



# GBHS Newsletter

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## Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we get to the end of the first semester, 3 weeks from Christmas break!, I want to again thank all of our parents who are so supportive of what we are trying to do here at GBHS. Our students are a great collection of wonderful people who, for the most part, make this a great job to have! Our students are usually direct reflections of their parents and, therefore, our parents also make this a great job to have! Our student body is a group of individuals that I would match with any other school as “the best”. I am not comparing test scores, grades, honor roll or anything else so easily measured. I am talking about the respect that our students show, their focus on the task at hand, their ability to problem-solve through tough situations and their overall good nature. Parents, you are to be commended for a job well done!

This month starts the competition for our Winter sports. These include Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Swimming, Wrestling and Boys and Girls Bowling. Our students are also continuing to compete in Debate and Scholars Bowl. If you are looking for some excitement in the month of December, besides Christmas shopping, then make sure to come and see Vespers, the Band concert, the Orchestra concert, the Vocal concert, any of our sports events and, of course, Hollyball! Our students not only compete well but they are excellent entertainers as well!

In closing, thank you for being such a big part of the many successes that we have had here at GBHS this first semester. Your support is greatly appreciated. I wish you and your family a Blessed Holiday season! God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Tim Friess

# FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS:

## Senior Yearbook Baby Photo (needed for All Seniors):

In addition to having your senior picture placed in the yearbook, we will also be including your senior's baby/ young child picture alongside it. The preferred option is that you email Mrs. Basden the photo you want used for this purpose or send the original to Mrs. Basden, in room 100. These originals will be mailed back, if a self- addressed stamped envelope is included. Otherwise, your senior will get the photo back in May.

## Senior Yearbook Photo

Senior Pictures need to be sent to Mrs. Basden no later than *Friday, December 16, 2011*. If the pictures are not available at that time, the yearbook staff will use their Lifetouch School picture. If submitting a pose from a photographer other than Lifetouch, please choose a Color head & shoulder picture to provide uniformity within the senior section. The picture of your student should be labeled with the student's name on the back along with "sr. pic" (so that we can distinguish between senior photos and tribute pictures.)

If at all possible, have your photography studio email your senior's picture to Mrs. Basden at [Rachel.Basden@usd428.net](mailto:Rachel.Basden@usd428.net). Most, if not all studios, already have her email address. This will speed up the process and allow for the clearest photo possible. If they cannot, feel free to email it to Mrs. Basden yourself, if possible. If emailing cannot be done, have the actual picture brought to her, in room 100.

## Senior Tribute Ad

As many of you know, most of the memories people have throughout their lives come from high school. Make sure you tell your senior how special they are to you, and that you are very proud of their achievements by putting a Senior Ad in the 2012 Rhorea. If you would like to purchase an ad, please review the different sizes available and the price of each on the form, which was both emailed and mailed out in September. Then send the completed form and payment to Mrs. Basden. If possible, email her your pictures, ad request, and simply mail or bring in the check. Your ad will not be created until the money has been turned in. You may also leave the ad in the school office or bring the ad to journalism room 100. Please do this as soon as possible to reserve a space. The deadline for ad sales is *Friday, December 16, 2011*. The picture of your student you wish to use in the ad needs to include your Seniors name on the back along with "tribute." Please remember to distinguish your senior class photo from your senior tribute, so they don't get mixed up. If you would like these pictures returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Otherwise, we will return the pictures to your senior in May.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. Basden.

**Mrs. Rachel Basden**

**Great Bend High School**

**Journalism & English Teacher**

**620-793-1521 ext. 372**

## FOR ALL PARENTS:

*The yearbook deadline has been extended to March 16<sup>h</sup>.* 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](http://www.usd428.net).

If you have not read the high school newspaper, check it out online, at [www.greatbendhighpanthers.net](http://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!



## Night of Music

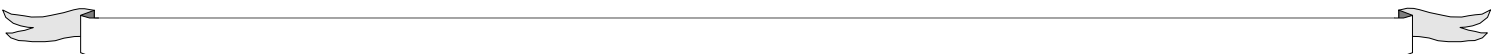
Come out and enjoy an evening of instrumental music on December 12, 2011. The GBHS orchestra will perform at 7:00 pm in the auditorium and the GBHS band concert will be at 8:00 pm in the gym. Hope to see you there.

