

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.

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 **not** 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 **not** 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 **except for any:** 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, or 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.**

NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

UPCOMING TEST DATES:

October 17: **P-SAT** (interested juniors, given at our school). This is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Students must pay a fee of \$14.00 to register for this test. This scholarship is highly competitive, with only the top ½ of one percent of students in each state being named as National Merit Semi-Finalists. If a student is considering attending a school on the East or West Coast where the SAT is more commonly used for college admissions, he/she should take the P-SAT.

November 13: **PLAN** (given at our school). I encourage all sophomores to take this sophomore version of the ACT. Students must register with Mrs. Senn and pay the \$11.25 fee by Oct. 10

ACT Test Dates: Students who will be attending a four-year college **MUST** take the ACT or the SAT. Others who must take it are students who will be entering such programs as LPN, dental hygiene or an associate's degree in nursing. I encourage students to take the test twice, once in their junior year and once in their senior year. The fee is \$35 or \$57 if students register late.

ACT includes an optional 30-minute Writing test. So far, NO schools in Nebraska require the writing portion. You may check a school's position on the writing test online at www.actstudent.org or call the school directly. An additional fee of \$15.50 is required if you register to take the writing test.

When students report to the testing center to take the ACT, they must have a current photo ID, as well as their admission ticket. The testing staff is obligated to enforce ACT's policy, so students will not be admitted if they do not have appropriate identification. Most students should have a current driver's license or photo school ID, but if they don't, see Mrs. Senn for other alternatives.

*NEW this year is a photo-submission requirement. Photos may be mailed **to be received** by a certain date or submitted electronically **to be received by 12 noon** on a particular date. Check out www.actstudent.org for instructions.

Students are also to **bring their own calculators**. A list of acceptable calculators is included in the ACT Registration packet or on the ACT website. For optimum test performance, students should use a calculator with which they are familiar.

<u>Test date</u>	<u>Register by</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>*Online photo</u>	<u>*Mailed</u>
October 27 (National FFA Convention)	September 21	October 5	Ord, B. Bow	Oct. 23	Oct. 15
December 8 (Varsity Wrestling)	November 2	November 16	Ord, G. I.B.	Nov. 26	Dec. 4
February 9 (Burwell Speech Invite, District Wrestling)	January 11	January 18	G. I., Kearney	Jan. 28	Febr. 5
April 13 (Varsity Golf)	March 8	March 22	Ord, B. Bow	April 9	April 1
June 8 (Possibly Girls and Boys State)	May 3	May 17	Albion, O'Neill, G. I.	June 4	May 28

SCHOLARSHIPS, COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Check out the scholarship listings on Mrs. Senn's page of the Burwell Public Schools website. Scholarships that also apply to students who are not seniors are highlighted in red.

October

1: Application opens for U. S. Bank Scholarship at www.usbank.com/student-lending/scholarship.html

1: Barney Oldfield Scholarship essay contest worth \$2,000 for Nebraska students

- 2: Wendy's Heisman due at wendysheisman.com by 5 p.m. (seniors with B average & involved in sports)
- 3: UNL Red Letter Day for Engineering
- 4: Chadron State College Health Professions Day
- 4: Northeast Community College Applied Technology Career Day
- 5: Wayne State College Fridays @ WSC
- 5: ACT Late Registration
- 8: Chadron State College Health Professions Showcase
- 8: UNL Pre-Health Red Letter Day
- 8: Central Community College (G. I., Hastings, Columbus) rep here
- 10: UNK Health Fair
- 10: NCC Business Career Day
- 11: UNL ROTC Red Letter Day
- 15: Mailed ACT photo must be RECEIVED
- 15: Komen for the Cure for breast cancer survivor or someone who has lost a parent to breast cancer, must be high school senior or college student under age 25, available at komen.org/scholarship
- 16: Northeast Community College and Wayne State College reps here
- 17: P-18: Explore Northeast Day
- 19: Fridays at Wayne State College
- 19: Young Arts for students in grades 10-12 or ages 15-18, available at www.youngarts.org
- 19: UNL Red Letter Day
- 22: UNL Red Letter Day
- 23: ACT photo upload by 12 noon for Oct. test
- 24: Career Exploration Day at Kearney for juniors
- 25: Ak-Sar-Ben Horatio Alger Scholarship worth \$6,000 for Nebraska students who have overcome extreme financial obstacles and adversity and/or have been involved in TeamMates, available at www.horatioalger.org
- 25: Horatio Alger Scholarship worth \$20,000, available at www.horatioalger.org
- 26: UNL Red Letter Day
- 26: Friday @ WSC
- 27: ACT Assessment
- 29: UNL Red Letter Day
- 31: Coca Cola Scholarship available online at www.coca-colascholars.org (for seniors with a 3.0+ GPA)

