

Fort Cobb-Broxton School

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Newsletter from the Counselor
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Go to
www.fcbmustangs.com
and click on high school, counselor, and high school for helpful information.

SENIOR and SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

October 13, 2015 @ 6:00p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Mark your calendars to attend.

Scholarship Search
www.fastweb.com

Four retired ACT test may be checked out to use in preparation for the ACT. See counselor. There are also great web sites to help students prepare.

- Comanche Nation Career/College Day—
Tentative Date Oct 7.

All Native American students grades 9-12 may attend by returning parent permission form.

- College Expo Fair
September 14
Seniors may attend by returning parent permission form.
- ALL 9-12 students should have an account on fastweb.com and okcolleges-tart.org
- Check your child's grades at
<https://www.wengage.com/fortcobbgradebook/login.aspx>
Can request user name and password at fcbmustangs.com.

ACT REGISTRATION AND TEST DATES 2015-16

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 12, 2015	August 7, 2015	August 8–21, 2015
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19–October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7–20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9–15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5–18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7–20, 2016

REGISTER ON LINE AT WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

BASIC FEE IS \$39.50 (NO WRITING). STUDENTS MAY QUALIFY FOR A FEE WAIVER IF THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, FAMILY RECEIVES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, STUDENT IS IN FOSTER CARE OR A WARD OF THE STATE. ACT WILL ALLOW STUDENTS TO USE **TWO** FEE WAIVERS THAT CAN BE USED EITHER THEIR JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR. FEE WAIVER REQUEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNSELOR.

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ACT REVIEW & PREPARATION

Sources for ACT Prep
*<http://youth.ou.edu>
*www.chadcargill.com
*www.actstudent.org
*Four different retired ACT Test may be checked out; available in guidance office.
*Comanche Nation ACT Prep

For additional test prep sources go to www.fcbmustangs.com
Click high school, counselor, high school, college admissions tests and/or websites.

Armed Services ASVAB TESTING

The ASVAB (ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY TEST) will be administered at FCB school in September or October. Any junior or senior interested in taking the test is encouraged to do so. The ASVAB Test is a requirement for enlisting in any branch of the military.

Students who may not be interested in the military should also consider taking the ASVAB as it gives **excellent career information** thus helping students make decisions on careers and opportunities they could pursue and it is free.

Parent permission form must be submitted in order for students to test.

ACT ASPIRE

Testing scheduled in September for all tenth grade students.

Through evidence-based design principles, ACT ASPIRE measure college and career readiness skills and knowledge. The ACT ASPIRE is replacing the ACT Plan test. The ASPIRE test will provide excellent feedback to students and parents concerning individual students "readiness" for college. The ACT ASPIRE score will give an estimated ACT score range. The ACT is a test that is required for admission to most higher learning institutions.

Literacy Improvement Act - HB 2889

House Bill 2889—"The Department of Public Safety shall continue to deny a license, restricted license, or instruction permit for the operation of a motor vehicle to any person under 18 years of age who does not meet both attendance and reading requirements."

Students who did not perform Advanced or Satisfactory on the Oklahoma CRT Reading test may take an alternative reading test in order to show proficiency of reading at the eighth grade level. The student will not be charged for the first test but will be charged \$25.00 for each subsequent test.. There are web sites and apps that can help student improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary. See www.fcbmustangs.com, click high school, counselor, high school.

TEST DATES 2015-16

Sept 2

November 4

February 3

May 4

Time—3:00—4:00

Students should sign-up for the test the week before the test date.



PSAT/NMSQT

Juniors and sophomores—The PSAT/NMSQT is a test that measures verbal and math reasoning abilities that are important for success in college. Taking the test enables students to practice for the SAT I: Reasoning Test and gives them the opportunity to encounter a standardized test. It also enables juniors to enter scholarship competitions, seek information from college, and get feedback about critical academic skills.

The test will be given at FCB School on Thursday, October 14. The fee for taking the test is \$15.00 and is open to any junior planning to attend college. Fee waivers for junior students who qualify may be available. Sophomore students can also take the test in order to become familiar with it before taking it their junior year. Sophomore students are NOT eligible to participate in the scholarship competition. Hand-outs with more information will be distributed to each interested sophomore and junior. Deadline to sign-up for the test is October 2.

