

Fort Cobb-Broxtton School

Counselor's Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

SENIORS & SR. PAR-ENTS— BOTH Senior students **and** parents need to apply for a **FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID**. This will allow you to sign the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically. Apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will determine eligibility for federal grants (PELL), work study and/or loans which may be used at colleges/universities, and technology schools to cover expenses. The sooner the FAFSA is completed the better.

The **Comanche Nation Tribe** is giving tribal members that are HS juniors and seniors the opportunity to visit the university they are applying to. Contact Comanche High-er Ed at 580/492-3743 for more info.

Alternate Reading Test dates: Nov. 2 Feb 7 May 2 @ 3:00. Students that did not pass the 8th grade reading test and are wanting to obtain their drivers license may take an alternate test.

Check grades at——

[https://
www.wengage.com/
fortcobbgradebook/
login.aspx](https://www.wengage.com/fortcobbgradebook/login.aspx)

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program enables students to earn college credit for what they already know, whether it was learned in school, through independent study or other experiences outside of the classroom. This allows students to save time and money. Most college/universities now award credit for qualifying scores. The exams, 90 minutes in length and primarily multiple-choice, are administered at participating college/universities. It is important that you contact the university that you will be attending to obtain a listing of CLEP Tests accepted at that university. For more information concerning CLEP Testing go to www.collegeboard.org, or contact the university that you will be attending.

Seniors can take NOW!!

SENIORS — College Freshman Scholarship Deadlines

APPLY EARLY!!

OSU—Nov 1 (Early) FEB. 1

OU— Dec 15

CAMERON—Feb 1

USAO—Feb 10

SWOSU— MARCH 1

REDLANDS—MARCH 1

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OKLAHOMA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATH

The Oklahoma School of Science and Math is designed as a two-year, public, residential high school for juniors and seniors with exceptional ability in math and science. Students make application for admission in their sophomore year for a two year course of study beginning the following year. Plans should be made before then in order to pursue higher levels of math and science their freshman and sophomore years. Tuition, room and board expenses are provided by funds appropriated through the state's budgetary process thus there is **no cost** to the student to attend. In addition to a scholastic program of excellence in the sciences and mathematics, the student curriculum includes exemplary programs in computer science humanities and the arts.

Register at www.ossm.edu. Reservations required.

Fort Cobb-Broxtton School Web Site www.fcbmustangs.com

The following information can be found on the school web site under high school counselor.

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[College Admission Tests / ACT & SAT](#)
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[Concurrent Enrollment](#)
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[Military Information](#)
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[Senior College Planning](#)
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Oklahoma College Savings Plan

Children are our most precious assets, and you want to give them the best. But when it comes to the dream of higher education, the reality of rising tuition can make that dream look out of reach. It doesn't have to be that way.

Administered by the Oklahoma State Treasurer, the Oklahoma College Savings Plan (OCSP) gives you a way to start saving today to prepare for a child's tomorrow.

Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound is a program designed to help students with limited financial resources meet the challenge of education beyond high school. The Upward Bound program for the Fort Cobb-Broxtton School District is Southwestern Oklahoma

State University. Upward Bound is interested in accepting students who: 1) apply the first semester of their freshman or sophomore year 2) have the desire to attend college, 3) are willing to participate in monthly academic enrichment academies and

the summer program 4) parental support 5) either a first generation college student (parent is not a college graduate) and/or meet income guidelines. Applications can be obtained from the counselor or at www.swosu.edu.

Prospective College Student-Athlete

Students that are anticipating to participate in athletics at the collegiate level need to access the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse

www.eligibilitycenter.org or the NAIA Eligibility Center www.playnaia.org web site to learn about the courses, grade point average, and ACT scores that are required. There are many rules and regulations that prospective college student-athlete must adhere to; it is recommended that students and parents access the NCAA and/or NAIA web site beginning the

ninth grade year or even before. Every prospective student-athlete that has interest in participating in collegiate athletics must register with the NCAA and/or NAIA and submit the appropriate documents. Students that register through either NCAA or NAIA need to be aware that their ACT or SAT test scores must be sent directly to NCAA/NAIA from the ACT/SAT testing agency. When completing the ACT or SAT registration form, students must release scores to these entities. NAIA Code # 9876

About Fastweb.com

Fastweb is the oldest and most popular free scholarship matching service, with more than 1.5 million scholarships totaling over \$3.4 billion. Students create a personalized background profile and receive a list of scholarships matching their skills and interests. As the most frequently updated source of scholarship information, Fastweb automatically notifies students when new scholarships that match their profiles are added to the database.

