

## Winter Music Concert

includes BHS Choirs & Instrumentalists

Monday, December 14, 2009

7:00 p.m. - Hevelone Center



## SCIENCE CLUB and USA-Skills

(Dr. Christen & Mrs. Moore & Mr. Brockman)

Members recently completed a fruit sale fundraiser. Monies from the fundraiser are used to support club activities throughout the year. Fruit will be delivered December 7th (if on schedule). Thank you for your support!



## SCIENCE CLUB GREENHOUSE POINSETTIAS

For Sale - \$10 each 'til they're gone

Available at: Crafts on the Boulevard,  
December 4 & 8 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
and on December 14 from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
and/or by contacting Dr. Christen to make  
arrangements to get one set up. 223-1500ext.1866



**SOPHOMORE CLASS FUND RAISER FOR JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM & CLASS of 2012 EXPENSES**  
**SPAGHETTI FEED - 4:30p.m. - 7:00p.m. - December 19**  
in conjunction with the Girls & Boys Basketball Doubleheaders vs Om. Roncalli

## THE PANCAKE MAN..... brought to you by the Orange Boosters....

begins at 5pm during the Lady Orange and Orangeman Basketball games vs Holdrege on January 15. "All You Can Eat" pancakes.

Booster Club meeting on Monday, December 7th. 7:00pm - BHS Media Center.

There will be **NO Fine Arts meeting in December**. The next meeting will be Monday, January 11th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center of the high school. Agenda includes: **Second Annual Chili Cook-off set for January 30th.**

Think **GREAT**  
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the hard  
to buy  
for.



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The Beatrice High School  
staff would like to wish  
you and your family a  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!



Don't forget to visit the BHS Web Page at [www.beatricepublicschools.org](http://www.beatricepublicschools.org)  
for Bulletin Announcements, Updated Activity and Athletic events, etc.

# Orange Peel

Beatrice High School

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## December 2009

**Wednesday, December 2**

Limited Edition & Jazz Band touring

**Saturday, December 5**

District One-Act Play - 2:15  
Star City Parade - Lincoln - 11:00  
BHS-Swim & Dive Invite - 9:00

**Thursday & Friday**

**December 10 & 11**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual - Madrigal Feast - 6:30

**Friday, December 11**

State One-Act Play Production

**Saturday, December 12**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual-Crafts on the Boulevard  
Boys Reserve Basketball Invite - 9:00

**Monday, December 14**

Joint Winter Music Concert-7:00  
Board of Education Mtg 7:00

**Friday, Monday & Tuesday**

**December 18, 21 & 22**

Semester Final Exams

**Saturday, December 19**

Sophomore Fundraiser - Spaghetti Feed  
4:30 - 7:00

**Tuesday, December 22**

Last Day of Semester

**Wednesday, December 23 –**

**Sunday, December 27**

NO PRACTICE STATEWIDE MORATORIUM

**Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 29 & 30**

Holiday BB Tournament (B&G)  
Chili Showdown and Potato Bar @ GINW

**Wednesday, December 23 –**

**Sunday, January 3**

Staff Christmas Vacation

**Wednesday, December 23–**

**Monday, January 4**

Student Christmas Vacation

Principal • Jason Sutter

Assistant Principal • John Jarosh

Associate Principal/Activities Director • Neal Randel

**Kids who learn about the dangers of alcohol and drugs  
at home are 50% less likely to use.**

**YOU DO MATTER! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

The holiday season is often accompanied by a huge spike in underage drinking and, according to several recent studies, parents are often the culprit. Authors of these studies say that parents who give their children alcohol are setting their kids up for more dangerous underage drinking.

Often, parents believe that allowing their children to drink alcohol at home or in another supervised setting is a safe way to allow young people to drink. However, ANY underage drinking – a glass of wine at a holiday dinner, a beer while watching the football game, or toast of champagne as you ring in the New Year – is proven to contribute to future alcohol use by teens in other unsupervised, high-risk situations.

These studies also show that youth who are allowed to drink alcohol at home also drink more frequently, engage in "high risk drinking" (binge drinking, drinking and driving, etc), and get involved in more alcohol - related traffic crashes. So, parents who believe they are opting for something safer are actually leading their children down a much riskier path.

The same researchers have found that parents who ban their children's alcohol use at home significantly reduce the risk of creating teenage drinkers. Parents may not realize it, but they make a huge impact on their children's drug and alcohol decisions. Parents who set clear rules on alcohol use for their children, follow through on consequences they have established, and have regular conversations with their children about alcohol use, are more likely to have children that choose not to drink as teens.

