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The Bulldog Growl

December 2014

## Fall Sports Review

Nothing is better than seeing the students of DHS and Sisk Middle School work hard during practices in August. When competitions start in September they are well prepared, and itching to get onto the court or field. Sisk Middle School had a great fall in both volleyball and football. The 8th grade volleyball team had high expectations and didn't disappoint. They ended the year finishing 2nd in the Central Plains Middle School League tournament. The 7th grade team improved greatly throughout the year and made it to the 2nd round of the tournament. Football had strong numbers out, led by a talented 8th grade class. They were fun to watch all year as they went 4-3 to end the season. The Middle School XC team also competed at several meets through the year. Numbers were no problem this year as well. There were 15 total kids out in both boys and girls XC! A lot of the kids showed strong potential and we are looking forward to seeing them continue their running careers!

High School also found success in volleyball this year. The 2014 squad finished with a school best 40-3 record and finished with a 3rd place finish at this year's 3A State Tournament. They claimed the Douglass Invitational championship, the Circle Tournament championship, the Clearwater Tournament championship, went 9-0 and claimed the League Title, and also went 3-0 defeating Garden Plain to win the Sub-State championship.

Girls Cross Country was primed and ready for a run at a 4th state championship run this year. Having top finishers in numerous meets throughout the year, and having new faces step up and run well had the girls claiming the 3A Regional Championship at Lake Afton. They again made it to the historic Rim Rock Farms in Lawrence, Kansas where the girls captured a 3rd place finish in this year's 3A race. We are so proud of the dynasty that these girls have created and set the expectations high! Boys Cross Country also found success in numbers this year. A very young squad will return several top runners as well as get some 8th grade students coming up.

High School Football had the injury bug biting them early in the season and never got better. Several senior standouts ended their high school career on the sidelines. They finished the year 2-7 and will look to build some momentum moving forward. We held our annual Military Appreciation Night with the VFW Riders and American Legion Riders being our special guests. It helps us all realize that there are bigger things out there than just the games we play! Thank you veterans!

Girls Tennis was the final activity of the Fall season, and it too had amazing numbers. The girls worked hard all year and competed in several events with much larger schools. The girls held their own and we are very proud of their accomplishments. The team was young, and will return several players next year.

We continue to say Thank You for the community support of our MS and HS Athletics teams. As we move into the Winter Sports season, we encourage you to come to games, cheer positively towards your team, encourage your students coaches because they put great amounts of time and effort to make sure your students can play the games.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION SPRING ELECTION FILING DEADLINE

There are three board positions that will be up for election in April of 2015. These positions are currently held by Chuck Cody, Garland Moore and David Zaldivar. If you are interested in one of these positions, you must file with the Butler County Clerk at the Butler County Courthouse in El Dorado by Noon on January 27, 2015.

### B.O.E BRIEFS

The Douglass Board of Education met in regular session Monday, November 10, 2014 in the District Administrative Office.

Mr. Reynolds recognized Jeri Eck for her Certified Child Nutrition Manager 1 completion from KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness.

\*approved a \$2,000.00 donation for Interactive Whiteboards

\*reviewed the curriculum task list and reviewed the AdvancEd timeline

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Elementary School	747-3350
Middle School	747-3340
High School	747-3310
Central Office	747-3300
Transportation	747-3370
Internet:	<a href="http://www.usd396.net">www.usd396.net</a>

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#### USD 396 BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## Policy on School Closings Due to Bad Weather

It is that time of the year again to remind everyone of our school closing policy:

If adverse weather conditions exist which threaten student transportation safety before school begins, the announcement will be sent out on the districts automated SCHOOL MESSENGER SYSTEM. School Messenger allows us to make an actual recorded phone call to every parent phone number in our school data base. We also make calls to several radio and television stations who will announce the closing information on the air.

Every effort will be made to finalize the decision no later than 5:30 a.m. of school closing due to adverse weather conditions. On mornings when icing is a concern, and forecasts suggest clearing, school may be delayed with a late start time of 10:00 a.m.

Decisions on school closings are made at the district level based on National Weather Service Data, county-wide school weather hotline, and early morning observations by the superintendent and transportation director. Please do not call before 5:30 a.m., as we will be analyzing data, making observations and preparing to make the decision.