INTERESTED IN SCHOLASHIPS??

ALL students, grade 9-12, interested in scholarships should be registered with a scholarship search on the web. These searches are free and the best source to use when seeking scholarship opportunities. Depending on the regulations of the scholarships, some can be used at technology schools as well as colleges/universities. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOUR SENIOR YEAR!!!!**

Parents, please encourage your child to register. I will gladly help them at school if you do not have internet at home. Younger students may also register!!!!

High School State Testing Requirements for 2017-18

CHANGES FOR 2017—18

Grade 11—ACT April 3, 2018

Grade 11—Science Test Testing window April 2—20. Test date for FCB coming soon.

Useful Web Sites

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Www.okcollegestart.org
WWW.FASTWEB.COM
WWW.GOCOLLEGE.COM
WWW.COLLEGENET.COM
WWW.FASTAID.COM
www.wiredscholar.com
http://content.sciencewise.com/newscholarship/
scholarships3.cfm
www.srnexpress.com
www.scholarships.com
www.winscholarships.com
http://studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.htm
www.indian-affairs.org
www.thesalliemae.org

FINANCIAL AID

Www.okcollegestart.org
WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV
WWW.NAAS.ORG
WWW.FINAID.ORG
WWW.SALLIEMAE.COM
WWW.ED.GOV
WWW.WIREDSCHOLAR.COM
http://STUDENTAID.ED.GOV

COLLEGE INFO

Www.okcollegestart.org
WWW.OKHIGHERED.ORG
HTTP://COLLEGEPREP.OKSTATE.EDU

WWW.COLLEGEQUEST.COM
WWW.WIREDSCHOLAR.COM
WWW.COLLEGEISPOSSIBLE.ORG
www.wiredscholar.com
http://studentaid.ed.gov

MILITARY INFO

WWW.MILITARY.COM
WWW.GOARMY.COM
WWW.1-800-GO-GUARD.COM
WWW.AIRFORCE.COM
WWW.NAVYDALLAS.COM
WWW.MARINES.COM

CAREER INFO

Www.okcollegestart.org
WWW.JOBSMART.ORG
www.acinet.org
HTTP://STATS.BLS.GOV/
OCOHOME.HTM (Occupational Outlook Handbook 2000-01)
www.wiredscholar.com

TESTING ACT/SAT

Www.okcollegestart.org
www.act.org
www.collegeboard.org
www.collegeispossible.org
http://collegeprep.okstate.edu
www.number2.com

OKLAHOMA HIGHER LEARNING

ACCESS PROGRAM/Oklahoma's Promise

How would you like your son's/daughter's college tuition cost paid for? This may be possible if you apply and qualify. The Oklahoma's Promise/Oklahoma Higher Learning Access Program (OHLAP) is open to any student in grades 8th—10th, whose parents earnings are \$55,000 or below. (Must use current income tax return.) The student agrees to take required courses and maintain certain grade point averages. The OHLAP application (which is easily completed) can be obtained from the counselor or at www.okhighered.org

Second Income Limit After graduation high school students receiving the award must again submit parent income which at that time must not exceed \$100,000.

Www.okpromise.org

JUNIORS— Any junior planning to pursue further education after high school should take the National ACT or SAT at least once during their junior year. Students that qualify may use a "Fee Waiver", which allows them to take the ACT without any charge. Qualifying students may use a total of two fee waivers during their junior or senior years.

Four retired ACT test may be checked out to use in preparation for the ACT.

Test prep also available on the Web for FREE!!

2017-2018 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
February 10, 2018*	January 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018

QUALIFYING STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE TWO FEE WAIVERS DURING THEIR JR OR SR YEAR. INCOME GUIDELINES ARE USED FOR QUALIFYING CRITERIA, OTHER QUALIFYING CRITERIA IS ALSO USED. SEE THE COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION OR GO TO **WWW.ACTSTUDENTS.ORG**. ON THE WEB. FEE WAIVERS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COUNSELOR.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

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