If you are planning a holiday celebration for family, friends, neighbors, or your coworkers, you can follow these recommendations to make the event safe for everyone involved: Be a good role model. If you choose to serve and/or consume alcohol at a holiday celebration, be responsible and take precautions so that all attendees also remain responsible and safe. Make sure alcohol is not the focal point of any gathering. Serve food, have activities, and assure that there are non-alcohol beverage choices available.

from: [www.gagecountymaps.org](http://www.gagecountymaps.org)

*Beatrice Public Schools...to prepare all students for  
life-long learning and responsible citizenship.*

## FINANCE CHALLENGE

The Mission of the Nebraska Council on Economic Education is to eliminate economic illiteracy. The FinanceChallenge supports this mission by creating a fun incentive for students to take ownership of their education, their choices and their future.

The FinanceChallenge is a 30-question, rapid-fire exam consisting of categories on Income and Money Management, Spending and Credit, and Saving and Investing. The online academic competition is designed to serve the needs of personal finance, consumer science, life skills and business students that learn economics and financial literacy topics but are not in a dedicated economics class.

BHS students enrolled in business classes were registered for competition in teams of 3. With 239 teams participating throughout the state, the following BHS students earned recognition:

13<sup>th</sup> Place – Kevin Hartley, Scott Weaver, and Kayleigh Wilson

Top 25% - Cody Minor, Gabby Newman, and Jalisa Winkle

Blaine Harms, Jon Kolman, and Sara Menci

Tommie Bardsley, Cassie Minor, and Dustin Trauernicht

Trevor Hutchison, Lacey Spilker, and Kai Xi Zhang

Joe Cherry, Kayla Cody, and Dylan Wrightsman

Jade Malchow, Gemma Pretzer, and Taylor Warren



## Upward Bound Fall Update

Upward Bound is a federally funded college preparatory program serving select students at Beatrice, Fairbury, and Southern High Schools. We have been very active this fall! In September we completed a workshop designed to hone our study skills, and in October we helped keep Beatrice beautiful by collecting trash. This month, students will participate in a day of career exploration activities and learn more about Indian culture with a trip to Lincoln to dine at The Oven. Our seniors have been busily preparing for next year by selecting their top colleges, filling out applications, researching scholarship opportunities, and attending personalized college visits.

**In December, we'll be having our Winter Celebration on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at SCC!** We will be handing out awards to participants who have met their incentives this semester, and doing lots of other fun activities to celebrate the holidays. Regular tutoring will continue through the month at your schools and at SCC. Seniors, don't forget our monthly seminar on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Interested to know more about Upward Bound? Call Erin at 228-3469 ext. 1405

## Limited Bus Service for Snow Drifted or Impassable Roads

Limited bus service will be announced on KWBE Radio each morning before buses leave on their route. Parents may take their children to the nearest point of pickup regardless of whether or not it is their regular bus. The children will be returned to that point again in the afternoon. It is important that your child remember the number of the bus he or she gets on in the morning so that they get on the same bus for the afternoon return. If you have any questions call 228-1015. **REMEMBER TO CHECK 223-1555 for school weather cancellations.**



- Route #1-** Bus will leave Pioneer Acres Addition at 7:20 a.m. and pick up along Highway 4 on the way back to Beatrice.
- Route #2-** Bus will leave a point three miles south of Highway 136 on the Odell blacktop at 7:15 a.m. and will proceed north to Highway 136 over to So. Sumner and on in to Beatrice.
- Route #3-** Bus will leave a point 2 miles north on Ellis blacktop at 7:10 and go south to Highway 136 then on east to Highway 77 and then north in to Beatrice.
- Route #4-** Bus will leave from a point 5 miles south of Beatrice on Highway 77 at 7:20 a.m. and proceed on to Beatrice.
- Route #5-** Bus will leave a point 8 miles east of Beatrice (Rockford Corner) on High 136 at 7:15 a.m. and proceed in to Beatrice.
- Route #6-** Bus will leave from a point 6 miles east on Highway 136 and 3 miles north on the Zion blacktop at 7:15 a.m. and proceed back to Highway 136 and then on to Beatrice.
- Route #7-** Bus will leave a point 7 miles east of Pickrell on the Pickrell blacktop at 7:15 a.m. –continue west to Highway 77 and then south on to Beatrice.
- Route #8-** Bus will leave from Pleasant View Cemetery at 7:15 and proceed south on 19th street blacktop in to Beatrice.
- Route #9-** Bus will leave from a point 2 miles east and 5 miles north of the Pickrell blacktop on Christ Lutheran Church blacktop at 7:15 and proceed south to the Pickrell blacktop and then west to Highway 77 and south to Beatrice.
- Route #10-** Bus will leave Pickrell at 7:20 and proceed to Highway 77 and then south on in to Beatrice.