School will not be dismissed due to storm conditions that arise during the day as long as it is feasible for students and staff to remain at school safely. The district is extremely reluctant to dismiss school early if the weather is severe.

Listed below are the radio and television stations that will be notified:

KFDI (101.3 FM) KAKE 10  
KSNW - 3  
KWCH - 12

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## **Douglass Mail Ballot Election**

### **February 10, 2015**

At the October Board of Education meeting, the Douglass School Board voted to authorize a Mail Ballot Election for the purpose of gaining the budget authority to increase the Local Option Budget (LOB) from 30% to 33%. During the 2014 legislative session the legislature passed legislation that gave school districts the ability to increase the LOB by 3%. The LOB is offset by state aid which is based on the assessed valuation of individual school districts. The Douglass School district has a relative low assessed valuation and subsequently receives 68.43% state aid. That means for every dollar that is generated by local taxes the school district receives 68.43% of that dollar in state aid. The increase of 3% equates to about \$167,225. One of the important issues to understand is at the present time the Douglass school district will not have to raise property taxes to increase the LOB. The district has effectively managed the budget during these difficult times; therefore, if voters approve this measure it is anticipated that the mill levy not increase. The district is in effect trying to take advantage of all of the state aid available while maintaining the current mill levy. The additional state aid would help the district maintain the supplies and materials needed to continue to focus on the instructional needs of the Douglass students. The official ballot language is provided for your information.

#### **BALLOT LANGUAGE**

“Shall the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 396, Butler County, State of Kansas, be authorized to increase its local option budget authority by an additional 3% (from 30% to 33%) of its state financial aid?”

To vote in favor, vote “YES”

To vote against, vote “NO”

What does a vote in favor mean? It allows the district the flexibility to increase the maximum budget authority from 30% to 33%. The district would receive 68% of the funds generated as state aid. The additional authority would allow the district to capture all of the state aid that is available. The funds would be used to help the district continue to focus on the instructional needs of the students. Under the current legislation and the current budget structure the district would not have to increase the mill levy at the present time.

What does a vote against mean? The district would not be able to take advantage of the state aid on the increased budget authority. That amount is estimated as \$167,225. The district would not have the increased flexibility in budget authority to increase expenditures for instructional support for the students of the district.

Again, it's important to understand that the district is attempting to capture all of the state aid that is available. For every dollar the district receives in the Local Option Budget 68.43% of that dollar is received as state aid.

If you have questions about the ballot election or the Local Option Budget I encourage you to call the district office and I would be happy to discuss any of your questions.

Ballots will be mailed on January 26, 2014

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## From the Nurse



The flu season is quickly approaching. The first case of influenza has been confirmed in northeast Kansas as of November 6, 2014. I thought I would go over signs and symptoms of a cold versus the “flu” or influenza to help you recognize the difference.

The flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. Because the two illnesses have similar symptoms, it can be difficult to tell the difference between them.

A cold is a minor infection of the nose and throat caused by several different viruses. Colds are highly contagious. A cold usually lasts for about one week, and then goes away with the ill person feeling the worst between days 2-4. It usually does not cause missed work or school.

Influenza, or more commonly known as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Generally the flu will come on suddenly and you feel much worse than with the common cold. The symptoms will be more severe and you will be sick for longer than a couple of days. Flu symptoms can last up to 2 weeks and may cause missed days at work or school.

Side by side symptom comparison:

### Cold Symptoms

Runny or stuffy nose

Itchy or sore throat

Cough

Sneezing, watery eyes

Mild fatigue

Slight body aches or a mild headache

Low-grade fever

### Flu Symptoms

Nasal congestion

Dry cough

Headache

Generalized fatigue (feeling tired) and weakness

Aching muscles (feeling like you’ve been hit by a truck)

Chills and sweats

Fever greater than 100 (Not always!)

May have vomiting and diarrhea

**IF YOUR CHILD IS RUNNING A FEVER KEEP THEM HOME. They MUST be fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT a fever reducing medicine like ibuprofen BEFORE returning to school.**

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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### COUNT YOUR KID IN 2014-2015

Count Your Kid In is a free developmental screening for infants and preschool children living in Butler County. The screenings are sponsored by the Butler County Special Education Interlocal and authorized by Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose is to help parents identify potential learning problems and find help. If your child has difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning, please call 1-800-353-8561 to schedule a free appointment.

