



GBHS Newsletter

March 2010

Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

March 1st has arrived! I look at the calendar and I see 47 days left for our Seniors! I know that the previous statement will elicit many different emotions. Tears of sorrow and tears of joy. One from parents and one from students!! March also brings the closing of a successful winter sports season and the start of a very busy and much anticipated spring sports season. I, again, encourage you to come and see the many great things that your sons and daughters are doing at GBHS.

In addition to the sports of track, baseball, softball, tennis, golf, soccer and swimming we have the Spring play presented by the Drama department, and students continuing to compete in Debate, FBLA, Scholar's Bowl and Music to name a few activities. We encourage our students to "get involved" in clubs, teams and activities and we definitely provide many opportunities for them to do so. March also brings the Mr. Perfect Panther contest and spring break. In my ramblings about activities, I usually mention the calendar. Our calendar committee has met and has proposed five options for our school calendar for next year, 2010-11. If you would like to, and we would like for you to, fill out a survey requesting your favorite calendar for next year please go to www.usd428.net and click on the calendar in the bottom right hand portion of the home page and take a quick survey. Your input is important to us on the calendar as well as any other issue. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey. See you at one of our many activities this month!

Sincerely,

Tim Friess

03/01/10 1st day of practice Spring sports
03/02/10 Spring sports parent meeting
03/03/10 Local scholarship applications due

Act registration deadline for April test

03/07/10 Spring play GBHS Aud. 2 pm

03/08/10 Winter Sports Panther Booster Club Banquet Highland Hotel 7 pm

03/09/10 Spring play GBHS Aud. 7

03/12/10 End of Third Quarter Dismiss all Students 11:30 am

03/15/10 thru 03/19/10 Spring Recess/ No School

03/22/10 Spring Sports pictures

03/24/10 Spring Sports Pictures

03/26/10 Mr. Perfect Panther GBHS Aud. 7:30 pm

Stuco dance GBHS commons 9:00 pm

GREAT BEND JUNIOR/SENIOR AFTER PROM PARTY

Junior and Senior Parents:

The Junior/Senior Prom for Great Bend High School is scheduled for April 10, 2010. The After Prom Party Committee is sponsoring an alcohol-free party from midnight to 3:00 a.m. at the Walnut Bowl. We are requesting donations from parents, to help offset the cost of bowling, pool, casino games, food and prizes. If you would like to help with this project, please send your donation to:

Great Bend High School

Attn: Pam Jenkinson

2027 Morton

Great Bend, KS 67530

Thank you for your help in keeping our young people in a safe environment.

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Prom

Junior parents....

We need help cleaning up the night of prom. We will need help starting about 11:50 pm the night of April 10th and should finish by 1:30 or so. If you can help, please contact Ms. Bell at the high school.

News from the Guidance Office – March 2010

Dates to remember

Mar. 05 – SAMMY Scholarship deadline

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Mar. 09 – Robert Dole Scholarship deadline

Mar. 12 – Postmark deadline for KACRAO Scholarship

Mar. 15 – BCC scholarship deadline

Mar. 16 – Allan Miller Scholarship deadline

Mar. 19 – Postmark deadline for Kansas Future Teacher Academy

Mar. 31 – John Mingenback Memorial scholarship deadline

Apr. 10 – ACT

Web Resources

Scholarship searches

www.scholarshiphelp.org

www.fastweb.com

www.cashe.com

www.collegenet.com

www.asla-scholarships.org

www.collegeedge.com

College & Career Planning

www.mapping-your-future.org

www.theeigroup.com

Financial Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.pin.ed.gov

Scholarship Available to Juniors

The Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Scholarship is available for students in grade 11. Student candidates are evaluated on five criteria that broadly address individual achievements and community service. These criteria are: participation in service to school, community service, scholastic acumen, entrepreneurial skill, and personal achievement. Applications may be downloaded from www.hamiltonfriends.org. Deadline to submit the application is **April 16, 2010**.

Procrastinator's Guide to Financial Aid

When it comes to financial aid, late is often too late. But financial aid offices may be able to work with students who have missed deadlines. Late applicants should consider these options.

- Check the school's Website – Many sites provide information about late applicant policies and links to alternate funding sources.
- Visit the school's financial aid office – students should try to build a case for themselves by demonstrating special need, special circumstances, or special abilities. A gracious and appreciative demeanor is essential, no matter what the outcome.
- Consider taking out a loan – federally sponsored student loans such as the Stafford, Perkins or the PLUS loan, are best. However, different schools have different policies regarding late application. Check with your financial aid officer for more information.

The last-ditch alternative – if all other possibilities are exhausted, students may want to consider starting with a junior college. Make sure the credits earned from the junior college will transfer to the preferred 4-year college.