*Dance Team to host:*

## 9<sup>th</sup> CRAFTS ON THE BOULEVARD Annual



The Dancers are hosting "Crafts on the Boulevard" on **Saturday, December 12th, 9:00a.m. -4:00 p.m.** in the Commons. This annual event showcases the arts and crafts of many of our talented local residents. In addition to homemade crafts you might find "Recipe in a Jar" items, poinsettias, pom bags, gift wrapping and a concession stand open the entire time. There are a few **VENDOR SPACES** available if someone wants to join us. Mark your calendars to attend "Crafts on the Boulevard" on December 12th.

Please call (402) 223-1500 ext.1827, or send an email message to [wmeyer@bpsne.org](mailto:wmeyer@bpsne.org)

Congratulations to the winners of the "**Green Dreams**" Contest sponsored by the GeoScience classes!!! Thanks to all who shared their ideas!! Student winners:

**1st place (\$25) Selene Knobel** - - School sells recycled notebooks and folders and other school supplies.

**2nd place (\$20) Daniel Colson** - - Every student should be given a plant (small tree) and then we should take an hour to go plant them on one day that it works out.

**3rd place (\$15) Alyssa VanLaningham** - - If we are to reduce trash in our school, then we must attack the main source: the cafeteria. We must reduce the amount of packaged products used and sold. We also must stop styrofoam use and invest in dishes and bowls. A compost for food waste should also be started where leftover food can be used in the arboretum. This way the only things that are thrown away are napkins, paper towels, and other non-recyclables.

**Staff winner: (\$15) Laurie Spilker** - - An information board by the front door. All bulletins, announcements, meetings, schedules (changes) posted on the board. Saves paper, tape, time, and paint on walls. One Place - - ALL INFO!!!!

**Teacher winner (\$15) Mrs. Ausin-Dodge** - - Have a recycle center at school where we can turn in batteries, old cell phones, glass, etc.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual BHS Madrigal Feast

*Two performances to choose from:  
Thursday, December 10th &  
Friday, December 11th  
at 6:30 p.m.*

*Adult \$12.50 - Child \$7.00  
(includes show and meal)*

*The Lord and Lady of the Manor invite you to join them for feasting, music and merriment, madrigal style. The BHS Choral Music invites you to journey back in time to the days of merrie olde England—the songs, dances, and entertainment magic of the day. With the sound of each fanfare, you will discover a Christmas as celebrated in an ancient tradition of Olde England.*

*Join the cast of more than 50 students as they celebrate Christmas-time with an authentic royal banquet featuring festive madrigals, dance, brass and recorder music.*

*Seats are filling up fast, so book your seats soon. From the rousing wassail toasts to the last spoonful of dessert and the final fading melody of the Madrigal Singers performance, you will be enchanted and filled with thoughts of the season.*

*Where:  
Classics at  
Beatrice Country Club  
Beatrice, Nebraska*

*Call Lady LaDonna Ideas  
for ticket reservations at  
(402)223-1500 Ext.1809*

# First Semester 09-10 Final Exams/Semester Test Schedule

## Friday, December 18

Period 1.....	8:12 - 8:32	.....	
Period 2.....	8:36 - 8:56	.....	
Period 3.....	9:00 - 9:20	.....	
Period 4.....	9:24 - 9:44	.....	
Period 5.....	9:48 - 10:08	.....	
Period 6.....	10:12 - 10:32	.....	
Period 7.....	10:36 - 10:56	.....	
Period 8.....	A Lunch.....	11:00 - 11:37	
	B Lunch.....	11:37 - 12:14	
Period 2.....	EXAM.....	12:18 - 1:51	(93 minutes)
Period 4.....	EXAM.....	1:55 - 3:28	(93 minutes)

## Monday, December 21

Period 3.....	EXAM.....	8:12 - 9:45	(93 minutes)
Period 5.....	EXAM.....	10:00 - 11:35	(95 minutes)
	LUNCH.....	11:35 - 12:55	Open Campus
Period 7.....	EXAM.....	1:00 - 2:30	(90 minutes)
Make-up Final Exam.....		2:30 - 4:00	(if necessary)