#### DATE

#### LOCATION

December 5, 2014	Andover St Vincent DePaul Church 123 N Andover Rd, 316-733-1423
January 9, 2015	Augusta Head Start 730 Cliff Drive, 316-775-6666
January 16, 2015	El Dorado First Baptist Church 315 W Central, 316-321-3268
January 23, 2015	University Congregational Church 9209 E 29 St N, Wichita, 316-634-0430
February 13, 2015	St John's Catholic Church 302 N Denver, El Dorado, 316-321-4796
March 27, 2015	Haverhill Christian Church 10275 SW Haverhill Rd, 316-775-7024
April 10, 2015	Andover St Vincent DePaul Church 123 N Andover Rd, 316-733-1423

**To schedule an appointment for your child may call: 316-775-6904  
or 1-800-353-8561**





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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

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### Robots Everywhere!



Fifth graders at Seal Elementary School were treated to a three day STEM project which included math, science, art, writing, and constructing their very own robot. Professional artist, Lee Shiney & his wife Lajeane led this activity called the 3-Legged Stool, where students assembled a robot and produced artistic drawings using their robots. Students chose their favorite art piece which was then mounted. Watch for these to be displayed along with their artist statement. What a fabulous opportunity to be creative while learning about variables, electrical circuits, kinetic energy, and the importance of quality work!



Thanks to the PTO for sponsoring this awesome experience! The kids will not soon forget it!



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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### Sisk Middle School Honor Roll

#### 1st Nine Weeks

##### 6th Grade Students

##### Principal's Honor Roll

Guthrie Burch, Kendall Coombes, Savannah Edmonds, Alyna Elder, Clayton Elliott, Hannah Grimmett, Nathan Joseph, Cole Martin, Myra Megli, Brody Mertz, Emily Norton, Malissa Taylor

##### Honor Roll

Rebecca Alvarez, Emmett Anderson, David Arevalo, Pearl Biurquez, Caden Davis, Kiyla Davis, Wylie Downer, Holly Engle, Ein Espinoza, Harry Goehring, Jeanette Lehrmann, Briana Lewis, Dylan Lockwood, Camden Lovell, Brandon Parker, Ethan Satkowski, Jonathan Shores, James Triplett, Anna Walton

##### 7th Grade Students

##### Principal's Honor Roll

Jayden High, Claire Hilyard, Shelby Little, Lainie Metsker, Dakota Tireman, Isaiah Wasson

##### Honor Roll

Nove Brockman, Heather Foltz, Lindsey Hajdukovich, Samuel Headrick, Nathaniel Moore, Gratya Swigart

##### 8th Grade Students

##### Principal's Honor Roll

Gordon Bannon, Reece Bourisaw, Lillianne Braungardt, Lukas Dierks, Sage Dierks, Zachary Dressler, Gretchen Grimmett, Ryan Kiekel, Jaysi Mertz, Katelyn Moore, Cody Niblack, Amber Scharff, Jacob Woody

##### Honor Roll

Austin Bonilla, Kolby Caster, Brayden Daly, Genna Damron, Zachary Damron, Kayla Engle, Bailey Fulghum, Triston Gilpin, Cheyenne Hancock, Kaleb Hurb, Kieran Hurd, Kyle Hurd, Kaylee Koeppen, Sabian Lovell, Madison MacKay, Cara Martin, Darby McGuire, Talia McGuire, Kaden Pichler, Hannah Reynolds, Logan Satkowski, Jansyn Schamahorn, Gauge Small, Zachary Viramontez, Easton Westover



### Honor Society Thanksgiving Helpers

On Thursday, November 20th all of the middle school National Junior Honor Society members took to the streets of Douglass to make sure each household received an invitation to the annual Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Meal. Members pictured were given a specific location in Douglass. A street learning lesson, following a map and having a good walk were all a part of this day.

