



# GBHS Newsletter

April 2010

## Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

29! The countdown has begun. 29 days of school left for our graduating class of 2010. Wow! Time does fly when you are having fun! It has been a very good ride for this class. I am sure that they will finish in grand style. What is as impressive as the class of 2010 is: the classes of '11, '12 and '13. We are blessed here at GBHS to have 4 classes of outstanding quality students. No, not every student lives up to our expectations but every one of our students is here for a reason and they are important to us. Thank you for your support of your son/daughter's education at GBHS. I have always said that we do not have bad students, just good students who sometimes make "bad" choices. We have expectations for all of our students at GBHS and we work hard to try and get every student to succeed. As we get to the end of another great school year, I want to encourage each of you as parents to continue to provide support for your student until the very end and help them to maintain their focus throughout the last 9 weeks of school.

The last 9 weeks of school is the final time for some but it is extremely important for many of our students. We want each of our students to "bring their "A" game" these last 9 weeks whether they are taking a State Assessment, doing a classroom assignment or competing in any of our many extra-curricular activities. Hopefully, we will provide "our "A" game" for students these last 9 weeks also.

As we have one last break from school, this one for Easter, remember to count the blessings that you have received and remember the reason for Easter. He is what always gives us hope.

Tim Friess

**04/02/10 No School  
Good Friday**  
**04/04/10 Easter**  
**04/05/10 No School**  
**04/06/10 Graduation  
delivery day –HS com-  
mons during lunch**  
**04/07/10 HS in-house  
band festival**  
**04/10/10 ACT test  
Prom HS gym 9 to 12  
Reg. music festival  
solo & small ensem-  
bles @ BCC**  
**04/14/10 Vocal music  
festival for large  
groups HS Audito-  
rium**  
**04/15-18/10 Band trip  
to Houston**  
**04/17/10 Reg. speech  
& drama festival TBA**  
**04/24/10 State music  
festival for solo &  
small ensembles @  
Newton**  
**04/27/10 Awards as-  
sembly HS Aud. 7 pm**  
**04/28/10 Leadership  
banquet HS Coms  
6:30pm**

# Prom

Great Bend High School's Prom will be held Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> at the High School Gym. Doors will open at 9:00 p.m. and Prom ends at midnight. Students will not be admitted after 10:00 p.m. The Crowning ceremony will take place at 10:15. There will be a chance to view the decorations from 7:00 – 8:00 Saturday. Please come to the South East Gym doors at that time. No parents will be allowed inside of the gym after the viewing except the chaperones and at 10:00 parents of the Prom candidates. Once students leave the gym they will not be re-admitted. Any parents still wanting to help Friday night set up or Saturday night to take down decorations please contact Ms. Bell at 793 – 1521 ext 126 or [Kirsten.bell@usd428.org](mailto:Kirsten.bell@usd428.org)

The Prom Committee has worked hard on Prom and hopes everyone has a great time

# Graduation

Graduation is just around the corner! Caps, gowns and invitations have arrived: order pick up will be April 6th during all lunch periods. Please take the time to take it out of the bag and make sure it fits properly. If there are any problems, please contact the office.

## **ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!!**

Senior Class Picnic on Friday, May 14th

11:30 at Vets' Park

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Karen Maier at GBHS 793-1521 or [karen.maier@usd428.net](mailto:karen.maier@usd428.net)

## News from the Guidance Office – April 2010

### ACT Information

#### GBHS Code 171-158

Test Date	Registration Deadline
4/10/10	03/05/10
06/12/10	05/07/10

### 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.anycollege.net](http://www.anycollege.net)

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://onlineonetcenter.org>

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

Financial Aid

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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](http://www.hamiltonfriends.org). Deadline to submit the application is **April 16, 2010**.

### Upcoming College Events and Scholarships

#### Fort Hays State University

Apr. 7 Tiger Mania Sophomore and Junior day

## **Kansas State University**

Junior Days – Pick a day to explore majors and careers, tour campus, eat lunch and more! Choose from April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Register at: <http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse/>

## **University of Kansas**

K

U will host Annual **Junior Days** on February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.admissions.ku.edu/juniordays).

## **Barton County Community College**

Apr. 15      FAFSA priority date

## **Johnson County Community College**

Apr. 1      Scholarship deadline

## **Jonathon Witt & Sadie Stalcup Scholarship**

The Clara Barton Hospital Foundation is offering scholarships to students interested in pursuing a career in nursing or other medical fields. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**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.**

## **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.**

### **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 939 Scholarship**

The VVA Chapter 939 is sponsoring two \$500 scholarships to students who have been employed for pay throughout most of their high school careers. Applications are available in the guidance office. **Applications must be received in the Hays office on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Loren Mall Scholarship**

The members of Delta Sigma Phi are offering two \$500 scholarships to incoming freshmen attending KSU. Recipients are under no obligation to join Delta Sigma Phi. **Postmark deadline is April 10, 2010.**

- Grades
- ACT scores
- Community service

Leadership roles

### **AEMP Scholarship**

The Association of Equipment Management Professionals Foundation offers numerous 2-year scholarships to highly motivated students interested in the equipment industry. All students with at least a 2.0 GPA are eligible to apply. Access the application at [www.aemp.org/scholarship.htm](http://www.aemp.org/scholarship.htm). Deadline is **May 1, 2010**.

### **Epilepsy Scholarship Award (by Pfizer)**

This program awards each of 25 high school seniors and college students who have epilepsy with a \$3,000 scholarship. Register at [www.epilepsy-scholarships.com](http://www.epilepsy-scholarships.com) and print off an application from the website. Applications cannot be emailed and must be **postmarked by May 1, 2010**