# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

# Jr. Sr. High School Day/Encore Period

The School Day will begin at 8:04 a.m. It is imperative that our students get to school on time. Students who are habitually tardy will be required to make up time after school. If a student accumulates 10 tardies they will spend a day of in school suspension.

Burwell Jr. Sr. High School offers an Encore Period that begins at 3:25. This is a 30 to 35 minute period at the end of the school day, where all teachers are available to give students extra help. No sport practices can take place during the Encore Period. If a student has a grade below a C- they are required to attend the Encore Period. Failure to show up for Encore Period will be an automatic detention. Parents will be notified by mail if a student is required to attend the Encore Period. It is important that we encourage students to take advantage of the Encore Period.

#### **Student Information Changes**

If, for whatever reason, there have been changes in address, phone number, or any other student information please contact the School office. This includes information that the school has in the computer database that may be incorrect. If you receive information from the school and it is not correct, please contact the school so that the information can be updated. Up to date E-mail Addresses are requested of all parents

### Reminder – No weapons are allowed at Burwell Public Schools

### **Regardless of the concealed Handgun Law**

The Legislature has passed a concealed handgun law. The Burwell Public Schools wants to remind and assure staff, students, parents and visitors to our schools that weapons are <u>not</u> permitted to be brought to or possessed in our school buildings, school grounds, or school activities.

The concealed weapons law will allow adults to get a permit to carry a concealed handgun. Permit holders will be allowed to carry a concealed handgun in many places, but <u>not</u> at our schools. Anyone who carries a handgun or weapon at our schools is in violation of Board policies and is also committing a crime which will be reported to law enforcement.

The following is a section of LB 454, Section 15; A handgun permit holder may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in Nebraska <u>except for any</u>: police, sheriff, or Nebraska State Patrol station of office; detention facility, prison, or jail; courtroom or building which contains a courtroom; polling place during a bona fide election; meeting of the governing body of a public school district, county, municipality, or other political subdivision; meeting of the Legislature or a committee of the Legislature; financial institution; professional, semiprofessional, of collegiate athletic event; school, school grounds, school-owed vehicle, or school-sponsored activity of athletic event; place of worship; emergency room or trauma center; political rally or fundraiser; establishment having a license issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act that derives over one-half of its total income from the sale of alcoholic liquor: place where the possession or carrying of a firearm is prohibited by state or federal law; a place of premises where the person, persons, entity, or entities in control of the property or employer in control of the property has prohibited permit holders from carrying concealed handguns into or onto the place of premises; or into or onto any other place or premises where handguns are prohibited by law or rule or regulation.

# **October 2016 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 7-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**7-11<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>www.NebraskCollegeFairs.org</u> 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 <u>www.educationquest.org</u>.
- 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 2 - Tri-State College Fair Marian Center – South Sioux City 12:30 pm-3:00 pm October 9 – Lincoln Area College Fair Lincoln – Southeast Community College 1:00 pm-3:00 pm October 16 – Omaha Area College Fair UNO – Sapp Fieldhouse 1:00 pm-4:00 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);

September 28 – Wayne State College

October 18 - University of Nebraska at Kearney

October 25 – Nebraska Wesleyan University

October 26 - University of Nebraska-Lincoln & Mid Plains Community College

**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 will receive their ASVAB results from Sgt. Matt Williams 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 <u>www.actstudent.org</u> 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 <u>crystalramm@cccneb.edu</u> or call 308-728-3299. Also junior who plan to attend a 2year 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 <u>ju-lie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com</u>.

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 19** – PSAT Test for juniors who registered **October 22** – ACT Test **November 4** – ACT Test registration deadline for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> test

## 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: Julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com.