## Tuesday, December 22

Period 1.....	EXAM.....	8:12 - 9:45	(93 minutes)
Period 6.....	EXAM.....	10:00 - 11:35	(95 minutes)
	LUNCH.....	11:35 - 12:55	Open Campus
Period 8.....	EXAM.....	1:00 - 2:30	(90 minutes)
Make-up Final Exam.....		2:30 - 4:00	(if necessary)

Students will again be allowed to enjoy open campus during "LUNCH" on Monday and Tuesday, **ONLY IF FINES, FEES AND DETENTION TIME ARE CLEARED.** If these are not taken care of before the first final on Monday, your name will appear on a hold list and your 5th period final teacher will be responsible to escort you to a supervised study hall/lunch period. (If you are allowed open campus, please drive carefully and do NOT abuse this privilege!) On Friday, your 8th period class will become your lunch period. You are required to eat in the cafeteria as if this were a normal school day.

Lunch A & B division will be broadcast at a later date.

- Students are required to attend all final classes. Scheduled absences must be approved by an administrator and your teacher *prior* to finals.
- Students are to be in the building only for their scheduled tests or classes. Do not report for assigned study hall periods (except during lunch period).
- Cadet Aides and Student Aides need to make arrangements with their teachers/supervisors as to when and if they should report.
- Students are not to leave the classroom until end of period. NO EARLY DISMISSALS.
- There will be bells to signal class changes.
- Students must turn in materials before leaving class.
- Buses will operate on their regular schedules.
- Students not scheduled for testing, may leave school grounds or study quietly in the library.
- If you are on early release or school-to-career in the afternoon, you should be able to make it to work at your regular scheduled time. If you work in the morning, you will need to make arrangements with your employer and let them know about your semester test.
- Lunch will be served on Monday and Tuesday, if you do not elect the open campus option.

## KEY CLUB PLANS FIELD TRIP TO ASSIST KIDS AGAINST HUNGER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 45 MEMBERS OF KEY CLUB TRAVEL TO LINCOLN TO PACKAGE FOOD FOR AN ORGANIZATION CALLED KIDS AGAINST HUNGER. THEY HOPE TO PACKAGE ABOUT 20,000 MEALS TO SEND TO HAITI AND OTHER COUNTRIES DEALING WITH STARVATION. KEY CLUB MEMBERS ARE FIRED UP ABOUT TAKING PART IN SUCH A WORTHY EFFORT.



**2nd Quarter Progress Reports were mailed home Wednesday, November 25, to be received during Thanksgiving break.**

## FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL - 09/10

### Freshman:

Ethan Adams	Joseph Cherry	Katelin Harlan	Mary Ellen Langley
Brianna Aden	Jennifer Christensen	Kevin Hartley	Meagan Leseberg
Rebecca Behrends	Kayla Cody	Kyle Hasenkamp	Whitney Leseberg
Shelby Bloomquist	Elizabeth Cowan	Courtney Hays	Elyse Lyons
Katlin Brown	Tanner Dewey	Jordan Henkel	Kendra Poley
Taylor Buhr	Garrett Easley	Emily Hoffman	Timothy Rayburn
Abigail Burenheide	Travis Eubanks	Shelby Holaday	Chandler Sandman
Jordan Busboom	Jill Faxon	LeeAnn Howe	Taylor Schultze
Leighann Campbell	Isaiah Friesen	Lauren Hubka	Cali Shelburne
Devin Carey	Jesse Gronewold	Mackenzie James	Garrett Thompson
Emily Carothers	Abbey Haley	Selene Knobel	Breanna Trvdy
			Tristin Zastera

### Sophomores:

Berenice Almanza	Megan Gronewold	Courtney Lovell	Jayne Sederberg
Alicia Armstrong	Chaley Hamilton	Kinzie Mabon	Meaghan Setzer
Trey Bardsley	Caleb Havekost	Jami Mann	Morgan Sexton
Patrick Bell	Emily Herman	Michael Mauch	Ramsay Shuck
Paxton Diehl	Hannah Herman	Amanda Nutsch	Lacey Spilker
Tandon Dorn	Lauren Howell	Dylan Oates	Cassandra Thornburg
Natalie Frahm	Logan Husa	Jonathan Policky	Bryston White
		Lindy Randel	Sydney Workman

