

Orange Peel

Beatrice High School

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BHS lands 4-year grant to improve college enrollment

BHS will work to improve its college going rate over the next four years through the aid of a College Access Grant from EducationQuest, a post-secondary education planning organization. The total award of \$15,000 a year over four years will be used in improving the college going rate by 10%; from an approximate average of 65%.

The grant requires schools to perform certain tasks:

- Providing seniors an opportunity to attend a college fair before December of their senior year.
- Giving students the opportunity to take the ACT or SAT or other college entrance exam equivalent. SCC administers the COMPASS test to incoming students.
- Administering the PSAT or PLAN test to students by junior year. Sutter said all BHS students take one of these tests, but grant money could be used to offer incentives such as a breakfast buffet or in educating underclassmen about the test.
- The school must offer a financial aid presentation.
- Help all students and families fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between January 1 and March 1 of the student's senior year. The FAFSA provides financial assistance to college-bound students.
- Conduct a scholarship search. BHS will begin requiring all students fill out at least one scholarship application and will assist students in learning how to fill out applications for scholarships.
- Notifying students about advanced placement (AP) or dual credit courses. BHS has added AP and dual credit courses in AP Psychology, Zoology, Botany and Physics through Peru State College. Sutter said the College Access Grant can assist in paying for postage and awareness campaigns to help students learn more about classes and programs offered to them.

New activities in coordination with the grant include:

- Participate in study skills and time management classes. Sutter said graduate exit surveys have indicated more students wish to learn more regarding study skills and time management and the district has purchased books giving teachers tips to share during "mentor" periods.
- Require all students to fill out at least one college application. Sutter said not all students go to college, but the school will give them the opportunity to fill out basic college applications.

We're preparing kids to graduate - we're doing that on a daily basis - but our goal is to prepare students to be able to handle what happens to them after high school.

excerpts from Beatrice Daily Sun, on-line, by Chris Dunker, August 31, 2010

Wednesday, September 1

Early Out - Professional Learning
Community (PLC) - HS @ 1:45

Thursday, September 2

Beatrice X- Country Invite, 5:00 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, September 3 & 4

Beatrice Volleyball Invite (4 sites)

Monday, September 6

LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 7

Beatrice Girls Golf Invite, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 8

Early Out - PLC - HS @ 1:45

Monday, September 13

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15

Early Out - PLC - HS @ 1:45

Saturday, September 18

Beatrice JV Volleyball Invite

Monday, September 20

Fine Arts meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

Educational Plan Day at SCC

Mon.&Tues. Sept. 27 & 28

4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

HS Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 1

No School - District Wide

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

ACT and SAT Test & Registration Dates

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline (regular fee)	SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline (regular fee)
October 23, 2010 **	September 17, 2010	October 9, 2010	September 10, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6, 2010 **	October 8, 2010
February 12, 2011 **	January 7, 2011	December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010
April 9, 2011 **	March 4, 2011	January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	March 12, 2011	February 11, 2011
		May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011
		June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011

**** indicates test administered at BHS site on this date**

(These dates also available in the student planner that each student has received, page 16.)

Educational Planning Day - September 21 - at SCC

Education Planning Day hosted by SCC and sponsored by Education Quest for all area schools. BHS seniors will be bussed to SCC during two periods in the morning of September 21 to visit with college representatives from 2 year, 4 year, technical, cosmetology schools as well as military representatives. There will be information to pick up and take home. Education Quest will have representatives and materials there as well; regarding paying for college, scholarship searches, and resume' writing. **Parents are welcome to attend. The representatives will be available from 9 to 11:30;** BHS students will attend during periods 2 and 3 (including transportation time). Contact one of the high school counselors if you have questions.

JUNIORS: Plan for College Now

If you think attending college after graduation is what you want to do, then start looking at colleges as a junior to narrow your choices by the time you are a senior. This is necessary in order to compare campuses, choose college majors, and prioritize scholarship applications.

Plan to make college visits while the campuses are in session, not during breaks or finals week. Visits should be scheduled two weeks in advance. Request an appointment with an admissions representative, financial aid counselor, and a faculty member in your area of interest.

Try to attend entry-level classes that all students have to take. Notice how many students are enrolled, how students interact with the instructor, whether a graduate assistant is teaching, and how the class is structured. The size of the classes usually dictates the instructional format. The transition to large lecture style classes may be difficult for some students. Make it a point to visit with one or two students about their classes and challenges they had to overcome moving from high school to college.

Inquire about staying overnight in a residence hall and eating in the cafeteria. Also, check out the residence hall opportunities for student learning communities, tutors, and computer labs. If you are planning to buy and take your own laptop computer, don't forget to insure it along with any other valuable dorm room supplies. Inquire about the dorm habitat as some may offer lifestyles you are not familiar or comfortable with such as coed floors, wings, etc.