### Dates to Remember

**Early dismissal December 19-1:00 p.m.**  
**NO SCHOOL December 22- January 5**





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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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### **DHS Canned Food/Toy Drive Monday, Dec. 1st- Friday, Dec. 12th**

Each year families work hard to make ends meet while still providing a nice Christmas for their families. Douglass High School students want to their part to help our community!

High School Students will be collecting canned food and toys for the Douglass Ministerial Alliance. Teachers receiving 250 pounds of canned food will be “canned” for a school day and students in those classes will have a free day!

Toys donated will count towards the teachers overall totals. All donations are greatly appreciated! (Please check expiration dates on canned food items and only new toys will be accepted) Thank you for your support!

Sponsored by the KAY Club and STUCO.



### **High School KAY Club Gives Back**

On October 29th, the High School KAY Club travelled to the St. Francis Hospital's Child Life Center in Wichita to “treat” the patients. Members dressed in Halloween costumes and visited with the children while handing out candy. Afterwards, the students were given a tour of the center and learned about the different services offered by the hospital.

On Halloween day before school, KAY members met at Seal Elementary to hand out glow stick bracelets and Halloween safety tips for trick or treating to all the students. The members had a fun time visiting with the younger kids!



Nurse at St. Francis talking with members about the Child Life Center.



Karina Headrick handing out flyers and glow stick bracelets to Kora and Joe Skaer.



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# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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## Douglass High School 1st 9 weeks Honor Roll

### Principal's Honor Roll

Seniors: Stormie Collins, Tyler Mabie, Hannah Short.

Juniors: Sienna Biggs, Mkailalyn Boyd, Katie Cox, Klair Gibson, Jared McDaniel, Cassidy O'Neill, Aimee Schwintz, Sierra Tireman, Sarah Veesart, Jonathan Vore.

Sophomores: Emily Valentine, Gabriel Wasson, Nakotah Watkins, Madison Woody, Allison Zalusky.

Freshmen: Angela Allen, Marriah Biggs, Kayleigh Boyd, Jennifer Dunagan, Kaden Dunham, Madison Mabie, Ethan Maddy, Kenlee Martin, Cheyenne Niblack, Miranda Veesart.

### High Honor's Honor Roll

Seniors: Naomi Bader, Shelby Bergley, Dylan Bible, Hailey Braddy, Brody Caster, Alex Curless, Elizabeth Dombeck, Alicia Dunagan, Nellie Green, Sarah Hajdukovich, Kayla Hawkins, Dallas Mahlandt, Faith McNelly, Hannah Nuzum, Heather Payton, Gunnar Smith, Taylor Smith, Dakotah Weese.

Juniors: Alicia Anderson, Jenna Benson, Michael Chastain, Riley Cochran, Megan Demel, Sara Dressler, Kourtnee Engle, Adrienne Guardiola, Mackenzie Monteith, Cashlyn Munroe, Dalton Roberts, Faith Rollings, Hailey Titus, Marilyn Weide, Jennifer Wilson, Kye Wright.

Sophomores: Elisa Adams, Vaughn Anderson, Logan Bannon, Sarah Beauchamp, Shayna Bergley, Logan Bergosh, Hailey Engle, Joshua Foster, Jesse Fronning-Ritter, Starla Goodman, Kailey Hamilton, Kiona Hunsucker, Cambry McGuire, Lexi Sanborn, Aaron Sigwing, Laekin Starr, Justin Turner.

Freshmen: Devon Anderson, Reece Cochran, Alessia Cokeley, Collier Coombes, Brooklynne Davis, Ashten Dodson, Caleb Eck, Natasha Edmonds, Brittany Farmer, Kryslyn Henderson, Samantha Henning, Alicia Laffitte-Gonzales, William Landis, Emily Lowe, Emilia Potts, John Swigart, Donald Titus, Matthew Warren.

### Honor's Honor Roll

Seniors: Lucas Alvarez, Mathias Eck, Ripken Fraley, Rusty Inkelaar, Clayton Naegele, Jeanne Noullet, Ethan Savoy, Annie Scott, Mariah Taylor, Amber Watson, Jake Wright, Suzannah Wright.