## 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.



## News from the Guidance Office – December 2011

### Dates to Remember

Dec. 10 – ACT

Dec. 07 – Financial Aid Meeting

Jan. 13 – Postmark deadline for February ACT

### Web Resources

Scholarship searches

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

College & Career Planning

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

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

Test Prep

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

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

Financial Aid

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

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

[www.students.gov/STUGOVWEBApp/Public](http://www.students.gov/STUGOVWEBApp/Public)

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

[www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/)

Engineering websites

[www.asee.org/precollege](http://www.asee.org/precollege)

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

U.S. Citizenship

[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

### Financial Aid Application Process

To be considered for most of the federal student aid programs (Pell Grant, Federal Stafford Loan, etc.) a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students apply for federal student financial aid online and do not have to pay to submit the FAFSA. To complete the FAFSA, students need copies of their income tax returns and their parents' returns, W-2 forms, current bank statements, and records of any stocks, bonds, and other assets. Students applying for federal financial aid should obtain their P.I.N. as soon as possible. Teens can then use the P.I.N. as their electronic signature when applying on the Web. To obtain a P.I.N. log on to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). After supplying personal information including a Social Security Number, address, etc., students will be able to select a P.I.N. or a P.I.N. will be generated and sent via email to the student. Parents of dependent students should also request a P.I.N. since a parent signature is also required when applying for financial aid. FAFSA on the Web automatically edits application answers before transmission, resulting in better, more accurate information and fewer applications rejected by the Central Processing System. In addition, built-in edits help students detect and correct any errors before submitting the data to CPS. The address for FAFSA on the Web is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students may not submit a 2012-2013 FAFSA for processing before Jan. 1, 2012. Applications signed or sent before this date will be returned to the student. Some schools have limited institutional-financial aid funds that are awarded on a "first-come, first-served" basis for eligible students. Because of this it's important that students complete and submit the FAFSA as early as possible. **A financial aid meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 7, 2011, in the high school auditorium. Junior and Senior Parents are encouraged to attend.** A KSU representative will be our presenter. S/he will be providing information on filling out the FAFSA and other tips on maximizing your chances for financial aid.

## **How to Determine Campus Security**

Many parents perceive college and university campuses as being safe educational havens for students, however, student homicides, rapes, assaults and robberies continue to escalate. According to social scientists the probability of a female student being sexually assaulted over four years is approximately 25% on a national basis. Nine of ten student felonies involve alcohol and drugs. The Jeanne Clery Act requires all colleges and universities to report the number of crimes to prospective students and their families. Obtain the following information in order to locate a campus that does not have a high incidence of felonies:

- The number of felonies that have been committed in the past three years
- The number of forcible sex offenses
- The number of murders and non-negligent manslaughters
- The number of burglaries
- The number of criminal trespasses
- The number of campus police and security personnel
- The number of students that live on campus
- The ratio of students to campus police and security personnel
- Do residence halls have security personnel stationed at the entrance on a 24-hour basis?
- Is a registration log kept on non-resident guests to the dorm?
- Are security personnel trained officials?
- Do all residence hall doors lock automatically?
- Are underage state liquor laws strictly enforced by campus police?

Do residence hall doors have electronic alarms to warn of propped doors?

## **Upcoming College Events and Scholarships**

### **Kansas State University**

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](http://www.k-state.edu/nss/civicleadership).

### **University of Kansas**

Dec. 1 Academic scholarship application deadline

Hixson Opportunity Award requirements

- Financial need and/or personal hardships

Apply at [www.scholarships.ku.edu/hixson.shtml](http://www.scholarships.ku.edu/hixson.shtml) before Feb. 1, 2012.

### **Pittsburg State University**

Honors College Scholarship requirements

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

Apply at [www.pittstate.edu/admin/vpaa/honorscollege.html](http://www.pittstate.edu/admin/vpaa/honorscollege.html)

### **Emporia State University**

The Newman Division of Nursing at Emporia State University has announced an exciting opportunity for students interested in pursuing a baccalaureate degree in nursing at Emporia State University. The new opportunity provides for guaranteed admission to the **nursing program** for any student meeting certain requirements. Check the ESU Web page ([www.emporia.edu/](http://www.emporia.edu/)) for information about the new Guaranteed Admission Option.

### **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

### **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.

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

### **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!

See your counselor for any questions you may have! **Don't wait until the last minute!!**

### **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 2011. The application is available in the guidance office and will be accepted no earlier than January 3, 2012.

### **AXA Achievement Scholarship**

This program provides \$10,000 national scholarships to 52 students and \$15,000 to 10 national recipients. Winners are students who set and reach ambitious goals, demonstrate drive, determination and ability to succeed in college and who have respect for self, family and community. The application can be found at [www.axa-achievement.com](http://www.axa-achievement.com) and must be submitted before **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **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 31, 2012. 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](http://www.nex-tech.com) for an application.

### **Vocational Scholarship** – [www.kansasregents.org/scholarships\\_and\\_grants](http://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.

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

Oratorical Contest – Due January 5

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 Farm Bureau office April 15<sup>th</sup>**.