### Juniors:

Kelsi Boesiger	Matthew Dunker	Taylor Jurgens	John Oltman
Callie Busboom	Madelyne Engelbrecht	Xavier King	Jason Pike
Kayla Busboom	Alison Engler	Tyler Kruger	Jessica Pinkerton
Kya Campbell	Ambrel Fakler	Tatyana Larionova	Kelsie Post
Natasha Carel	Hillary Fischer	Shelby Lauritsen	Stephanie Rudder
Mason Carey	Julian Fuchs	Brittany Lenners	Kelsey Schlake
Galayna Carrell	Matthew Goossen	Kayla Mabon	Lindsey Schlake
Nicholas Christensen	Bobbie Harder	Lucas Martin	Molly Schroeder
Thomas Cowan	Alexandra Hardman	Antonio Mendieta	Kayleigh Schultze
Morgan Cowell	Aaron Hilton	Trevor Messman	Bessie Smith
Amanda Daubendiek	Lindsey Howell	Cassie Minor	Mikel Summers
Megan Decker	Mitchell Irmer	Cody Minor	Neely Sutter
Silas Dell	Laura Jantz	Andrew Nelson	Kaleb Theasmeyer
			Stephanie Whitlow

### Seniors:

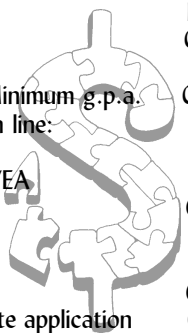
Caelan Adams	Daleigh Fossler	Nathaniel Knobel	McKayla Randel
Tommie Bardsley	Mary Garman	Cassandra Knoop	Jace Schmidt
Tiffani Bayless	Mia Gerten	Sheena Larsen	Anna Spilker
Katie Bornemeier	Constance Gritz	Kasen Lee	Courtney Spilker
Jace Bowhay	Jayla Hamm	Dylan Melcher	Troy Summers
Brandon Clark	Camden Harlan	Sara Mencl	Tasha Traylor
Taylor Cossel	Colin Hays	Trevor Menke	Alyssa VanLaningham
Joshua Cramer	Jesse Hinz	Taylor Millwood	Taylor Warren
Cameron Creek	Trevor Hutchison	Mariah Ostermann	Scott Weaver
Elizabeth Dorf	Aubry Jarvis	Anna Petersen	Ashley Werner
Caitlin Eis	Ross Jensby	Gemma Pretzer	Kayleigh Wilson
Ryan Fee	Tabetha Jurgens	Ryan Rabstejnek	Jalisa Winkle
	Tiffany Jurgens	Bethany Randel	Lauren Zimmerman

## Music Notes:

**Quote for the Month:** "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." ~ Berthold Auerbach  
**Monday, December 14th 7:00 - High School Band/Choir Christmas Concert** featuring the BHS Concert Choir, Women's Choir, William of Orange Singers, BHS Jazz Ensemble, and Symphonic Band. Come and hear a "Patriotic Christmas" Presentation. Suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

If you are looking to make more room for the upcoming Christmas presents consider donating your old band instruments to the band program. We would gladly take them, fix them, get them in the hands of deserving kids. We would provide you with a receipt of the value of the instrument for tax purposes. Contact Mr. LeFerber (402.223.1500 x 1845) if you are interested.

<b>Bulletin Date</b>	<b>Scholarship Name</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
11/02/2009	American Civil Liberties Union, Youth Activist Scholarship	11/30/09
11/03/2009	Peter Kiewit Foundation, Legacy Scholarship. Upper 20% of class and demonstrated financial need. <a href="http://www.peterkiewitfoundation.org">www.peterkiewitfoundation.org</a>	01/06/10
	Merlyn Anderson 4-H Scholarship. Interest in agricultural studies. Minimum g.p.a. of 2.500, and preference given to students involved in 4-H. Available on line: <a href="http://www.gage.unl.edu/youthscholarshipsforadvancededucation">www.gage.unl.edu/youthscholarshipsforadvancededucation</a>	03/15/10
11/09/2009	NFIB young entrepreneur. Own your own business. <a href="http://www.NFIB.com/YEA">www.NFIB.com/YEA</a>	
	Hastings College, Walter Scott. G.P.A. of 3.75, upper 20% of Class, ACT of 26 or combined SAT of 1170.	01/08/10
	Midland Lutheran College, Scholarship days.	12/05/09
11/10/2009	Creighton University priority scholarship consideration	01/06/10
	York College, Nebraska Presidential Scholarship. ACT of 28 and complete application	02/01/10



To: Parents/Guardians and Patrons  
 From: Beatrice Board of Education  
 Re: Superintendent Search – District Needs Assessment

The Beatrice School Board recently accepted the resignation of Dr. Dale Kruse, Superintendent of Schools. We are grateful for Dr. Kruse’s service to the Beatrice Public Schools and wish him well in his future endeavors.