Juniors: Marissa Aaron, Katherine Banos, Ben Basham, Karee Britt, Nicole Bryan, Michael Byrd, Katelyn Estes, Joshua Farmer, Hannah Foltz, Benjamin Fulghum, Dezirae Houser, Zurik Humphries, Mikayla Kurt, Ben Laffitte-Gonzales, Abigail Powell, Daleigh Reed, Dylan Rippey, Cassidy Schouten.

Sophomores: DaShon Arnold, Chelsea Draper, Cylie Draper, Seth Fouts, Joshua Turner.

Freshmen: Haley Basham, Caitlin Bozman, Kian Brown, James Ewertz, Brianna Fenno, Hayley Foltz, Jacob Gray, Austen Hallacy, Tyresse Hardiman, Taylor Miller, Arden Yarnell.



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### KEEPING THE TRADITION!

The Lady Bulldog Cross Country team is keeping the tradition strong this year as they won Regionals for the 4th year in a row! Five years ago they began a tradition of placing at the State Cross Country meet by placing 3rd then winning the championship for the next 3 years in a row. This year, the girls placed 3rd again, keeping the tradition alive. Talent and hard work by themselves don't always bring success, but when you put the two together, success usually follows and it sure has for these ladies. They are not afraid to run the miles and put forth the effort necessary to maintain a high level of success.



We have to say good-bye to Suzie Wright, a great team leader and major contributor to our success this year. She will leave some big shoes to fill, but with new talent coming up from the middle school and other ladies looking at taking up Cross Country for next year, the future remains bright for the Lady Bulldog Cross Country team. With their hard work, dedication, talent, and desire, these ladies are prepared to keep the tradition alive for the Douglass Cross Country program



Leading the pack at State for the Bulldogs and earning individual medals for being in the top 20 were Klair Gibson in 3rd and Suzie Wright in 10th. Just out of the medals were Starla Goodman in 22nd and Krysllyn Henderson in 30th. Completing the team were Alessia Cokeley in 90th and Ashley Crum in 93rd running good races to once again put the team on the award stand. The ladies ran very well this year with each of the upper classmen improving their times from last year and the freshmen establishing times to beat when they return next year.



Pink Night

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Wichita Independent

Friday, Dec. 5th



Wichita Independent will be holding a Pink Night during the High School Basketball Games on December 5th to show support for Terri Fields. Terri is currently fighting her second round of cancer and is the wife of Independent Head Boys Basketball Coach, Rob Fields. Wear your pink to the game as we show our support for Terri and that we are "Bulldogs for the Cure".



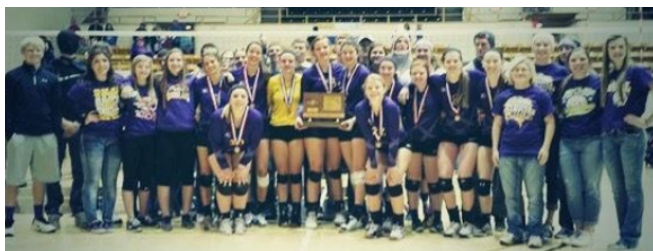
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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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### 2014 High School Volleyball

What an outstanding year for the volleyball team! The players at the beginning of the season had set some goals that they would like to achieve throughout the season. There were two things they wanted to occur. One goal was to win the Central Plains League title. The other goal was to be able to go back to the 3A State competition in Emporia. The team not only met both those goals, but achieved even MORE!!

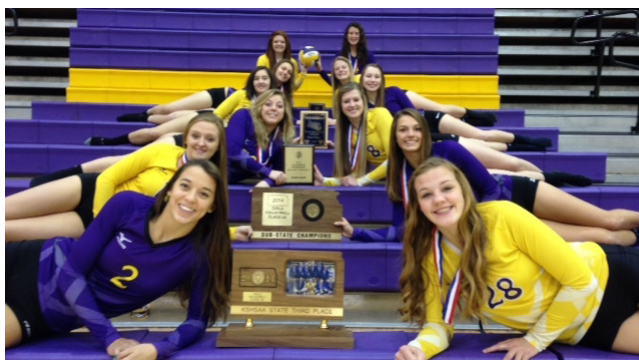


We want to make sure that our community, family, and school family (staff, students, booster club, and teammates) know how much we appreciated all the support throughout the season! Thanks for supporting us by attending our annual fundraiser at the TRIANGLE. Thanks for supporting us by working at our HOME matches by working the clock, book, and line judging. Thanks for feeding us sandwiches at AWAY games. Thanks for supporting us by CHEERING the players on during the competition! Douglass is the BEST!