November

- 2: Registration deadline for December 8 ACT
- 2: UNL Red Letter Day
- 3: Wayne State College Just for Juniors
- 4: Southeast Community College Open House at Lincoln, Milford, and Beatrice campuses
- 4: Xenon Career Open House at Grand Island and Omaha campuses
- 5: Northeast Community College Vet Tech Career Day
- 5: EducationQuest Financial Aid Program at 6:30
- 6: Prudential Spirit of Community for grades 5-12, worth \$1,000 and a trip to Washington, D. C., based on community service
- 8: College of Hair Design Open House
- 9: UNL Red Letter Day for Undecided Majors
- 9: Friday @ WSC
- 14: Explore Northeast (Community College)
- 15: UNL Honors Program early deadline
- 15: UNL Raikes School of Computer Science & Management for room and board
- 15: UNL College of Business Administration Honors Academy early application
- 15: UNK Omaha World Herald/Kearney Hub Honors Scholarship for students with a 30+ ACT and top 10% of class
- 15: KHOP for seniors planning to attend UNK and pursue a career in clinical lab science, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, or radiography; full tuition while at UNK
- 15: Hagan Scholarship worth up to \$5,000/semester for 8 semesters for needy rural Nebraska

- students, based on need available at www.hsfmo.org
- 16: ACT Late Registration for Dec. test
 - 16: UNL Red Letter Day
 - 25: The FIRE Free Speech Essay Contest, available at www.thefire.org/contest
 - 26: ACT mailed photo must be RECEIVED
 - 27: NCC Vet Tech Career Day
 - 30: UNL Red Letter Day

December

- 1: Governor's Opportunity Award for students planning to attend Chadron, Peru, or Wayne who have an ACT between 21-24, available at www.nscs.edu
- 1: RHOP for seniors planning to attend Wayne or Chadron and pursue a career in a variety of medical fields
- 1: Wayne State College Scholarships
- 4: ACT photo upload by 12 noon
- 7: Friday @ WSC
- 8: ACT Assessment

JOB SHADOWING AND COLLEGE VISITS

Juniors and seniors are entitled to a total of one day of job shadowing and three days of college visits without being counted absent, as long as the paperwork is taken care of IN ADVANCE. A parent must accompany his/her child AND call the school or send a note stating which adult will be going with the junior or senior.

NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM

The Nebraska State College System will make up the difference between your Pell award and the amount of the tuition. In essence, you will receive full tuition up to 16 hours.

Tuition award is automatic if eligible, amounts vary.

- Nebraska resident
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
- New freshmen or returning sophomores or juniors to Chadron, Peru, or Wayne
- Enrolled in at least 12 on-campus credit hours (limit of 16)
- More details at www.nscs.edu/nscs-advantage.htm

DO I QUALIFY FOR COLLEGEBOUND NEBRASKA AID?

You do if you meet these criteria:

- Nebraska resident
- Full-time (12 credits or more) at a University of Nebraska school (Kearney, Lincoln, or Omaha)
- Pell Grant recipient
- Maintain a 2.5+ GPA

If you meet these criteria, your tuition will be covered by a combination of the Pell Grant and the Collegebound Nebraska aid.

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Parents of juniors and seniors should plan to attend the Financial Aid Night to be held Monday, November 5, at 6:30 p.m. Several other financial aid nights will be held in the area, so if there is a conflict with this date, please contact Mrs. Senn for other dates.

