

NOTE: I noticed in many of your survey responses that there is still a lot of uncertainty out there about what careers interest you and what schools would be right to prepare for the various careers. If you are still confused and in need of help, stop by our Career Center and ask to do an interest inventory and/or use their **Career Cruising** software to help find your way to some reasonable school choices. Do it now so you can apply for admission real soon!

Scholarships Due Soon! (See previous senior newsletters for details):

- 12/1/11 AXA Achievement Scholarship
- 12/1/11 Fleet Reserve Association Americanism Essay Contest
- 12/1/11 Nebraska Elks Association Scholarships
- 12/1/11 Nebraska Softball Foundation Scholarship
- 12/1/11 Nebraska State College System Governor's Opportunity Scholarship
- 12/1/11 Omaha World Herald Kearney Hub Scholarship (UNK)
- 12/1/11 US Air Force ROTC Scholarships
- 12/1/11 Wayne State College Merit-Based and RHOP Scholarships
- 12/2/11 Elks Nationals Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship
- 12/9/11 University of Iowa Presidential (or Old Gold) Scholarship
- 12/15/11 NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award Program
- 12/15/11 SAE Engineering University Sponsored Scholarships
- 12/15/11 University of Northern Iowa Presidential Scholarship
- 12/15/11 University of Missouri KC Conservatory of Music & Dance Scholarship

SAT Testing in January:

The closest testing centers for the January 28th SAT test are Omaha Central H.S. (28210) or Ralston H.S. (28220). If you still need to take the SAT I or SAT II subject tests, sign up soon at <http://sat.collegeboard.com> for January. **Deadline for regular registration: December 30th**

THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Need any SCHEDULE CHANGES? There are 15 days left in this semester. Seniors who are in danger of failing any first semester course(s) that are needed to meet graduation requirements should see their counselor next week to determine what can be done second semester. Better yet, talk to your teachers...they may suggest a way for you to pass that class now and avoid the hassle. Also, if you have changed your mind about 2nd semester classes, please complete a change form and pass it to your counselor now to request the adjustments. If you wait until the new semester starts, you may not get the classes you want because they may be full.

FAFSA Assistance from EducationQuest Foundation: Several of you have already stopped by looking for the sign-up sheets for this opportunity that we told you about in your English classes two weeks ago. I was going to wait until January, since the first date isn't until January 31st, but I will get those ready right away instead. So, if you want to get a big jump on this and you know which date and classroom period you can use to get some help, come on in and sign up during December or January. Remember, that your parents are also welcome to attend, so be sure you pick a time that will work for them if they want to be there with you. Also, be sure to gather the required materials on the EducationQuest list posted at their website. I can also give you a copy of that list when you sign up in my office.

The Congressional Awards: You may have heard about this program recently and wondered what it is. It is a recognition program of our U.S. Congress with awards available to all 14 to 23 year old students who are active in volunteering, personal development, physical fitness, and exploring. It is a way for you to get recognition for your efforts and earn various certificates or medals that look great on your resume. However, it is for future accomplishments that meet goals that you set for yourself. You must have your efforts reviewed by an Advisor who is an adult of your choice, with some limits. One drawback is that there is a \$15 fee to get registered, so don't sign up if you are not determined to succeed. See www.congressionalaward.org for more details.

OTHER REMINDERS:

- School Traditions Rep in the Café:** TODAY, 11:30 - 1:00 pm, order Announcements or Cap & Gown
- Iowa Western CC Reiver Visit Day:** Dec 2nd, Call Admissions at 712-325-3277, www.iwcc.edu
- Dec 3rd SAT:** Standby is \$43 extra, go to Omaha Central, Ralston, or Westside with a paper application
- Fridays@WSC:** Dec 9th, see Visit Campus at www.wsc.edu/admission
- SDSU Jackrabbit Preview:** Dec 9th, 9 am - 2 pm, www.sdstate.edu/admissions/visit
- Yearbook Photo Deadline:** Dec 16th, take senior photos and yearbook ad orders to B03 ASAP