

IMPORTANT SENIOR ENGLISH INFORMATION

Each senior is required to read three books this semester. One related to their research paper, one by a foreign author, and a book of their choice. It is important to note that once your child has missed the due date for the book report, they have missed their chance! They can start working towards their next book report, but once they have missed a deadline that is it! Seniors must plan ahead! Your child should already be aware of this from Junior English, but I feel it is important to make sure we're all on the same page.

The next item of business is the senior research paper. We will start working on the papers immediately! I have six check-points to make sure your child is on track. If your child meets each check-point then they will have no problem completing the paper. Please ask your child how their research paper is coming along. Please ask to read your child's paper. Please ask them if they are meeting the check-points. This is a major project and I want them to feel accomplished and proud after it's handed in. This should be their best work of writing up to this point in their life.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at: meg.helberg@gmail.com or call me at the school: 308-346-4150. I am hoping for a great semester and can't wait to see each student improve their skills!

October 2014 Newsletter

Counselor's Corner by *Miss Tetschner*

The school year is off to a great start and much has happened in the first few weeks. I have several mini-lessons planned for the year for the 7-12th grade students and I'm eager to visit their classrooms and get to know them better.

Junior High School: Many junior high students have a difficult time adjusting to the academic responsibilities and the new atmosphere of the high school building. There are several dependable students that have volunteered to tutor and offer suggestions on how to better adjust to the expectations of junior high school. If you think your son/daughter could benefit from a one-on-one session, please contact me.

7-11th Grade: In the first quarter of school I will meet with each grade, 7-11, to discuss their academic career, academic planning, transcripts, test scores, etc... and how that all works together and a holistic picture of them as an academic student. I strongly believe the more informed students are in regards to their academic status, what colleges and scholarship committees look for, and employers consider, the more students comprehend the importance of a quality education and the seriousness of their studies.

College Fairs: Any student in grades 9-12 can attend a college fair, especially juniors and seniors. This is a quick, easy way to gather a lot of information in a one-stop trip. To get the most out of a college fair here are some tips:

1. Visit www.NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Take the barcode to the college fair so college reps can scan it and you won't need to complete a student information card at every college booth you visit.
2. View participating colleges and see who will be at the college fair at www.educationquest.org.
3. Arrive early so you can visit all the colleges that interest you.
4. Stop by the EducationQuest booth to get free college planning materials and for a bag to collect college view books.
5. Come prepared with questions for the college reps:
 - What are admissions requirements and deadlines?
 - Does the school offer academic programs that meet my interests?
 - What is the cost of tuition and fees, room and board?
 - How do I apply for college-based scholarships?
 - What are the housing options?
 - What student activities can I get involved in?
6. Attend a financial aid program offered during the College Fair.
7. If you decide a college isn't for you, contact that college and ask them to take you off their mailing list – this saves you from unwanted mail.

College Fair Dates:

October 5 – Tri-State College Fair Marian Center – South Sioux City 12:30 pm-3:00 pm

October 12 – Scottsbluff/Gering Area College Fair Gering Civic Center 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

October 19 – Omaha Area College Fair UNO – Sapp Fieldhouse 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

October 26 – Lincoln Area College Fair Lincoln – Southeast Community College 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

College Reps: Any student 9-12 can stop by to visit with College Reps that come visit our school and students can gather information. Colleges are in the process of calling to schedule a College Rep appointment. Please keep posted on college visitors in the daily bulletin, emails, and posters in the hallways. Take the opportunity to meet with these college reps, ask questions, and gather information. All college reps are scheduled during Encore time in the library.

College Rep Dates (so far);

October 1 – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Juniors: It's not too early for juniors to start gathering information from colleges they are interested in. It's also not too early for juniors to start going on college visits. A campus visit is a great way to get a good feel for the college and the atmosphere, as well as ask questions and get admission and financial aid information. Setting up a college visit is as easy as a phone call or a click to register online.

Juniors received their ASVAB results on Thursday, September 19th from Sgt. Tim McCaslin of the Army National Guard. Please ask your son/daughter to see their results.

Juniors who are looking at a 4-year college are encouraged to take the ACT Test at least once their junior year. The ACT Test score is used for college admission and scholarship purposes. Most colleges only take the ACT Test through December of their senior year, so taking the ACT Test early their junior year is important. For more information go to www.actstudent.org or stop by my office. Some juniors are taking advantage of the ACT Academy and learning tips and tools about taking the ACT Test through John Baylor.

Juniors who are looking at a 2-year college are encouraged to take the COMPASS test at least once their junior year. This test is used for academic placement their freshman year of college, scholarship dollars, and admission to certain programs. To take the COMPASS at CCC in Ord contact Crystal Ramm crystalramm@cccneb.edu or call 308-728-3299. Also junior who plan to attend a 2-year school should apply NOW as programs tend to fill up fast. It is better to be on a waiting list now, than to have to wait a semester or year after you graduate from high school to get in. Stop by my office and I can help you.