The Freshmen/Sophomore team ended the season with 21 wins and 5 losses. They received 2nd place at the Trinity Academy Tournament. The Junior Varsity team ended the season with 13 wins and 11 losses. It was awesome to see the improvement and understanding of the game as the season progressed. There were even times that both teams tried to run a faster offense! It was really exciting to see when they executed it.



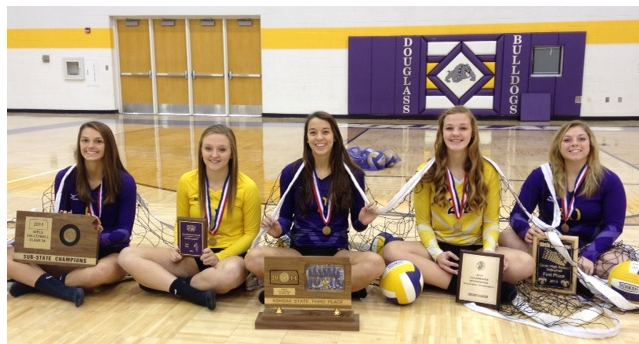
The Varsity team ended the season with 40 wins and 3 losses. They competed in 3 regular season tournaments. The first tournament was hosted by us! They won the tournament, never losing a set all day. They were even down by 8 points in the first set of the championship game and came back to win 29-27. It was an awesome comeback!



Congratulations to Sara Dressler, Cashlyn Munroe, and Hailey Braddy for making the All-Tournament Team.

The second tournament was hosted by Circle. They won this tournament as well, only losing 1 set, but won the match. The fans in the stands were unbelievable! They helped rally the girls together to push through some really tough matches against the schools that attended!

The last regular season tournament was hosted by Clearwater. The players competed against teams that they have never beaten in the past. They also won this tournament only losing 1 set, but not the match in the championship game! It was ASTOUNDING!



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## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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Cashlyn Munroe, Nellie Green, and Hailey Braddy were named to the All-Tournament Team. You would think that this group would have accomplished enough for a season to be PROUD, but they were not satisfied.... They were not only tournament champions, but Central Plains League Champions as well! They completed League play UNDEFEATED! There were 5 girls that earned CPL honors this year. Congratulations to Nellie Green, Cashlyn Munroe, and Hailey Braddy, they earned 1st team honors. Shelby Bergley and Sarah Hajdukovich earned Honorable Mention.

Regular season ended October 21 and the girls now had to prove that they had the skills and the “want” to win sub-state so they could attend the class 3A state competition in Emporia. There were 3 KVA ranked teams at their sub-state. They knew it was going to be tough and they worked hard in practice to ensure that they stay focus on that ultimate goal. When October 25 came around the players were ready to compete! They knew they had to win 3 to go on! They started out against Belle Plaine and won 25-7 and 25-9. They won the next match against Kingman 25-15 and 25-17. Then the players had to wait anxiously for their final match due to the other ranked teams going into a 3rd deciding set. Their final match was against Garden Plain. It started off a little rough, but then the Douglass athletes pulled through and won the first set 25-21. The 2nd set, they started off strong and never looked back. They won the set 25-17! Douglass earned the spot for the class 3A state competition!



As the sub-state results were coming in from across the state, the Bulldogs found out they earned the #1 seed! The players continued working hard to prepare for state competition. They were going to play teams that they have never competed against, let alone know where that school was located in the state of Kansas. They started off on “FIRE” against Cherokee-Southeast winning 25-13 and 25-10. They won the next match 25-13 and 25-19 against Lakin. Then the players had to wait 2 hours before they competed in their final match against Wellsville. The girls had a very slow start in the first set against Wellsville. Both crowds were extremely into the match with their cheers across the auditorium. Douglass came back with a vengeance and won 25-22 in a nail-biting set. The next set was very similar. The teams kept exchanging who was in the lead and then finally, Douglass got on a run to get 3 points ahead and won the final set 25-21. For the first time in school history, Douglass earned a 2nd day of competition at the state level. Needless to say, everyone was very ecstatic! The 2nd day of competition, the players had to start off with the defending class 2A state champion, Hillsboro. Hillsboro won this match, but they had to do it in 3. Douglass lost 17-25, 25-13, and 17-25.

