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# Indiahoma School Newsletter

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Friday

January 11, 2013

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## Homecoming Banner Winners

Elementary School: 6th Grade  
Jr. High/High School: 7th Grade

## High School Basketball

January  
15 Grandfield, there, 6:30 p.m.  
18 Chatty, here, 6:30 p.m., senior night  
21-26 Comanche County Tourney, Lawton TBA  
February  
4 Frederick, there, 6:30 p.m.  
7-9 District Tourney, TBA

## Jr. High Basketball

January  
15 Grandfield, there, 4:00 p.m.  
17 Temple, here, 6:30 p.m.  
18 Chatty, here, 4:00 p.m.  
20-February 2 Comanche County Tourney, TBA  
February  
4 Frederick, there, 4:00 p.m.

## New Basketball Ticket Prices

Price Increase for Basketball games  
effective January 1, 2013:  
Adult price for ballgames will be \$5.00.  
Student prices will not change.

## Prevent Blindness of Oklahoma

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:30 a.m.

## Jr High/High School Read Together

*The Outsiders*

*By S.E. Hinton*

The story begins on Tuesday, January 15.

## Indiahoma School Menu:

January 14-18, 2013

### **Breakfast:**

All breakfasts come with juice and milk.

**Mon:** Biscuits, sausage patties, gravy, jelly

**Tues:** Pancake on a stick, syrup

**Wed:** Cereal, toast, sausage links, jelly

**Thu:** Scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage patties

**Fri:** Cinnamon rolls, fruit

### **Lunch:**

**Mon:** Beef tips and rice, green beans, bread,  
pineapple tidbits, milk

**Tues:** BBQ sandwiches, chips, cookie, applesauce,  
milk

**Wed:** Stew, cornbread, crackers, mixed fruit, salad  
bar, milk

**Thu:** Pizza stix, corn, apple slices, salad bar, milk

**Fri:** Hot ham & cheese, curly fries, oranges,  
salad bar, milk.

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## Superintendent's Cabinet

Anyone in grades 7 – 12 interested in becoming a member of the Superintendent's cabinet, pick up an application blank from Ms. Thomason. Requirements are: Application, Essay, Teacher Reference and Interview. Deadline for submitting application is Friday, January 11, 2013.

## Elementary Students and Readers of the Months, November & December

Dawson Harp, Jullian York, Kayla Collins,  
Rowdy Payne, Ellie Hannabass, Davyn Held,  
Timber Neugebauer, Mercedes Jackson,  
ShaLynn Harvey, Nia Staton, Mackayla Chibitty,  
Ethan Fires, Luke Romano

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**Parent Teacher Conference: Monday, January 21, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**



## Semester Tests and Exemptions Students Speak Their Minds



Are semester tests necessary? No. Taking tests is not fun. We already take tests at the end of the year so why do we have to take more? They are too long and take up extra days. It feels like punishment. The teachers hate making them and grading them. We don't really need them all that much.

Morgan Davis

I think we should have semester test exemptions. From my own experience when I went to Cache schools, they have exemptions. We should have exemptions because some people are really bad at taking tests like I am. I don't think the semester test grade should count as 20% of the semester grade. People have many reasons for and against semester tests.

Braydon Roseberry

Personally, I think that semester tests, to a certain point, aren't necessary. In my opinion the school should revert back to exemptions. If a student already has good grades then that should count for something. Even if we were to continue semester tests, they still should not count for 20% of a grade. For example, if a student has a low A in a class and then fails the semester test, it would drop the grade to a B. Having exemptions would also make it easier on teachers because they wouldn't have to grade as many tests. Please go back to exemptions.

Eric Kenney

Why take semester tests? We take them because in college you need to know how to take them. College finals are similar to semester tests. So when the school makes us take the test, they are really only helping us out in the long run.

Anonymous

I think Semester tests are a waste of time for people who already know what they are doing. If we still have to take them, we should have exemptions for people who have straight A's and have not missed any school. At the very least, the grade percentage of semester tests should be lowered to a normal test percentage. If you have a 100 in a class and then fail your semester final, you could end up with a low B or high C. That's messed up because you have to spend all year working in class to get a good grade and over a period of two hours you lose your grade point average. All in all, semester tests are over rated and honestly, I believe they should have lower requirements or have exemptions or just be done away with fully.

Rudy Reyna

I feel that students who have above average grades and good attendance should be exempt from taking semester tests. I strongly disagree with the semester test being worth 20% of our grade. That is absolutely ridiculous. Why should a student who makes all A's be forced to take semester tests, when they've been making A's all semester? I think semester tests are a waste of time.

Elizabeth Rowland

I think we should be able to have semester test exemptions. Many people have an A in a class but when they take the test their grade drops if they don't do well on the semester test. We already have EOI's, the ACT and other tests we have to take. Also, if a student has done very well throughout the semester, they deserve to be exempted from the tests. Lastly, if there were semester test exemptions, there would be more students striving for all A's and good attendance.

Terry Battle III

Semester tests are tests we take over everything we have learned that semester and it is for every class we have. Semester tests are a good idea because we can test our knowledge. But I think that there should be exemptions. Kids with A's and five absences or less should be able to be exempt from the test. Kids with B's and three absences or less should be exempt. Kids with a C and only one absence or less should be exempt. If the student has a lower grade than that then they should have to take the test and possibly raise their grade. If you have good grades you should be rewarded for keeping them up and for actually making it to class.

Kasey Sherer