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ACT WORKSHOP for JUNIORS

On September 25th, Chad Cargill, will be here to instruct juniors on how to prepare for the upcoming ACT Test provided by the high school. Testing will be Tuesday, October 2nd. Buses will load

at 8:00 from the high school and take students to the Newkirk Catholic Gym for testing.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Rowe, NHS Counselor.

FAFSA Filing Date

October 1st is the date for filing your **FAFSA**. The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Seniors planning on attending college or tech centers, will need to complete a FAFSA. This is how students can obtain grants (free money), scholarships and loans to

pay for college. October 4th & 5th, seniors will begin their FAFSA application with Ms. Rowe in small groups in the library. Parents will need to complete their portion of the application using their 2017 tax returns. If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Rowe in the counselor's office.



SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

Thursday, September 20th from 6:00—7:00 p.m. , there will be a meeting for senior parents in the high school commons.

Parents will receive packets with information for their senior on applying for college, financial

aid, scholarships, and how to request college visit days and transcripts through the counselor's office.

Hope to see you there!





College Visits for Seniors & Juniors

SENIORS (that qualify) will be allowed 2 days during the school year for college visits. Students will need to fill out the request form and turn in to Ms. Rowe in the Counselor's office. Students **must be approved** through the counselor's office prior to taking their college visit days. **Forms**

must be turned in at least 3 days before the scheduled visit date. Forms can be picked up in the library or in the counselor's office.

JUNIORS (that qualify) may take 1 college visit day during 2nd semester. Students must fill out a request form and turn in to Ms. Rowe.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

Students needing a transcript will need to fill out the yellow request form (in the library) and turn into Ms. Rowe by 2:30 on Thursdays. Transcripts will be printed on Friday mornings and delivered to students.

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

Sept. 11: College Fair for Seniors @ NOC, 1:30-2:00

Sept. 25: ACT Workshop @ NHS

Sept. 6: Sign up deadline for PSAT

Sept. 17-21: College App Week

Oct. 2: ACT Test for Juniors

Oct. 10: PSAT Test @ NHS

Oct. 17: Sophomore tour @ PTC

TBA: ASVAB @ NHS

TBA: Pre-ACT Test for Sophomores



ACT Testing Dates

ACT Test Fees:
ACT \$50.50
ACT w/Writing \$67.00

TEST DATE	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Fee Required)	Photo Upload Deadline
October 27, 2018	September 28	October 14	October 19
December 8, 2018	November 2	November 19	November 30
February 9, 2019	January 11	January 18	February 1
April 13, 2019	March 8	March 25	April 5
June 8, 2019	May 3	May 20	May 31
July 13, 2019	June 14	June 24	July 5

SAT Testing Dates

TEST DATE	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Online and Phone (Fee Required)
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	September 26, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	October 24, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 20, 2018
March 9, 2019	February 8, 2019	February 27, 2019
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 24, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 22, 2019



COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES AT NHS

Throughout the school year, college representatives will be on campus to meet with juniors and seniors regarding college

admission requirements, degree programs, tuition, & housing options for students.

Sign ups will be posted in the English classrooms (Mrs. Mayse & Mrs. Brisco).

The Perfect 10 Study Habits

- 1. Find the best place to study.** Good lighting, quiet &/or background music; area to spread out books & papers; keep away from distractions such as food, TV, cellphones, & pets.
- 2. Don't wait until the last minute.** Study a little every night instead of cramming night before.
- 3. Study more frequently, for shorter time periods.** Four 1/2 hour sessions are better than one 2 hour session.
- 4. Begin study time with your most challenging subject.** Start with most difficult while you have the most mental energy.
- 5. Take a break.** Stretch, get a drink.
- 6. Organize every class.** Separate binder/folder/notebook for each class.
- 7. Get organized each night for the next day.** Put papers in correct place & review weekly calendar & goals.
- 8. Make the most out of your classroom time.** Listen carefully & ask questions if you don't understand; avoid talking/texting friends during class time; write down assignments & due dates carefully; draw pictures/diagrams while notetaking- this will help you memorize certain facts; use free time in class to study or begin another assignment.
- 9. Study with your friends.** Studying together can help you grasp new information as long as everyone involved is focused. Quiz each other with flashcards or by asking questions.
- 10. Ask for help.** If you need help, ask the teacher! Don't wait.

Pre-College Checklist: SEPTEMBER

SENIORS

- ⇒ Narrow your college list to 3-5 schools.
- ⇒ Go online and request admission information.
- ⇒ Sign up to meet with admission representatives who are visiting your school.
- ⇒ Make a list of test names, dates, fees, registration deadlines, and of deadlines for college admissions and financial aid applications.
- ⇒ Remember that you must take tests like the ACT and SAT at least six weeks before the deadline for scores to be submitted to colleges.

- ⇒ Begin asking teachers, guidance counselors, and employers for letters of recommendation to include with your admissions and/or scholarship applications.
- ⇒ Contact your high school counselor about applying for national, state, and local scholarships.

JUNIORS

- ⇒ Talk to your parents and your high school counselor about where you want to go to school.
- ⇒ Begin looking at college websites, and put together a list of 10 colleges that you that you would like to attend. Plan to apply to at

least 3-5 schools.

- ⇒ Keep in mind that colleges look for the following: challenging coursework, strong GPA, involvement in extra-curricular activities such as sports, volunteer work, or church.
- ⇒ Study and register for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. (PSAT).
- ⇒ Go to www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com to start reviewing scholarships available to you now and the requirements of those you can apply for during your senior year.



Important Changes Made to **Oklahoma's** Promise

The Oklahoma Legislature made several important changes to the Oklahoma's Promise program in Senate Bill 529 of the 2017 legislative session. The implementation schedule for these updates will take place over the next two years.

Important Changes Beginning in 2018-19:

- ⇒ The scholarship will no longer pay for zero-credit remedial courses in college.
- ⇒ The \$100,000 AGI second income limit will be applied to every OKPromise recipient each year in postsecondary education, rather than just the freshmen year. Students will be required to file the FAFSA every year and could move in and out of scholarship eligibility each year. For any year that the federal adjusted gross income (AGI) of the student's parents exceeds \$100,000, the student will not be eligible for the award that year. This change will apply to all OKPromise college students in 2018-19 and thereafter, regardless of when the student graduated from high school.
- ⇒ Beginning with OKPromise students graduating high school in 2018, the payment of the OKPromise scholarship will be limited to 129 semester credit hours in college. Exceptions to the limit may be considered for degree programs that require more than 129 credit hours.

Changes That Became Effective in 2017-18:

- ⇒ The family income limit at the time of application in the 8th - 10th grade increases from \$50,000 to \$55,000. The income limit is now based on the parents' federal adjusted gross income (AGI, rather than total taxable and nontaxable income).
- ⇒ Upon graduation from high school, eligible OKPromise students who choose to attend an Oklahoma public career technology center will have an expanded selection of programs. Career tech programs that are eligible for federal financial aid are now eligible for use of the OKPromise scholarship.

Other Information

- ⇒ Adopted Students/Students in Legal Guardianship - Special family income provisions apply to children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of court-ordered legal guardians. Questions need to be directed to the OKPromise Office.
- ⇒ Remember, due to a change in the administrative rules, the 2.5 GPA is 2.50. This affects the overall GPA as well as the OKPromise core GPA. Please keep in mind, with this change; a student who has a 2.47 (or anything lower than a 2.50) is **NOT** eligible for the OKPromise award.

For more information on the unique policies for students in these situation, contact the Oklahoma's Promise office.

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