Upcoming College Events and Scholarships

Fort Hays State University

Mar. 1 FAFSA priority date

Kansas State University

Mar. 1 FAFSA priority date

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

Mar. 1 FAFSA priority date

KU will host Annual **Junior Days** on February 15th, March 5th, 8th, 26th, 29th, and April 2nd, 19th, 23rd, and 30th. High school juniors and their parents will tour campus, and students will be able to gather information from any of the eleven schools at KU. There is a \$15 registration fee per student and per guest, which includes parking, breakfast, lunch, and a t-shirt for each high school junior. Space is limited so register early at www.admissions.ku.edu/juniordays.

Pittsburg State University

Mar. 1 FAFSA deadline

Mar. 7 Junior Jungle Day

Barton County Community College

Mar. 15 Scholarship deadline

Apr. 15 FAFSA priority date

Fort Hays State University

Mar. 1 FAFSA priority date

Emporia State University

Feb. 15 Priority Scholarship Deadline

Mar. 20 Kansas Future Teacher Academy postmark 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

Mar. 15 FAFSA priority date

Colby Community College

Mar. 15 Veterinary Technology program application deadline

Washburn University

Feb. 27 Junior Day

Mar. 11 Junior Day

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SENIORS: Be sure and check out the school's website.....www.usd428.net and click on "Local Scholarships".....follow the directions on the link at the top of the page on how to fill them out and where to turn them in. Check out the "Other" Scholarships as well. Local Scholarships are due to the Guidance office **March 5th, 2010.**

SAMMY

Seniors who participated in a high school sport or club sport during the 2008-2009 school year are eligible to apply. Applicants selected as a scholarship winner must be enrolled as a full-time student at a state accredited college or university for the 2008 fall semester. Apply online at www.bodybymilk.com. **Application deadline is March 5th.**

KACRAO Quality Leadership

The Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers offer scholarships to reward students who have demonstrated quality leadership during their high school years. **Postmark deadline is March 12th**. To be considered for these scholarships students must:

- Have a 3.25 GPA
- Score of at least a 22 on the ACT
- Write a one-page essay
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or principal
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a community leader

Submit a detailed resume

Applications are available online at www.kacrao.org > info for high school students > KACRAO scholarship, and in the guidance office.

Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association

KARA is offering (4) \$500 scholarships and (1) \$1,000 scholarship on the basis of merit to any senior planning to major in agronomy, crop science, ag engineering, professional ag-chemical application or a related field of study. Applications are located in the guidance office are **due March 13th**.

Kansas County Clerk (KCC/EOA) Scholarship: For graduating seniors majoring in Journalism, Political Science or Communications with a 3.0 GPA. See your counselor NOW for an application. Applications are due April 2nd.

Ryan Dunlap Scholarship: Great Bend High School Senior planning on attending Barton Community College and must be majoring in Education or Sports Medicine, demonstrate financial need and have a 3.0 grade point average. See your counselors NOW for applications or visit www.goldenbeltcf.org.... Deadlines for applications are March 31st.

Paul Urban Scholarship: Application found at www.goldenbeltcf.org...for a Great Bend High School Senior and based on financial need. Deadline is March 31st.

Southwest Kansas Bar Association - Must write a law themed essay and fill out an application. See your counselor for one. Deadline is March 26, 5:00 pm

KSCPA Merit Scholarships – This is for graduating seniors planning to major in Accounting; rank high in ACT/SAT scores, will attend a Kansas University or college and possess demonstrated leadership activities. Students must ask their counselor to submit their ACT score and then they will be sent a questionnaire/short essay form to be completed. Deadline for submission of test scores is March 9th. Deadline for the questionnaire is April 20, 2010.

JUNIORS: The Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award/Scholarship deadline is April 16th. See you counselor or visit www.hamiltonfriends.org for application.

- **Community service**
- **Need**
- **Achievement**

JUNIORS: Kansas American Legion is sponsoring the Annual Cadet Law Enforcement Academy again in June. If you are interested in attending, see your counselor for an application.

Kansas Future Teacher Academy

Current **sophomores and juniors** (and seniors for the Dodge City academy) who are interested in a teaching career are eligible to apply to an intense five-day teaching academy that will be held on the ESU campus from June 13th through June 18th. The DCCC dates have yet to be determined. Participants share in a variety of activities that will help them to understand what teachers do and to determine whether or not they have the potential for meeting this professional challenge. Cost is \$50 for the ESU program and \$100 for the DCCC program. Download the application from www.emporia.edu/jones/kfta/application.pdf or pick up an application from your guidance counselor. Postmark deadline is **March 19, 2010**.