Don't procrastinate on narrowing your choices for college to two or three. If you cannot make an actual visit, check the college's website as some have virtual tours. Educational Planning Day at SCC is scheduled for September 21. If you are planning to spend your parents' money on college, bring them along that day!

STUDENT SERVICES - GUIDANCE OFFICE

Mr. Post
students alphabetically A-L
Mrs. Meyer
students alphabetically M-Z

Mrs. Morris
- Registrar
223-1517

Transcripts
Scheduling
Scholarships
Grade Point Average
Credits, etc.



CHOIR DEPARTMENT

"GOLD CARD" to help fund Chicago trip!

Discount Card Fundraiser runs through September 22, 2010!

Contact any vocal music student to purchase yours!

Also available through the main office.

only \$10 each

BHS Fine Arts meeting, September 20 in the Media Center at High School.

If you are interested in helping us we have many committees that you can serve on.

Call Rhondarae Henderson, President at 230-0424

We are in charge of food for Parent Teacher Conferences on September 27th. If you have a student in any music, art, drama or forensics Classes, we are asking for your help. If you can bring a main dish, salad, vegetable or dessert or if you can help set up or clean up please call Rhondarae Henderson

Fine Arts Association

The Beatrice High School Fine Arts Association supports students and educators in the areas of **vocal music, art, forensics, band, orchestra and drama**. In addition to meeting needs and requests, such as acquiring new band instruments, choral folders and a sound system for Jazz Band and Limited Edition when they travel. Fine Arts Association also organizes the Holiday Vocal/Band Concert in December, refreshments for the actors backstage during productions as well as showcasing students art projects. These are just a few of the ways the Fine Arts Association supports students and educators involved in the fine arts.

Officers for this year are:
Rhondarae Henderson - President 230-0424
Gail Mann - Vice President 223-4456
Beth Engels - Treasurer/Publicity 228-0407
Jo Vostrez - Secretary 200-0604



Yes! I believe in the importance of the fine arts at BHS and would like to become a supporter of the Fine Arts Association! Here is my tax deductible gift:

___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$200 ___ Other \$

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____



Would you like your name to be published in the Fine Arts Programs? Yes or No

Make checks payable to : BHS Fine Arts Association

Send to: Beth Engels, 620 N. 7th #1, Beatrice, NE 68310

On behalf of the Beatrice High School Fine Arts Association, the students and educators it serves:

THANK YOU for your gift!

Check This Out - On-line

Our library subscribes to the World Book Web.
The World Book Web includes:

- World Book Kids – the premier general reference Web site developed especially for younger users.
- World Book Online Reference Center – includes all articles from the 22-volume World Book Encyclopedia, plus thousands of additional articles and more than 20,000 pictures, maps, videos, and sounds, and a Spanish-language encyclopedia.
- World Book Advanced – tailored for the needs of older students, it includes encyclopedic content, e-books, multimedia, a vast collection of primary source documents and a wealth of research tools that allow students to customize and save their work.

To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to our school web site:
www.beatricepublicschools.org
2. Click on Educational Resources
3. Click on World Book on-line
4. Type in
User ID: beatrice
Password: beatrice

We hope your children will use the World Book Web often to help with their homework, special projects and at-home learning. Carol Oltman, HS Media Specialist

Marching Band Competitions:

October 2 - Harvest of Harmony - Grand Island

October 16 - Band Fest in Minden

October 23 - NSBA - Seacrest Field - Lincoln (please note this is during fall break)



2010 BHS FALL CHEERLEADING KIDS CLINIC

COME CHEER WITH THE BHS CHEERLEADERS ON SEPT 10TH WHILE THE ORANGEMEN TAKE ON NEBRASKA CITY IN FOOTBALL



FOR AGES: KINDERGARTEN- 5TH GRADE
 TIME: 4:00 TO THE END OF 1ST QUARTER
 WHERE: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING GYM
 COST: \$20, INCLUDES INSTRUCTION BY CHEERLEADERS, T-SHIRT, SUPPER AND ADMISSION INTO THE GAME.

PLEASE WEAR TENNIS SHOES.
 THE GIRLS WILL PERFORM DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FOOTBALL GAME.
 PARENTS OF PARTICIPANTS MUST PAY TO ENTER THE GAME.

FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH EVERY ELEMENTARY STUDENT OR CONTACT KARI MURRAY @ 223-1545.
 FORMS ARE DUE BACK TO YOUR ELEMENTARY SECRETARY BY SEPT. 7TH TO BE PICKED UP BY THE CHEERLEADERS.