The Board of Education is working diligently to prepare for the charge of hiring a quality superintendent to replace Dr. Kruse. Hiring a superintendent is one of the most important endeavors a board must face; therefore, we will approach this task with fervent attention to each vital detail necessary to ensure a rewarding and successful search. It is our goal to hire a quality and competent administrator to continue to lead the district forward in the years to come.

As the board plans for the hire, we value and seek the input of patrons, parents, students, staff and administrators. The Nebraska Association of School Boards is assisting the board in the superintendent search, and has scheduled a visit to our community on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. The board extends an invitation to parent/community members to participate in this visit to share personal thoughts regarding the district and the superintendent position. Please offer suggestions pertaining to skills, qualities, or characteristics the candidate might possess in order to be successful in his or her role as superintendent and your views about the strengths of the school district and community. On the 9<sup>th</sup> you have two opportunities to attend the parent/community meeting. Both meetings will take place in the board room at the central administration office. You can either attend from Noon – 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

In the event you are unable to attend the parent/community session, please feel free to share your comments to the following questions:

1. What are the strengths of the Beatrice Public Schools and community?
2. Identify issues that may impact the district in the next several years?
3. Identify the personal and professional attributes (skills and/or characteristics) necessary for this individual to be successful as superintendent of Beatrice Public Schools?

You may submit your personal comments via one of the following methods:

1) [Access the online form at www.nasbsuptsearch.org](http://www.nasbsuptsearch.org)

Instructions for completing the online survey:

*Click on* Current Positions Available

*Click on* Beatrice Public Schools

*Scroll to* the bottom of the district web page

*Click on* Staff and Community District Assessment Survey

*Complete* the Survey

*Click on* Submit Assessment

Other methods: a copy of this form is available at the Beatrice Superintendent’s Office

2) [Email your response to the questions: mherring@nasbonline.org](mailto:mherring@nasbonline.org)

3) Fax: 402.423.4961

4) US Postal mail: Nebraska Association of School Boards, Attn: Beatrice Supt Search, 1311 Stockwell St, Lincoln, NE 68502

The board would like to thank you in advance for providing input through the Staff and Community District Needs Assessment Survey.

Respectfully, Beatrice Board of Education



## Financial Aid for College

The Student Services Office sponsored a financial aid presentation for parents on November 23. We discussed loans, grants, college work study and the process used to apply for low interest federal loans using a form called the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Applications are now done electronically. Both students and parents need PIN numbers to serve as electronic signatures. Obtain those from [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) Students can estimate the results of the FAFSA by using the College Funding Estimator at [www.educationquest.org/estimator](http://www.educationquest.org/estimator). Remember the FAFSA includes income information for 2009 for both student and parent and cannot be filed until January 1, 2010. You may obtain a worksheet before that time at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). BHS Seniors will have a copy of the local scholarship booklet listing more than 80 local scholarships. If you have not seen the booklet, ask your senior to bring it home.

## Local Scholarship Booklet

**Seniors will be invited to attend a meeting the first week of December to learn about scholarships, loans, grants and the application process.** The local scholarship booklet will be handed out at that time with an explanation of how to read and use the booklet. Check with your student. We want students to share information with parents. **Students who are not in school on the day of the meeting will need to contact the counselors later for the materials.** The holiday break is a good time to work on scholarship applications. Some of them are on-line at the Beatrice Public Schools website and others are available from the student services office. It is recommended that parents and student look at the list together and determine which applications are needed and that the student be the one to come to the office to request the needed forms. Contact the counselors if you have questions.

## EducationQuest

If you have not already done so, visit EducationQuest Foundation in Lincoln. They have scholarship searches, materials on all colleges, career programs, and the capability of helping you estimate your family financial need before you file the FAFSA. They will also help you file your FAFSA electronically after January 1, 2010. [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) or call for an appointment at 1-800-303-3745.

## FAFSA

Make sure you apply for a FAFSA pin number if you plan to submit your FAFSA application electronically. Electronically is the preferred method of application. Both the parent and the student will need a pin number. The website is: [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

## Reminder

**If you have any applications (admission or scholarship) with deadline dates that fall between December 23 and January 4, you need to take care of them before everyone leaves for Christmas break. Please keep in mind that NO ONE will be in the Student Services office over break to provide transcripts and other items you may need. Please plan ahead!**