Seniors: Thank you to the seniors and senior parents for your participation in the senior parent meeting.

Please remind your son/daughter to return the needed information to me ASAP if you haven't already done so. Parents, if you missed the meeting and would like up-to-date information that comes through my office, please send me your email address to jtetschner@esu10.org.

Go Visit!!! Seniors if you haven't been on a college visit to your top college choices, go!!! It is important that you get on campus to get a feel for the college and its atmosphere, as well as ask questions.

Apply for admissions. Senior it is important to apply early for college admissions. If you are interested in a two-year program apply ASAP as some programs fill up fast. Please apply to your top college choices by the end of October. Once you apply the college will send you an acceptance letter and other information about scholarships, etc... but you must apply to get the process started.

Complete your Academic/Activities Resume. When you have completed a draft of your academic/activities resume, please give me a copy to edit and offer suggestions. Remember this one page piece of paper is your first impression to scholarship committees.

Important Dates:

October 15 – PSAT Test for juniors who registered

October 25 – ACT Test

November 7 – ACT Test registration deadline for Dec. 13th test

November 10 – Financial Aid Presentation by EducationQuest at 6:30 pm for Juniors and Seniors and their parents in the library

November 14th – Spring registration starts for the ACE Scholarship for students taking college credit classes

Junior and Seniors To Do List:

- Attend College Fairs
- Go on College Visits
- Get involved in school and community activities
- Register for ACT Tests
- Look for scholarships
- Apply to colleges
- Stay informed:

Read the daily bulletin

Email – check your emails daily

PARENTS – of juniors and seniors who would like instant messages of important information that comes through my office, please share our email address with me.

Simply send me an email: jtetschner@esu10.org

October

	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
13				1 Pre District Livestock Judging @ Valentine	2	3 Varsity Football Home Vs. Ansley/Litchfield 7:00pm PARENTS NIGHT	4 Harvest of Harmony Parade
14	5	6 JH VB Home Vs. Ord 5:00pm JH Football Home Vs. Twin Loup 4:00pm JV Football @ Elm Creek 6:00pm	7 Res/Var VB @ Anselmo-Merna 6:00/7:00pm	8 FCCLA District Leadership @ O'Neill	9 Cross Country @ McCool Junction 4:30pm Var Volleyball Δ with Twin Loup & Riverside @ Cedar Rapids 5:30/6:30/7:30	10 Varsity Football Vs. Central Valley @ Wolbach 7:00pm	11 West Holt JH VB Tournament 9:00am
15	12	13 Burwell Practice Livestock Judging & Meeting JV & JH Football Home Vs Boyd County 4:00/6:00pm	14 JH/Ras/Var Volleyball Vs. CWC @ Bartlett JH 3:00/4:00 C Team/Ras/Var 5:00/6:00/7:00pm	15 10:00 Start Teacher In-Service End of First Term	16 Cross Country Districts Goldensrod Conference Volleyball	17 Varsity Football Home Vs. Twin Loup 7:00pm	18 Goldenrod Conference Volleyball @ Fullerton
16	19	20 JH Football Home Vs St. Mary's 4:00pm	21 C Team/ Res/Var Volleyball Home Vs Elgin Public/Pope John 5:00/6:00/7:00pm PARENTS NIGHT	22 District Livestock Judging @ Elgin/Neligh	23 Reserve & Varsity Volleyball & Varsity Football @ Amherst 4:30/5:30/7:00pm	24 Elementary Parent Teachers Conferences No school at Elementary State Cross Country	25 Riverside JV Volleyball Tournament @ Cedar Rapids 9:00am
17	26	27 Reserve/Varsity Volleyball @ Spalding Academy 6:30/7:30 C Team to be determined	28 Fall Concert	29	30 First Round FB Playoffs	31 NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK	

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18	2	3 Sub District VB	4 Sub District VB	5 Second Round Football Playoffs	6	7 VB District Finals	8 JH Wrestling @ Valentine Invite 10:00am
19	9	10 FFA Meeting	11 Ord Play Festival Football Playoff Quarter Finals	12 NSAA District IV Meeting @ Kearney	13 State Volleyball JH Girls BB Home Vs Arcadia/Loup City 4:00pm JH Wrestling Invite Home 4:00pm	14 State Volleyball	15 State Volleyball
20	16	17 Start of Winter Practice Football Playoff Semi Finals	18 Burwell Play Night	19	20 JH Girls BB @ North Central 6:30	21	22 FFA Dance
21	23	24 Fall Athletic Awards Night D1 State Football Finals	25 JH Girls BB Home Vs Ord 6:00 JH Wrestling Home Vs Ord 6:30 Conference Play Production	26 1:00pm Dismissal Thanksgiving Vacation	27 THANKSGIVING	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Vacation	29
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