as well as the high school main office. In addition, forms can be downloaded from the school district website, www.usd428.net.

If you have not read the high school newspaper, check it out online, at www.greatbendhighpanthers.net and click on the Panther Tales link. What goes on in the lives of your children are covered, with quotes and pictures of many of them, included. Spread the word!

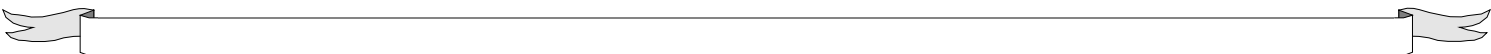


Panther Enrichment Program (PEP)

Are you in danger of failing any of your classes? Would you like some help? In the library there will be teachers who want to help you pass your classes ready to tutor you. **Panther Enrichment Program (PEP)** will be in the library everyday from 7:30 – 8:00 and 3:15 – 4:15 except Friday. This is for any student who needs any help in any class. This is a FREE tutoring session for you, all you have to do is bring your assignments or book and come to the Library.

Sale

Check out the USD 428 Surplus Property that we have for sale. The property pictures and pricing are located on the school webpage - www.usd428.net . USD 428 Surplus Property icon is on the left side of the screen.



News from the Guidance Office – January 2012

ACT Information

GBHS Code 171-158

Jan. 13 – Registration deadline for Feb. ACT

Feb. 11 - ACT

Mar. 09 – Registration deadline for Apr. ACT

Web Resources

Scholarship searches

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.fastweb.com

www.cashe.com

www.collegenet.com

www.asla-scholarships.org

www.collegeedge.com

www.finaid.com

www.gocollege.com

College & Career Planning

www.theigroup.com

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.allaboutcollege.com

Financial Aid

www.pin.ed.gov

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.finaid.com

www.wiredscholar.com

www.fastaid.com

College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday, an afternoon of free financial aid advice for high school seniors and parents, will be held at Great Bend High School in Great Bend, 2027 Morton, from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012. Students and parents should take their 2011 tax return and W-2 forms to complete the FAFSA. **At each of the 19 College Goal Sunday locations, students could win a \$500 scholarship that may be used at any college or vocational school in Kansas. Check out www.collegegoal.org to register and see the list of items they want you to bring.**

Recommendation Letter:

If you need a teacher/counselor to write you a recommendation letter, PLEASE give them plenty of time to do so. Give them a stamped envelope addressed to whom it should go to, AND your own resume with activities so we have information to use. The counselor MAY want to give you an additional list of questions to answer so that we can write you an AWESOME letter!

Upcoming College Events and Scholarships

Kansas State University

KSU Phi Kappa Theta Man of Faith Scholarship

If you are a male and you're planning to attend KSU in the fall of 2012, see your counselor for an application for The Man of Faith Scholarship. It is due January 30th, 2012.

KSU - Acacia Fraternity Scholarship - Offered to young men attending KSU, but you do not have to be a member of the fraternity. Winners selected on the basis of merit as displayed in the application as well as an interview in the spring. Deadline is January 26, 2012. See your counselor for an application.

KSU Women's Rowing team is interested in recruiting female athletes. The rowing program has Division I scholarship opportunities for students who may have little or no rowing experience. A competitive sports history and height – the ideal rower is 5'10 or taller - are the two primary criteria considered by KSU recruiters when making scholarship offers.

Kansas State University Civic Leadership Scholarship requirements

- Exemplary record of community service
- Admitted to K-State
- Completion of K-State scholarship application

Completion of K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship supplemental application at www.k-state.edu/nss/civicleadership.

University of Kansas

Hixson Opportunity Award requirements

- Financial need and/or personal hardships

Apply at www.scholarships.ku.edu/hixson.shtml **before February 1st.**

Pittsburg State University - www.pittstate.edu – 1-800-854-7488

Feb. 1 Scholarship deadline

Mar. 1 Federal Financial Aid priority deadline

Honors College Scholarship requirements

- 3.5 GPA
- 28 ACT
- Leadership positions in school and community

Apply at www.pittstate.edu/admin/vpaa/honorscollege.html **before February 1st.**

Barton Community College

Barton Community College Sports Medicine Program:

BCC is looking for individuals interested in joining the student athletic trainers' staff while continuing education in college. Twenty students (including returning sophomores) are selected to join the athletic training staff each fall semester. Qualifying students receive a books and tuition performance award. A minimum of 12 semester hours and overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained to renew both the student-athletic trainer position and the award each semester. To learn more visit <http://www.bartonccc.edu/sports/sportsmedicine/default.htm> and complete the "Student Athletic Trainer Questionnaire, located under Prospective Student Athletic Trainer.

