



# GBHS Newsletter

November  
2011

## Notes from the Principal

The first semester at Great Bend High School is quickly coming to an end. 34 school days left until the end of the semester! When you read this we will already be having our Graduation meeting for Seniors! Before you know it, we will be visiting about Graduation and the end of the year! Our first quarter has been very productive at GBHS. We have had our Fall sports qualify numerous athletes for State competition in Tennis and Golf, our Soccer team is in the midst of their most successful season ever and we are co-WAC champs in Football. We are looking forward this month to the finish of our Fall calendar of activities and the beginning of our Winter activities. Among the many different activities that you can come to and support our students in include the Fall play, "Something Shakespeare" on Nov. 13-15, the FBLA Craft Fair on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, KMEA District Jazz Band, Western Kansas Orchestra Festival, Senior coffee (vocal performance), our Veteran's Day assembly and the Kayette All-Star BB game (faculty vs. seniors). These many activities are just a few of the great happenings at GBHS this month.

I am thankful for the many wonderful opportunities that are here for our students. Each student has numerous chances to be a part of something great at Great Bend High School. I encourage each of you to continue to communicate with us on a regular basis and to come out and support all of the great things that your sons and daughters are doing here at GBHS. Spend some quality time with your students and, with Thanksgiving being just around the corner, be thankful for the many blessings that your children provide for you. I am thankful for your students. They are blessings for me as well! Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Tim Friess

# Yearbook & Panther Tales

Our second issue of our high school newspaper, The Panther Tales, is now available for online viewing. To date, it is one of our largest issues, with a lot of great articles and graphics. It can be found at [www.greatbendhighpanthers.net](http://www.greatbendhighpanthers.net) by clicking on the Panther Tales link. Encourage your children to check it out. They may be surprised at how many of them and their friends are in there!

Thanks to Mrs. Lita Allen, we also have archived the 2010-2011 issues, so they are always available to go back and read. They can be found at the same location.

As always, thanks for your continued support, and we will continue to accept photos from any school events or school sport, for either of our publications. Simply email your photos to Mrs. Basden at

[Rachel.Basden@usd428.net](mailto:Rachel.Basden@usd428.net)

***YEARBOOK NEW DEADLINE: March 16th!!!***

## **IF YOU ALREADY ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:**

- 1- You will notice that the cost of the yearbook, with the tax, will remain the same from the order forms we were using. So, if you ordered a yearbook, with no extras, there is no need to reorder.
- 2- If you already ordered a yearbook with personalization, there is no need to make any changes.
- 3- **IF YOU WANT ANY NEW ADD-ONS THAT JOSTENS OFFERS:** Send in the form on the next page with payment, directly to me, with the add-ons. Your cost, with tax, will just be for the add-ons, since you've already paid. **DO NOT** use the website for ordering, since we are processing pre-ordered books differently.

## **IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED YOUR YEARBOOK YET, HERE'S WHAT YOU DO:**

Use the order form on the next page (hard copies of this form will also be available). Send your payment directly to me. You can also order online, by going to the website on the bottom of the form.

## **PREVIOUS EMAIL, IF YOU NEED THE INFORMATION AGAIN:**

I am pleased to share with you that we have been able to get our original yearbook company, Jostens, back this year. This will not affect costs, for those of you who already ordered. However, it does mean some positive changes for all, as follows:

- (1) Additional add-ons will be available, beyond just personalization of names on the front cover.
- (2) Deadline for payment will be in the spring (date will be coming soon). This means you have longer than this month for ordering.
- (3) The yearbook you will receive will be larger.

If you already placed your order, and you wish to add anything to your order, we will be able to take care of that.

I hope this helps answer any questions about the yearbook ordering process. If you have additional questions, please feel free to email me.

**Rachel Basden**

**Great Bend High School**

**Journalism & English Teacher**

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# 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](http://www.usd428.net) . USD 428 Surplus Property icon is on the left side of the screen.





