

Fort Cobb-Broxtton 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 11 @ 6:00 in the cafeteria. Mark your calendars to attend.

Scholarship Search

www.fastweb.com

www.okcollegestart.org

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. See web site high school counselor.

- Comanche Nation Career/College Day—TBA

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

- College Expo Fair—October 10 @ SWOSU
Seniors may attend by returning parent permission form.
- ALL 9-12 students should have an account on fastweb.com and okcollegestart.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 2016-17

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
OCT 22	SEPT 16
DEC 10	NOV 4
FEB 11	JAN 13
APRIL 8	MARCH 3
JUNE 10	MAY 5

REGISTER ON LINE AT WWW.ACTSTUDENT.ORG

BASIC FEE IS \$42.50 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 ALLOCATE **TWO** FEE WAIVERS THAT CAN BE USED DURING A STUDENT'S JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR. FEE WAIVER REQUEST FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNSELOR.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FCB WEBSITE.



Pre-ACT

The Pre-ACT test will be administered to all sophomore students on September 17 free of charge. PreACT provides students with a structured testing environment similar to what they will experience when taking the ACT, ACT test-quality questions, and predictive scores on the familiar 1-36 scale. This helps students get comfortable with the test and understand how they're doing in core subjects. It also helps parents and educators identify areas where additional support might be necessary.

Report data can help guide action plans for students to increase success in high school courses and on the ACT. Students also receive a personalized view of college and career possibilities—based on their answers to the ACT Interest Inventory—which can help them start thinking about career paths. Parents and counselors can use the data to help students choose high school courses most relevant to career areas of interest.

Source: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact.html>

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.

*ACTIVE Prep is available at FCB in the library.

*Comanche Nation ACT Prep

Web sites

www.actstudent.org
www.number2.com
www.march2success.com
www.okcollegestart.org

Free Vocational Aptitude Information

Junior and Senior students have the opportunity to participate in an excellent and FREE career exploration program: the ASVAB CEP (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and Career Exploration Program) The program is tentatively scheduled for the first week in October at FCB School. Any junior or senior interested in taking the test is encouraged to do so.

Although the ASVAB Test is a requirement for enlisting in any branch of the military, it is no longer just for the military. Many independent civilian studies have found that the ASVAB CEP is also a very accurate tool for determining vocational aptitudes in the civilian workplace. (source: Mike Carney, ED.D, Education Services Specialist, ASVAB CEP)

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 test there after. There are web sites and apps that can help student improve their reading comprehension and vocabulary that are listed on the Fort Cobb-Broxtton web site.

TEST DATES 2016-17

Sept 7
November 2
February 1
May 3

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 October 19. The fee for taking the test is \$15.00. 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 interested sophomore and junior. Students. Deadline to sign-up for the test is October 5.

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) 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. The OHLAP application can be obtained from the counselor or at www.okpromise.org

Changes in OHLAP

*New 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. The legislature changed and simplified the definition of the income that will be counted toward the \$100,000 limit to "federal adjusted gross income". This change only applied to the second income check at the time the student begins college. The definition

of income for the \$50,000 family income limit when students initially applies for Oklahoma's Promise in the 8th, 9th or 10th grade has not changed and remains defined as all "taxable and nontaxable income."

*College GPA changes also delayed one year. Beginning with seniors 2012 and thereafter, a minimum college GPA of 2.0 will be required for courses taken through the sophomore year and a minimum 2.5 GPA for courses taken during the junior year and thereafter.

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.

Students on active military duty may be eligible for certain waivers from the time limits on the use of the Oklahoma's Promise award in college.

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/>

College Level Examination Program/CLEP

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. For more information concerning CLEP Testing go to www.collegeboard.org or contact the university you plan to attend.



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 and/or NAIA web site beginning the ninth grade year. Every prospective student-athlete that has

interest in participating in collegiate athletics must register. Registering with 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. It is recommended students register for the clearinghouse at the beginning of their junior year.

More information available at Fort Cobb-Broxtown Web site under high school counselor.

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 registering for the ACT or SAT, the scores must be released to the college-athlete clearinghouse required by the school interested in attending.



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 (OCSP) 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

Changes made; following tests are required at high school level.

Test	Grade
Math	10th
ELA	10th
Science	10th (Students having a Biol I score may be exempt.)
Am Hist	Students currently enrolled

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
Www.march2success.com

Following information available at www.fcbmustangs.com—high school counselor,
[Career Information](#)

[CLEP Testing](#)

[College Admission Requirements](#)

[College Admission Tests / ACT & SAT](#)

[College Prep](#)

[College Sports - NAIA, NCAA](#)

[Concurrent Enrollment](#)

[Drivers License Information](#)

[End of Instruction \(EOI\) Testing](#)

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