NAME _____ ELEM. SCHOOL _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____ T-SHIRT SIZE _____ (YOUTH S, M, L, XL)

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

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Director of Curriculum & Assessment

Dear Parent,

“Every Child...Every Day...A Success!” September 1, 2010

Beatrice Public Schools will be testing students over national, state, and district expectations throughout the school year. Through these assessments, the district can gain information about our students' skill levels as well as areas for growth and enrichment. Students are assessed using various reading and math assessments, norm-referenced assessments, and other informal activities. The goal is that teachers can use this information to guide their instruction.

Students in Grade 10 are assessed in local Reading and Math Essential Skills during January. Passing this exam is a graduation requirement. In addition, students in Grade 11 will be assessed on the Nebraska State Accountability test for Writing (NeSA-W) in February and also on the Nebraska State Accountability test for Reading (NeSA-R) and Nebraska State Accountability test for Math (NeSA-M) during the month of April. The 11th grade will also take a field test of the new state science exam during April. Assessments for Science and Social Studies are also administered throughout the year in various grades. Copies of the current Beatrice Public Schools' Essential Skills are available online at: <http://www.beatricepublicschools.org> (Student Programs/Essential Skills), at your child's school, or at Student Programs.

Additionally, students in Grades 9-11 will take the Gates MacGinitie Reading Assessment in the spring, which focuses specifically on the skills of vocabulary and comprehension. Additionally, students' performance in Grades 9-10 is measured using nationally norm-referenced tests Explore and PLAN, respectively. These tests are used to measure content as well as indicators of performance on future NRTs such as the ACT.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to provide an excellent education for your child and our commitment to providing all students with the skills necessary for success. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, building principal, or the Office of Student Programs.

Summer Stephens, Director of Curriculum & Assessment

The 429 Factory - 923 West Court Street

Have you heard the news? There is a brand new facility in town that has been developed just for teens in grades 6 – 12. The facility offers a wide range of programming and entertainment options, both after school and on the weekends. The youth center houses a full size gymnasium, snack shop, game room, study area as well as a lounge area containing pool tables and a 50" big screen television. As the program builds they will begin to add specialized programming as well. Students must be members to use the facility and membership only costs \$20 a year! The 429 Factory is also seeking adults to help monitor the center when it is open for use. Membership Forms, Volunteer Forms and open hours are available at www.429factory.org. Questions can be directed to the center's director, Eric Buckwalter, at 402-806-4225. Come check out Gage County's newest youth center, you'll be glad you did!

WALK TO PREVENT SUICIDE

On September 25, 2010 the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will host its third, annual 2.5 mile Out of the Darkness community walk in Beatrice. Starting point is the large Tabernacle at Chautauqua Park. Check In is from 12:00 -1:00 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m.

A major goal of this event is to show support for the families and friends of over 32,000 Americans who die by suicide, and the 20 million people who suffer from depression each year. Support of the community walks helps raise funds for suicide prevention research and educational programs, erase the stigma surrounding suicide and its causes, and encourage those who are suffering from mental illness to seek treatment.

More information can be found at www.outofthedarkness.org or contact:
Melissa Carlson at 402-239-0787 or mlsnyder15@yahoo.com

Do you need to earn your GED, learn to speak and read English or improve your basic skills in reading, writing, or math?

Classes in basic skills improvement, GED preparation, English as a Second Language and U.S. citizenship are available to residents of Nebraska who are at least 16 years of age and are not presently enrolled in public school.

For more information about Adult Basic Education classes in Beatrice, please call the ABE office at Southeast Community College at 402-228-8236 or 800-233-5027, ext. 1236.



Metcalf Writing Achievement Award

Watch for BHS English teachers selling pizza at home football games again this year. The purpose is to raise money for the writing award, a \$500 scholarship awarded annually. Last year's winner was Colin Hays.

Goodwill Industries is planning to host a donation drive in Beatrice on September 11, 2010. Their number one source of income is these donation drives and that revenue goes right back into communities to serve individuals with barriers to employment.

Goodwill Donation Drive

WALMART Parking Lot, 3620 North 6th Street
September 11, 2010 - Donations accepted from 9am – 5pm

SENIOR MEETING

Counselors will meet with seniors on Friday, September 10 about 11:00 to hand out information about graduation, timelines to follow for financial aid and discuss a number of booklets that seniors will find helpful in planning their post secondary education/plans.

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURES

The yearbook will begin accepting senior pictures if seniors do not want their school pictures used. Students should submit a conventional/formal head and shoulders pose. Please label the picture so it can be returned to you after it is scanned. Leave with the main office to give to Mrs. Vodicka, yearbook advisor.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER.....CLIP AND SAVE

ATTENDANCE: DIRECT LINE 223-1516

This line will record your message 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7), if Mrs. Lineweber is unavailable to speak with you.

