



DECEMBER/JANUARY
NEWSLETTER



Local Nebraska Beef Producers support the Burwell Beef Program

Burwell Public School is joining the growing number of Nebraska schools that are participating in the Nebraska Beef in Schools program. The program is set up to allow local cattle producers to donate beef to be used in the school's lunch program. If you would like to donate a beef or if you would like to learn more about the Nebraska Beef in School Lunch program being implemented, please contact Superintendent Dan Bird at dan.bird@burwellpublicschools.com or Elementary Principal Darrin Max at darrin.max@burwellpublicschools.com

What Are The Benefits?

The first obvious benefit is for our students to be able to enjoy our locally produced beef which is not only some of the best in our state, but the entire world. However, there are other benefits too. The school will be implementing an education program for Burwell Beef. Once a semester, the students will have an educational experience that will directly focus on the Burwell Beef program. This experience will focus on how the agriculture industry specifically gets beef from the pasture or feed yard to the plate of the consumer.

Also, we will be making it known to students when the beef they are consuming is locally grown. This will help to increase awareness, and students will be able to recognize that people they know in our community have worked hard to provide positive nutrition for them and others. It will sure be a special opportunity for students to say they know the producer of the beef personally, or it may even be mom and dad, or grandma and grandpa.

There are also benefits for the school as whole and local beef producers. Local producers will receive exposure for their donation, but most of all it will create a connection between the school and community for the promotion of local resources to students and parents.

Our school lunch calendar will be marked with a beef symbol each time local beef is served on the menu. Our hope is that students and parents notice the symbol and enjoy the fresh local beef being served at lunch that day. It is important to remember that serving sizes and lunch prices are highly regulated by the federal lunch program and the Nebraska Department of Education. This program will not affect serving sizes or lunch prices.

The school is still looking for local producers who would be able to supply a beef for the months of January and March. Please contact Superintendent Dan Bird or Elementary Principal Darrin Max at the school to discuss details. Monetary donations of any amount are welcomed and can be donated by contacting the school. Finally, if you have ideas of how we could better promote this program to get as many people involved please let us know.

Anyone can participate!!

Not everyone has the ability to provide a beef for the school. Therefore, monetary donations can also be made to the school under the Burwell Beef program. This will allow for many parents and patrons to be able to show their support for this program monetarily while not necessarily being a beef producer. These donations will help to curb the cost of processing for the school. In the future, monetary donations may be able to be used to purchase a local beef from a local producer. All donations will be tax deductible and donors will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Calendar Notes

December 22 nd	1:00 Dismissal
December 23-January 3	No School – Winter Break
January 2	Teacher Work Day
January 3	Teacher In Service
January 4	School Resumes – Full day
January 5	Burwell Inv. Wrestling Tournament - 1:00 dismissal

Winter Break

Burwell Public Schools will be closed from December 23rd to January 3rd for Winter Break. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 4th with the students beginning their new second semester schedules at the Jr. Sr. High School. Schedule changes must be made by the end of the day January 4th. Schedules changes are made by setting up a meeting with Mrs. Tetschner.

Nebraska School Activities Association - Five Day Moratorium

In compliance with the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) regulation concerning the five day activity moratorium, all Burwell Public School facilities will be closed from December 23rd through December 27th (Saturday through Wednesday) for all student and adult activities. This includes the weight room, gyms, etc...

Contacting Students during Class

Visitors are asked to report to the office any time that they enter our school. As part the district safety plan, parents/visitors are to report to the office and then school personnel will go to the classroom and bring the student to the office if necessary. The staff has been instructed not to allow anyone except school personnel to visit with their students during class.

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Counselor's Corner by Miss Tetschner

The first semester is going quickly, however, many of the high school students have been very productive with great questions about future classes, college planning, and scholarship information. I look forward to being in the junior high and high school classrooms with a variety of mini-lessons for students to help make a better connection to what they are doing in their everyday class work and how that will affect their future.

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: I have meet with each grade, 7-11, to discuss their academic career, academic planning, transcripts, test scores, academic/activities resume, 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.

Second semester I will meet with students to do more career exploration, what high school classes students should take to prepare for that career, academic resume building including getting involved through school and community activities, as well as seeking ways to volunteer.

College Reps: Any student 9-12 can stop by to visit with College Reps that come visit our school and students can gather information. 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.

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 requirements, financial aid information, and in some cases applying. A campus visit is a great way to get a good feel for the college and the atmosphere, and ask yourself "is this college a good fit for me and my interests?"

It is easy to explore colleges online and gather information – just do it! Also take advantage of the 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 may not be available.

Juniors who are looking at a 4-year college are encouraged to take the ACT Test at least twice 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. Juniors are strongly encouraged to take 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 ACCUPLACER 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 ACCUPLACER at CCC in Ord contact Crystal Ramm crystalramm@cccneb.edu or call 308-728-3299.

Also juniors 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: Seniors have been asking excellent questions about colleges, careers, scholarships, etc... Encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of early deadlines as there are several benefits to applying early especially financial benefits and scholarships.

Apply for admissions. Seniors, 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 December. 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.

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.

Keep updating your Academic/Activities Resume with the most current information. Remember to give this to those people you ask for letters of recommendation so they can be specific about your character and capability. You can also use your Academic/Activities Resume for scholarships.

Scholarships are hot, hot, hot!!! This is the time of year when scholarships are posted and deadlines are due. Many college scholarships have deadlines in January and early February but there are also several that have deadlines in February and March. Be sure to check with the college you apply to as to their scholarship process and scholarship deadlines.

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 and check

your account regularly. Also check with organizations or businesses that you or your parents are associated with as they may have scholarship opportunities as well.

There are several scholarships out there but you must apply. The people that receive scholarships are the ones that do the work (some 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.

Important Dates:

December 9th – ACT Test

January 4th – Last day to change 2nd semester schedule

January 12th – ACT deadline to register for February 10th test

Junior and Seniors To Do List:

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 your email address with me. Simply send me an email:

julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com

*******NEW TO THE BURWELL SCHOOL WEBPAGE*******

A new web page has been created so parents, grandparents and fans can stay up to date with practice schedules/departure times/ games times for the High School and JH High activities. This information can be found on the following:

Go to: www.burwellpublicschools.org

Click on:

*Jr-Sr High School

*Winter Sports Information