

**APRIL/MAY  
NEWSLETTER**

April & May 2015 Newsletter

**Counselor's Corner** by Miss Tetschner

HAPPY SPRING!!! The calendar says it is spring. Anxious students are a hint of spring, and the weather has decided to be spring-like. However, there is still much to be done before the end of the school year.

Spring also means scheduling. Mr. Owen and myself have been working diligently on next year's schedule and hope to have it complete by the middle part of April. As scheduling is always a challenge, Mr. Owen and myself make the best effort possible to offer several academic options for all our students based on the information the students provided at pre-registration. As colleges are becoming more selective, and entrance requirements are increasing, students need to be academically solid in their choice of classes as well as their academic performance.

After the schedule is complete, I will start meeting with students to plan for their 2014-2015 school year. After meeting with each student and discussing their schedule, the student will bring the schedule home for parents to also consider. Please discuss your student's schedule and call or make an appointment if you have questions or concerns.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will on a College Visit Day sponsored by a grant through Education-Quest Foundation. The students will visit Wayne State College a 4-year college and Northeast Community College a 2-year college. The students will have the opportunity to tour both campuses, eat at Wayne's cafeteria, and visit with current students.

**9-11<sup>th</sup> GRADE COLLEGE VISITS:** Through the ReVISION Grant students in grades 9-11 will also go on a College Visit. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade will visit Hastings College, a 4-year private college and Hastings Community College, a 2-year public college. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade will visit the University of Nebraska at Kearney, a 4-year public college. Through the UNL Opportunity Grant the 11<sup>th</sup> grade will visit the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, a 4-year public college, and Southeast Community College – Lincoln campus, a 2-year public college.

Through these college visit experiences students get a feel for the different types of colleges, the programs they offer, admission requirements, and the different opportunities each college has to offer.

**EMAIL:** I started an email list of seniors, senior parents, and juniors, and junior parents to provide up-to-date as it comes through my office. I have had positive responses to this resource and found that students check their email better than they listen to the daily announcements. Many times students and parents would email me questions, essays to proof read, etc... this instant way of communicating has been a wonderful tool. If you would like to be included on this email list for the 2015-2016 school year please email me your address at [julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com](mailto:julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com)

**JUNIORS:** Now is the time to start attending college "Junior Days." These are college visits especially for high school juniors. If you have a college of interest, I highly recommend going to

visit, researching their admission and scholarship requirements, and in some cases apply. It is easy to explore colleges on line and gather information – Just do it!! Also take advantage of days we don't have school to schedule a college visit. Don't wait until your senior year to start the pursuit of a college career. It is important that you take time to look at your options because if you wait your options might not be available (especially at a two year school).

Juniors interested in programs that require a waiting list should apply NOW and get your name on the list. Many programs at Milford and Northeast, for example, have at least a year wait for some popular programs. It is important that you get your name on the list if you are interested in attending. Also don't feel obligated to go there if your name is on the list. It is just to help secure a spot and remember you can always change your mind. To find out if there is waiting lists simply call and ask.

Take the ACT in April and/or June. Students are advised to complete the ACT Academy. It is to your advantage to take the ACT test this spring, so you know where you are at and plan for where you want to be by December your senior year. Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and enter BHS school code 280-375. Also if you qualify for free/reduced lunch or other programs you may take the ACT test for free and just stop by my office for that information.

Students only interested in attending a two year college should plan on taking the COMPASS test this spring as well. This test can be taken at the Central Community site in Ord and several juniors may take advantage of this opportunity already this spring. The COMPASS is used by two year colleges for academic placement in to classes, as well as scholarship dollars, and admission to certain programs of study.

**Junior To Do List:**

Plan to take the ACT test or COMPASS test

April 12<sup>th</sup> – ACT Test

April 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> – COMPASS test (sign up on Miss T's window)

May 8<sup>th</sup> – deadline to register for the June 13<sup>th</sup> ACT Test

Start looking at colleges and go on college visits

Start looking for a summer job or volunteer work

Are you on Miss T's email list? If not email her so you can get the latest and up-to-date information [julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com](mailto:julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com).