**PSAT Review @
OU**

<http://youth.ou.edu>

OHLAP/OK 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 Learning Access Program (OHLAP)/ OK Promise is open to any student in grades 8th—10th, whose parents earnings are \$50,000 or below. (Must use current income tax return.) The student agrees to take required courses and maintain certain grade point averages. A paper OHLAP application can be obtained from the counselor or an online application at <http://www.okhighered.org/okpromise/>

Changes in OHLAP

*There have been changes concerning income. It would be advantageous for parents to see if they qualify.

Other reminders Adopted students/students in legal guardianships— Special family income provisions apply to children adopted from certain court-ordered custody and children in the custody of

court ordered legal guardians.

Second income year beginning with senior of 2012 and thereafter, income of the student's parents may not exceed \$100,000 at the time the student goes to college.

See www.okpromise.org

*****NOTE*****

It is highly advised that students and parents subscribe to the OKPromise (OHLAP) E-Mail service at <http://lists.onenet.net/mailman/listinfo/okpromise-news> to receive periodic updates on the program from the OKPromise office.

College Level Examination Program

The College-Level Examination Program /CLEP 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 and scores accepted. For more information concerning CLEP Testing go to www.collegeboard.org or contact the university you plan to attend.

Upward Bound Program

Upward Bound (UB) is a federally funded program for students who are interested in postsecondary education after graduation from high school. Upward Bound program for FCB is Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Upward Bound is interested in accepting students who: 1) apply the first semester of their freshman, sophomore, yr. 2) have the desire to attend college, 3) are willing to participate in monthly academic enrichment academies and summer program, 4) have parental

support, 5) are 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 <http://www.swosu.edu/administration/upwardbound/>



Prospective College Student-Athlete

Students that are anticipating to participate in athletics at the collegiate level need to access the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse or NAIA 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 so it is recommended that students and parents access the NCAA web site beginning the ninth grade year. Every prospective student-athlete that has interest in participating in

athletics at a Division I or Division II institution must register with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and submit the appropriate documents. Registering with the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and meeting the academic and amateurism eligibility allows the student to participate in athletics and gives them the ability to receive athletic-based financial aid. NCAA recommends that students should register for the clearinghouse at the beginning of their junior year. Students may also

register during their freshman or sophomore year.

Students need to be aware that their ACT or SAT test scores must come directly from the testing agency, not from the high school. When completing the registration for the ACT or SAT you must release your scores to the Clearinghouse. More info at www.fcbmustangs.com



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!!!!

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 (OCSF) gives you a way to start saving today to prepare for a child's tomorrow.

Earnings Grow Federal and Oklahoma Income Tax-deferred

Any Earnings Used to Pay for Qualified Higher Education Expenses Are Federal and Oklahoma Income Tax Free

Oklahoma Income Tax Deduction Federal Estate and Gift Tax Benefits

For more information go to:
www.ok4saving.org

State Required Testing

Beginning with students entering high school in 2008-09 (this year seniors) and thereafter, state laws requires that students must take the End of Instruction (EOI) and score satisfactory on the **Algebra I** and **English II** tests and on **two additional** test of the following: Algebra II, Geometry, English III, Biology I, American History. The EOI tests are given each April through May. The students may retake the test during the winter/trimester and/or the spring testing windows.

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.thesalliemafund.org

www.srnexpress.com
www.scholarships.com
www.winscholarships.com
<http://studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.htm>
www.indian-affairs.org
www.thesalliemafund.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
www.march2success.com

Alternate Test

The ACT ASPIRE (See page one) test is an approved alternate test for the following EOI test: EOI Algebra I / APRIRE Math 420 or higher, EOI Biology / ASPIRE Science 419 or higher, EOI English II ASPIRE Reading 418 or higher, English 424 or Higher and writing 430 or higher.

Students meeting the required score on the ASPIRE may use that score as having satisfying the Oklahoma state testing requirements for those EOI tests.

The unsatisfactory EOI score will still be recorded on the student's transcript as required by law.



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