The last competition was once again against Wellsville. The match was very close, but Douglass pulled through with a 3rd place finish, winning the match 25-23 and 26-24. The TEAM brought home not only individual medals for each player, but a TEAM plaque! Hailey Braddy and Cashlyn Munroe also were named to the 3A All-State- Tournament team.





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# HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

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## High School Counselor

### December

1-12 DHS Food and Toy Drive for Douglass Ministerial Alliance

13-ACT Assessment @ DHS

19-End of First Semester-early dismissal at 1:00 p.m.

19-DHS Chili Feed @ 5:00pm in Sport Complex Commons, Free-will donation-all money goes to Douglass Ministerial Alliance to help local families.

22-Jan. 5 Christmas Break

### January

6-Second Semester Begins

9-Registration Deadline for Feb. 7th ACT

14-Sophomore Health Academy Intro class

19-No School Teacher Work Day

\*Seniors and their parents may apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) See information below

### What Is a FAFSA?

All college students are expected to contribute towards their education costs. How much you and your family will be expected to contribute depends on your financial situation — and is what's called your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The government conducts a “need analysis” based on your financial information, such as income, assets, and other family information.

Your application is examined by a federal processor and the results are sent by computer to the financial aid offices of the colleges you've chosen.

The FAFSA is the application most colleges use to determine eligibility for federal, state, and college-sponsored financial aid, including grants, educational loans, and work-study programs.

### Federal Financial Aid Steps

Be sure to fill out the FAFSA even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.

1. Go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) to apply for a PIN. (Both the student and parent need to apply for a PIN)

2. When you get your PIN go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the FAFSA

3. Follow up on your FAFSA. After you complete the FAFSA you will receive a SAR-Student Aid Report by email or mail. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) “check the STATUS of a submitted FAFSA”

**BE AWARE OF DEADLINES:** You may have to meet application deadlines, depending on your college and where you live. State and school deadlines are usually earlier than federal deadlines.





United States Department of Agriculture



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### Thank You!

The OPAA! Food Management Team at the Douglass Schools would like to say “THANK YOU” to Reagan’s Unique Boutique & Salon-Shannon, Sheri, Shelici & Lindsey, Ramsey Towing-Larry Ramsey owner, for their generous prize donations for our Thanksgiving Feast drawings at the Douglass High School and Sisk Middle School!

**OUR WINNERS FOR THE  
THANKSGIVING FEAST ARE:  
MIDDLE SCHOOL: WYLIE DOWNER  
AND BAILEY FULGHUM  
HIGH SCHOOL: AARON SIGWING AND  
HALEY BASHAM  
CONGRATULATIONS!**

Thank you to the central office staff and our Superintendent, Mrs. McCune and her staff, and to all of the parents for helping the OPAA! Staff at Seal Elementary to make the Thanksgiving Feast a “SUPER” success!

We would also like to say “THANK YOU” to Mary and Chester Crawford and Linda Butcher for their generous donation of Warren movie tickets. These tickets were given as prizes on Halloween as part of our “Secret Tray” promotion at Sisk Middle School.

Seal Elementary has also had four “Secret Tray” days with prizes given to the winning students. On Halloween three lucky students received the “Secret Tray” and each chose a prize from our prize box.

We hope to have more promotions and more prizes in December and in the coming months, so stay tuned!



### Grand Ole Opry Performance

Brody Caster, DHS Senior, checked an item off his “bucket list” in October when he performed as a member of the National Honor Choir on the Grand Ole Opry House stage in Nashville, TN.

Brody was among approximately 5,000 kids across the United States who auditioned for the Choir via video-recording last summer. He and three other high school students from Kansas were selected to perform with the 280 member Choir during the annual conference of the National Association for Music Educators.