Staff from EducationQuest will explain the application process used to obtain Pell Grants, federal education loans, and other types of financial aid. Please plan to attend this very informative workshop.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE CLASS OF 2012?

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Taira Anderson (Biology/Secondary Ed)
Jacob Birch (Math/Secondary Ed)
Colin Crawley (Mechanical Engineering)
Caitlin Garner (Business & Marketing)

Chadron State College

Anna Owen (Theater)

Nebraska Christian College

Jamey Domeier

Northeast Community College

Andre Bustamante (Information Tech)
Cody Cassidy (Law Enforcement)
Anthony Charron (Animal Science)
Ethan Gaukel (Diesel Technology)
Nathan Gaukel (Building Construction)
Garrett Gebhardt (Agronomy)
Kaden Goff (Electrical Construction & Control)
Ty Green (Welding)
Michela Hogmire (Early Childhood Ed)
Scott Jeffres (Agribusiness)
Meghann Pinckney (Early Childhood Ed)
Jillian Spencer (Behavioral Science)
Tracy Taylor (Welding)
Tanner Turek (Architectural Drafting)
Karly Vodehnal (Agribusiness/Animal Science)

Central Community College-Grand Island

Kortney Goff (Registered Nurse)

Northwest Tech-Goodland, KS

Boyd Miller (Welding Tech)

Xenon International Academy – Grand Island

Kelli Taylor (Cosmetology, Esthetics)

Military

Sam Lee (Air Force)

University of Nebraska-Kearney

Breanna Erickson Psychology/Photography)
Emily Plock (Pre-Veterinary Medicine)
Sara Swett (Business Admin-Finance)
Colby Wurst (Business Admin -Finance)

Wayne State College

Matthew Graves (Elementary/Sec Ed)
Brittany Robertson (Art Education)

Bethany College of Missions

Autumn Sikes (Intercultural Missions)

Brigham Young University – Idaho

Meriam Sawyer (Integrated Studio Arts)

Black Hills State University-Spearfish, SD

Kayla O'Neal (Art/Art Ed)

Central Community College-Hastings

Allison Hughes (Culinary Arts)

Southeast Community College-Beatrice

Katie McClintic (Education)

Southeast Community College-Milford

James Porter (Automotive Technology)

Johnson County Community College

Sarah Prock (Atmospheric/Geoscience)

Joseph's College of Beauty-Kearney

Kodi Meyer (Cosmetology)

Work

Jacob Saner)
Eric Wagner
Ty Wilson

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Last year many Burwell students were aided in their pursuit of college funding by the excellent support of the community through many generous scholarships. We sincerely appreciate those organizations that have supported Burwell students in the past, and encourage this year's seniors to be aware of these scholarship opportunities. Below is a listing of local scholarships that were awarded last year.

Roland L. Gross Memorial
PEO Chapter CJ
Ord Elk's Scholarship
Grace V. Wagner Permanent Memorial
Weller Foundation
Mr. J's
Garfield County Education Association

GLW Ass'n. of Family & Community Education
FFA Boosters
Burwell High School Music Boosters
Petersen Lumber
Darlene Garner Memorial
Horn Wrestling
Burwell-Ericson-Ord Knights of Columbus

Frances Clark Mem'l American Legion Auxiliary
Burwell Community Fund
Art & Clara Butts Scholarship Foundation
JHL Lathrop Foundation
J & J Sanitation
St. John's Lutheran Church
Burwell Rotary

Rolland & Irene Ramsthal Nursing
Loup Valley Jaycee Scholarship
First Christian Church
Youth Bowling Boosters
Burwell FCCLA Member Grant
BHS Student Council
Dobbins Service Center

SENIORS

All seniors need to turn in one wallet size senior color photo to Mrs. Critel. The photo will be scanned in for the yearbook, and the original will be used for the senior composite in the Commons Room. The senior photo should be a vertical head shot with no hats, hands, animals, or "busy" backgrounds in the photo. Please turn your picture in by December 14. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Critel at school or through email (346-4150 or jcritel@esu10.org).