Emporia State University

Feb. 15 Priority Scholarship Deadline

Bethany College

Full-tuition Award requirements

- 3.5 GPA
- 25 ACT composite or be in top 25% of graduating class

Write an essay and interview with faculty

Colby Community College – Presidential Scholarship – (let your counselor know if you're planning on attending Colby)

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Senator Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholarship Program

\$1,000 scholarships (up to 128 will be awarded this year)

*3.0 grade point average

*significant amount of volunteer community/public service projects

*2012 high school graduate

*enroll for fall 2012 at a KS Regents University or Washburn University

Apply after January 26, 2012 at www.sms.scholarshipamerica.org/senatordolepublicservice

AFA teens – Alzheimer’s Awareness College Scholarship

AFA offers an annual \$5,000 scholarship to one deserving college-bound student who is entering a 4 year accredited college or university. Apply at www.afateens.org before **February 15th**.

Golden Belt Community Foundation (GBCF) - Go to their website at www.goldenbeltcf.org and check out several scholarships available to seniors this year. Applications are currently being updated.

Kansas State University – March 1

Ryan Hugh Dunlap Memorial – March 31

Paul J. Urban – March 31

Allan V. Miller Family Scholarship - Access applications at www.goldenbeltcf.org. Scholarship money may be used at any Kansas technical school, community college or university. **Deadline is March 31st**.

Dr. John J. Mingenback Health Professions Memorial Scholarship – Criteria include Barton County, KS residents, future or current full time undergrad. or graduate student at a university, community college, or tech school, majoring in a health/medical related field, with preference given to Kansas schools. Minimum cumulative GPA 3.0. **Deadline is March 31st**. www.goldenbeltcf.org

Sidney’s Hair Design

Sidney’s Hairdressing College in Hutchinson is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a GBHS student who plans to attend the school in 2012. The application is available in the guidance office and will be accepted no earlier than **January 3rd**.

Vocational Scholarship – www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants

The Vocational Scholarship is available to eligible students enrolled in approved vocational programs at community or technical colleges and some two-year programs at four-year institutions. Applicants must take the vocational exam which is offered at various sites throughout the state on the first Saturday in March. Postmark deadline is Feb. 3, 2012. There are approximately 250 scholarships of \$500.00 each awarded to the applicants with the highest scores. Approximately 1 in 2 applicants is funded.

FFA – Ford Truck Scholarship

Marmie Ford has partnered with Ford Trucks and the National FFA Foundation to provide a total of 1000 scholarships. FFA High school seniors must apply online at www.ffa.org and complete a signature page signed by the local Ford dealer. The online application must be **submitted by Feb. 15th** and the signature page postmarked by Feb. 22nd. Go to the website for more information.

GAR College Scholarship

5 high school seniors will receive college scholarships of \$12,500 per year to attend any accredited 4 year college full time. Students must have a 3.5 GPA; have financial need; and **have a parent/guardian working in the financial services industry (banks, etc.).**

Application deadline is Feb. 16, 2012 www.gordonrich.org

American Legion Scholarships - see your high school counselor or local American Legion for applications and requirements for the scholarships below:

Music Committee– Due Feb. 15

Shooting Sports – Due Feb. 15

Hobble (LPN) Nursing – Due Feb. 15

Eagle Scout of the Year – Due Feb. 15

Hugh A. Smith – Due Feb. 15

Ted and Nora Anderson – Due Feb. 15

Albert M. Lappin – Due Feb. 15

Rosedale Post 346 – Due Feb. 15

Charles W & Annette Hill – Due Feb. 15

U.S. Udie Grant - Due Feb. 15

Dr. Click Cowger Baseball – Due July 15

American Legion Baseball – Due July 15

Paul Flaherty Athletic – Due July 15

Barton County Farm Bureau Assoc. Scholarship

Applicant must be a high school senior whose parents/legal guardians are current Barton County Farm Bureau members. There will be 4 scholarships given for \$500 each. Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. See your counselor for an application. They are **due to the Barton County Farm Bureau office April 15th**.

Nex-Tech/Rural Telephone Scholarship

Any high school senior who resides in Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech service area and whose parent subscribes to its local telephone, long distance, cable TV, or Internet are eligible to apply. Verify your eligibility by calling 877-567-7872. Applications must be received at the business office by 5:00 p.m. **January 31st**. Three scholarships will be awarded: 1st place - \$1,500; 2nd place - \$1,000; 3rd place - \$500. See your counselor for an application or go to www.nex-tech.com for an application.

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America - Berri Mitchell College Scholarship Seniors, if you suffer from asthma or allergies and need money for college, go to www.aafakc.org. Application can be found online. **Deadline is March 1st.**

Kansas Grain and Feed Association

Deadline is **March 9, 2012**. Applicants are graduating seniors, self - starters, possess excellent academic credentials, be good citizens and have a strong desire to continue their education. Applications are located in the guidance office or at www.ksgrainandfeed.org.