The group performed a 30 minute concert in the Opryhouse on October 29, after rehearsing and attending work-shops for 3 days. A National Honor Band, Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra also performed as part of the NAFME conference. In order to audition for the National Choir, students had to be part of the Kansas Music Educators Association State Honor Choir last year. Brody auditioned and was selected for State Honor Choir last year and District Honor Choir for three years.





# Have a safe a wonderful Christmas break!!

## Douglass

### December, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 6:00pm-7:00pm ES PTO Meeting @ Elementary Library	2 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 4:00pm HS Scholar's Bowl	3 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive	4 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 4:30pm Basketball-B/Middle School Away vs. Garden Plain 4:30pm Basketball-G/Middle School Garden Plain	5 HS Senior Project Deadline 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 8:30am HS FCCLA Meeting 9:00am Late Start 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Away vs. Wichita Independent 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Away vs. Wichita Independent 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Away vs. Wichita Independent 6:00pm Basketball-B/Freshman /Sophomore Away vs. Wichita Independent 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Away vs. Wichita Independent	6 HS Band KMEA State Honor Band and Choir 9:00am Wrestling-Varsity/JV Valley Center vs. Multiple Schools 9:00am Wrestling-Varsity/JV Wichita-Southeast vs. Multiple Schools 7:30pm-11:30pm HS Snowball Dance
7	8 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Away vs. Sedgwick 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Away vs. Sedgwick 4:30pm Basketball-G/Middle School Away vs. Chaparral High School 4:30pm Basketball-B/Middle School Anthony-Harper-Chaparral 6:00pm Basketball-B/Freshman /Sophomore Away vs. Sedgwick 6:00pm Board of Education Meeting @ District Office 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Away vs. Sedgwick 7:30pm Basketball-G/Freshman /Sophomore Away vs. Sedgwick 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Away vs. Sedgwick	9 HS Winter Sports Pictures MS Picture Days 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Fredonia High School 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Fredonia High School 6:00pm Basketball-B/Freshman /Sophomore Fredonia High School 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Fredonia High School 7:00pm ES 3rd/4th Vocal and 5th Grade Band Christmas Program @ HS Auditorium 7:30pm Basketball-G/Freshman /Sophomore Fredonia High School 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Fredonia High School	10 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive	11 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 4:30pm Basketball-B/Middle School Kingman 4:30pm Basketball-G/Middle School Away vs. Kingman 5:00pm Wrestling-Varsity/JV Hesston vs. Multiple Schools 6:30pm Basketball-G/Varsity Bluestem 8:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity Bluestem	12 HS Senior Project Deadline 8:00am-4:00pm HS Food Drive 8:30am HS KAY Meeting 9:00am Late Start	13 8:00am HS ACT Test Date @ High School 9:00am Wrestling-Varsity/JV Douglass vs. Multiple Schools
14	15 4:30pm Basketball-B/Middle School Conway Springs Middle School 4:30pm Basketball-G/Middle School Away vs. Conway Springs Middle School 7:00pm HS Band/Choir Concert @ HS Auditorium 7:00pm HS Band/Choir Concert @ HS Auditorium	16 ES 5th Grade Christmas Caroling 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Away vs. Bluestem 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Away vs. Bluestem 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Away vs. Bluestem 6:00pm Basketball-B/Freshman /Sophomore Away vs. Bluestem 7:00pm MS Band/Choir Concert @ HS Auditorium 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Away vs. Bluestem	17	18 HS Senior Project Deadline 8:10am ES PreK Christmas Party AM/PM classes attend together 2:30pm ES K-5 Christmas Parties 2:45pm-3:10pm MS Pep Assembly @ MS Gym 4:30pm Basketball-B/Middle School Wichita Independent 4:30pm Basketball-G/Middle School Away vs. Wichita Independent	19 End of Semester Early Dismissal - 1:00pm 9:00am Late Start 3:00pm Wrestling-Varsity/JV Away vs. Marion 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Wichita Trinity Academy 4:30pm Basketball-B/JV Wichita Trinity Academy 5:00pm Chili Feed 6:00pm Basketball-B/Freshman /Sophomore Wichita Trinity Academy 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Wichita Trinity Academy 7:30pm Basketball-G/Freshman /Sophomore Wichita Trinity Academy 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Wichita Trinity Academy	20