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015	August 8–21, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19– October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7–20, 2015
February 6, 2016*	January 8, 2016	January 9–15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5–18, 2016
June 11, 2016**	May 6, 2016	May 7–20, 2016

### **SENIORS: Finish the year with purpose.**

- Keep on top of scholarship deadlines, deadlines for housing, deposits, etc....
- Submit your FAFSA. Colleges have financial aid deadlines – look online or call.
- Continue applying for scholarships and notify me of scholarship awarded.
- Notify me of colleges you are planning to attend.

Scholarships are hot, hot, hot!!! This is the time of year when most scholarships are posted and deadlines are due. This is also the time of year that many local scholarships are posted. Check your email daily as I have been emailing you scholarship information as soon as it comes across my desk. However, not all scholarships come across my desk, so sign up with [www.ScholarshipQuest.org](http://www.ScholarshipQuest.org) and check with organizations or businesses that either you or your parents are associated with. There are several scholarships out there but you must apply. The people that receive scholarships are the ones that do the work (many are online), write the essay, get letters of recommendation, and put a little time and effort in to completing the needed information. You can't be awarded anything if you don't try.

It is also FAFSA time!!! Remember the FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID is FREE. Never pay to have your FAFSA completed. Steps to take to complete your FAFSA: 1. Apply for a Department of Education PIN for you and a parent to file the FAFSA on-line [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) (this is your electronic signature). 2. Complete student and parent 2013 tax returns. 3. Gather all needed information to complete the FAFSA. I emailed you a check list, but you can also go to EducationQuest.org and look under the FAFSA tools for the list and tutorials. 4. Complete the FAFSA [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov).

If you need any assistance with completing the FAFSA or have questions, please contact the EducationQuest Foundation. This is a free education service and they are well informed and trained on the FAFSA. You can call the Kearney office at 1-800-666-3721 or go to their website at [www.EducationQuest.org](http://www.EducationQuest.org).

By completing the FAFSA (remember to do it as soon as possible as some funding runs out and is on a first come first serve basis) and the financial aid process you will be notified of scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans. This will all help you in the decisions you will need to make on how to pay for a college education. After you complete the FAFSA you will soon receive a SAR (Student Aid Report); please bring me a copy so I can record any scholarship and grant money you may be awarded for my records.

Seniors, when you are awarded scholarships please bring me a copy of your award letter so I can keep a record as well as start planning and preparing for your graduation ceremony.

It has been a pleasure working with the seniors. I am very pleased with your accomplishments and wish you the very best in your future. Please keep in mind that if you need anything in the future let me know.

### **Senior To Do List:**

- Narrow your college choices.
- Notify me of the college you are planning to attend and any scholarships you have been awarded
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Complete the FAFSA
- Start looking for a summer job
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Graduation J

## 2015-16 Class Supply List

Below you will find a list of class supplies that students will need next fall for some of their classes. school.

### Mrs. Helbergs English Classes:

- Writing Utensils
- Notebook
- Mrs. Helberg does NOT give out writing utensils or paper! Please be prepared when you come to class.

### Mrs. Critel's Courses

Keyboarding-pencil

Information Technology Applications I & II-pencil

Accounting-pencils, blue or black pens

Journalism—college ruled notebook, blue or black pens

Entrepreneurship-college ruled notebook, blue or black pens, pencils

Personal Finance- pencils, blue or black pens, college ruled notebook

Introduction to Business, Marketing & Management- blue or black pens, college ruled notebook

Desktop Publishing-pencil

### Mrs. Dawe-English 7

1" 3-Ring Binder  
3- Hole Punch Tab Dividers (4)  
3- Hole Punch Lined Paper (1 pkg. of 20-50)  
3- Hole Punch Pencil Pouch  
1 Pocket Folder  
#2 Pencils  
Ink Pen (Blue or Black)  
Eraser

# Burwell Jr-Sr Prom

The Burwell Jr-Sr Prom, "A Summer Night" will be held on April 25, 2015. Pictures will begin at 5:45 p.m. Juniors and Seniors will take class pictures at that time. The Grand March will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. After the crowning of the King and Queen, the dance will begin and continue until midnight.



## BHS Class of 2015 Graduation Information

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Commencement Exercises for Burwell Jr.-Sr. High School will be held on May 10, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the BHS gymnasium.

Class Colors: Peacock

Class Flower: Gerbera Daisy

Class Motto: Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams. Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need. ~anonymous

Class Song: "I'll Always Remember You" Miley Cyrus