# PANTHER PAW CRAFT FESTIVAL



Great Bend High School



*FBIA*

2nd Saturday  
in November

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

\$1 Admission

Panther Athletic Center

## News from the Guidance Office – November 2011

### Dates to remember

Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	ASVAB
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Career Fair
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Registration deadline for December ACT
Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	ACT
Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Registration deadline for February ACT

### Web Resources

Scholarship searches

[www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.cashe.com](http://www.cashe.com)

[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

[www.asla-scholarships.org](http://www.asla-scholarships.org)

[www.collegeedge.com](http://www.collegeedge.com)

[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)

College & Career Planning

[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)

[www.theeigroup.com](http://www.theeigroup.com)

Test Prep

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

[www.scholarshiphelp.org](http://www.scholarshiphelp.org)

### Upcoming College Events

#### Pittsburg State University

**Scholarship deadline – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Financial Aid Priority Deadline – March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Kansas State University

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Priority Scholarship Deadline**

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Civic Leadership Scholarship deadline

**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:** if you plan on attending KSU, and have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to serving others in the community, church or school, go to [www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships](http://www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships). Students must have filled out the KSU general scholarship application by November 1<sup>st</sup>, and then fill out the supplemental application by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### University of Kansas

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> Priority Scholarship Deadline**

KU offers many senior days...Some days are for a specified major. Space is limited and is available on a first-come, first serve basis, so register early. Registration forms are available in the guidance office or you can register online at:

[www.admissions.ku.edu/visit/senior\\_days.shtml](http://www.admissions.ku.edu/visit/senior_days.shtml).

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Barton County Community College**

Contact BCCC to schedule a private tour, meet instructors and financial aid advisors at least one week prior to the requested date.

### **Colby Community College**

If you are a senior and are considering attending Colby Community College, see your counselor NOW for an opportunity for their scholarship award worth \$1,500 a year. Remember, Colby CC has the only Vet Tech program in the state!

### **Hutchinson Community College**

Becoming a professional in any area of healthcare is noble and rewarding. The demand for healthcare workers in the state of Kansas and beyond continues to grow. To inform high school students about opportunities available to them in the healthcare fields, the University of Kansas School of Medicine and Hutchinson Community College are partnering to offer the Central Kansas High School Healthcare Career Awareness Day on Tuesday, **November 15, 2011**.

The agenda has yet to be set, but will include various departments from Hutchinson Community College and a local physician to speak about different field in healthcare. Your students will also have the opportunity to talk with admission staff and students from both schools.

### **Emporia State University**

Visit [www.emporia.edu/admiss](http://www.emporia.edu/admiss) for the Black and Gold visit days through the year. Each visit will include tours, an academic fair and for those who have already applied for admission, there will be drawings for **2 - \$1000 scholarships at EACH event**.

### **Fort Hays State University**

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> (\*NEW\*)** Priority Scholarship Deadline

### **Pittsburg State University - [www.pittstate.edu](http://www.pittstate.edu) – 1-800-854-7488**

PSU offers the following special visit days:

Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rumble in the Jungle
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Art Day
Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Family & Consumer Science Career Day
<b>Feb. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Scholarship deadline</b>
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Financial Aid Priority Deadline

### **North Central Kansas Technical College**

Nov. 10 – Senior Day

### **Coffeyville Community College**

**Athletic Training Program** - Seniors, if you're interested in sports and/or medicine including physical therapy, Coffeyville Community College has several scholarships available to offer students for around \$1500 a semester. For this scholarship you would work with 2 athletic trainers and develop skills working with athletes and coaches. See your counselor for more information.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

### **Gates Millennium Scholars Program**

Renewable, need based, merit scholarship. For those studying: computer science, education, engineering, library science, math, and public health/science.

The students must be:

- Hispanic American, African American, American Indian/Alaska Native or Asian Pacific Islander American
- Be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the U.S.
- Have a high school GPA of 3.3
- Be a full time student in the fall of 2011
- Have leadership abilities through participation in community service and other extracurricular activities
- Meet federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria (FAFSA)
- Complete and submit the student application, (nominee personal information form); evaluation (nominator form) and an evaluation of community service/leadership (recommender form) by the **January 11, 2012** deadline.

### **Hagen Scholarship Foundation** - [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org)

Application is due by **November 15th**. About 20 scholarships will be awarded to Kansas students in 2012. Must have a GPA of 3.5 and an ACT composite score of 23. Follow the guideline on the website to fill out an application.

### **Lang Diesel, Inc. (LDI) Service Technician Scholarship and Tuition Reimbursement Program**

LDI selects multiple students to receive a \$4000 award that are enrolled in a diesel mechanics program at a vocational school. LDI will also select multiple students who have already graduated from a diesel mechanics program and will reimburse them for some of their tuition if they are employed with LDI. If a student is interested in diesel mechanics and wants more information about this program, please contact Danielle at the Hays location at 785-735-2651, or see your counselor for a brochure.

### **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.

### **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 13, 2012**.