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College Admissions Test Options

College admissions tests are required for those students interested in attending most 4-year colleges or universities. There are two flavors of these tests, the ACT is the most popular around here and is a little cheaper than the alternative SAT. Check the websites of schools that interest you to see which they prefer or ask in the counseling office.

OK, so you missed the deadline to register for the April ACT Test. Not a huge deal, since there are more chances left to get signed up. You could spend a little more and try for a standby spot in April, but I recommend you just sign up for the June test at another local test center such as Bryan High School or Central High School. This will still give you a chance to get some experience with the test before your senior year and leave you two more opportunities in the fall to improve your score, if necessary. Get online at www.ACTStudent.org to register or pick up a paper application in the counseling office.

By the way, if you need the SAT Reasoning Test instead or if you need to take some SAT II Subject tests, you can also do that either May 2nd or June 6th at a different local test center. We only offer those tests once each year at BEHS during November, but don't wait until that test if you want to have several chances to improve your score. Go to www.CollegeBoard.com to register online or pick up the paper registration guide in the counseling office.

QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship Program

Here is an opportunity for high achieving students from low-income families (less than \$60,000) to seek help with getting connected to some of the most elite schools around the country. This scholarship could get you into some great summer programs at Harvard, Stanford, Notre Dame, or Yale. It could also lead to individualized admission counseling from QuestBridge, invitations to Conferences at Stanford or Yale, and other college visit opportunities. This is a free application for possible free assistance, so if you see yourself as ready to excel in college, but unable to afford the opportunity, why not give this program a try. Their application is **due by March 31st**, so get online right away at www.questbridge.org and get started. Also, note that when you become a senior, they have a separate program called the National College Match that assists the same students with the admissions process and potential full-ride scholarships to a wide range of elite schools.

A Few Reminders:

College 101 Presentation: Mar 18th and 19th at 5:30 pm in the Library
Willsie Delivery: Mar 16th and 17th, bring payment if you ordered anything
College Reps Visiting BEHS: Get a blue pass from counseling to attend
PROM and After-PROM: April 18th...watch for ticket information soon!

Summer Programs at Various Universities

Wondering what to do with your free time this summer? There are a variety of schools that offer summer programs, some of which were mentioned in the last newsletter. Here are a few more **examples** for you to consider.

- **University of Wyoming Engineering Summer Program:** Here is one for those potential engineers among you. If you are one of the lucky thirty selected to participate, your costs will be minimal, since most costs are taken care of. Pick up a copy of their application form and find a math or science teacher willing to nominate you. Also, see www.eng.uwyo.edu/highschool/esp for details and forms. **Deadline for applications: March 27th**
- **University of Chicago Summer Session '09:** This is an example of what many schools offer during the summer that is open to high school students. Although they do offer some scholarship assistance to some students, you probably need to be prepared for high costs for these college experiences. See <http://summer.uchicago.edu> for details. **Deadline for most of their programs: May 15th**
- **Metropolitan Community College - CollegeNOW!** Don't forget that you can always get a head start on college right here in the local area. As I mentioned last month, Metro CC has a great offer for high school students to take classes for half tuition and that applies to the upcoming summer quarter as well. Give them a call at our Bellevue Center and find out how to get involved. Their number is 827-8505.

Open House Opportunities at Local Schools

This is the season for more and more colleges to open their doors to members of the junior class in hopes of recruiting you for their fall 2010 freshman class. Here are a few more examples you can choose from, but if your favorite schools are not listed, check out their websites for dates when juniors are encouraged to visit.

- **University of Nebraska at Omaha:** They will have a **Junior Mav Day** on Friday, April 24th from 9 am to noon with optional campus and housing tours to follow that. See www.BEaMAV.com and click on Visit UNO and then Maverick Mondays Open Houses to get the details and register to attend this event. You can also just call their admissions office at 554-6281 to get on the list.
- **College of Hair Design:** Interested in barbering, cosmetology, or skin care? Why not visit this school in Lincoln for their **Spring Open House** on Wednesday, April 1st from 10 am to 2 pm and see what they have to offer. They are located at 11th and M and you can reserve your spot at this event by calling them at 800-798-4247.
- **Iowa Western CC:** This nice campus across the river is holding **Reiver Visit Days** that might be of interest to you. They will be on March 27th and 28th and you can get information by going to www.iwcc.edu and clicking on Prospective Students and then Visit Us. These are not just for juniors, but they would be glad to see you. Call them at 712-325-3277, option 7 with any questions.
- **Kansas State University:** They are planning a sequence on **Junior Days** this spring. Choose from April 6th or 20th or May 4th to check out their campus and programs. They have a full day of activities for juniors and their parents and there is a small fee per person. See <http://consider.k-state.edu/specialevents> for more details and to register online.