Attendance Regulations (page 32 - student's handbook)

Parents/guardians are asked to call or send a note in advance when they know a student is going to be absent from school. In case of illness or unexpected absence, parents/guardians are asked to call the attendance secretary as soon as possible. If the attendance secretary does not hear from home, it is the practice of Beatrice Public Schools to attempt to contact the parent/guardian by 9:30 to check on the absence.

If no contact is made by the parent/guardian, the absence will be recorded as unexcused and the student will receive discipline consequences.

Dear BHS,

I would like to update you on the Upward Bound program. We have had a busy summer with 33 students attending the summer program, 26 students attending the trip to New York City and four students attending our Bridge program. Before school started we filled the 12 open spots for the program and will begin the school year with our required 50 participants. Beatrice has 32 students, Fairbury has 10 students and Wymore Southern has eight.

Erin Reed, Educational Specialist, has returned to her home state of Kentucky and is no longer with the program. SCC is in the process of hiring her replacement so if you know of anyone who would enjoy this position please have them watch the paper this week or they can access the job description/application at www.southeast.edu under the Quicklinks then Human Resources tabs. Also, they can contact me with any questions: mdecker@southeast.edu or 228-3468 x 1406.

I will be covering all the one-on-one sessions until we fill Erin's position. I plan to be at BHS Mondays and Thursdays beginning August 30. My office is located on the second floor just outside the English Lab, next to Abby Kassmeier's room. I would like to thank all of you for your willingness to allow students to come visit with the Upward Bound staff during your classes. Our success depends greatly on you and w/o your flexibility we wouldn't be near as effective.

Another aspect of UB is our tutoring. Carol Oltman will be our tutor after school on Mondays in the Library. Ed Ankrom and Angela Johannesson tutor for us on Tuesday nights at SCC. We also have a Spanish tutor (Melissa Sand) and another English tutor (Cathy Hayden) on Tuesdays. We are forever looking for a Science tutor!! Please contact me if you are interested or if you know someone please give them my number!

Each month we hold one Saturday session on the SCC campus. During this time we work on all aspects of being a responsible student as well as citizen. Generally the sessions are held from 9 a.m. to noon. Please be aware that we encourage school involvement and in that regard all **student activities are to come first**. None of our students should ever say to you that they can't attend an activity because they have to go to Upward Bound. Please notify me if that ever occurs.

If you would like to discuss any part of the program please don't hesitate to contact me. Again I will be at BHS on Mondays and Thursdays beginning August 30, I am on the Beatrice Public Schools email list, my SCC email is mdecker@southeast.edu and SCC number is 228-3468 x 1406. Thank you!
Melissa Decker, Director, Upward Bound, Southeast Community College

----- About Upward Bound

TRIO/Upward Bound is a federally funded program which began nationally in 1964. Upward Bound was originally a product of the Higher Education Act, most recently the HEOA of 2006. Southeast Community College has held this UB grant since 2003.

Upward Bound is a unique program for 9th through 12th grade students who have academic potential and who are interested in obtaining a college degree. The program is designed to assist students who meet at least one of the following requirements: (1) meets the US Department of Education definition of low-income family (taken from the taxable income line off of federal income tax forms) **and/or** (2) is a potential first generation student (parents did not obtain a four-year college degree.) In addition, we are looking for students who have the desire and motivation to go to college and earn a college degree. The program takes a limited number of students each year. Once a student's accepted, they have the opportunity to be involved in the program thru completion of the 12th grade.

Upward Bound is made up of three components: the Academic Year, the Summer Program, and the Bridge Program. The following services are provided during the academic year: one on one and group tutoring; guidance and support in selecting academic, career, and postsecondary opportunities; workshops and group activities to build student skills and self-confidence; cultural awareness through exposure and participation in various cultural activities; building friendships and relationships.

During the Summer Program, students attend academic enrichment classes in the hopes to prepare them for the next school year and to increase critical thinking skills. The students attend the five week program on Southeast Community College campus, and can earn the sixth week out-of-state educational/cultural/recreational trip.

The summer Bridge program is an actual college experience for participants who have graduated from high school. Students take college classes, explore career and educational options, and learn how to succeed. This experience provides the students the opportunity to live on a college campus and earn a limited number of college credits that can be transferred to his/her college of choice.

Types of Students We Look For:

Our services seem to have the most impact on students who generally attend to their academic responsibilities, can maintain above a 2.0 GPA, and/or have expressed a desire to obtain a college degree.

All of the services listed above are offered at no cost.

If a student is interested in participating, he/she must first complete the pre-screening form. These forms are located in the school counselor's office.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences for Beatrice High School will be Monday and Tuesday, September 27 & 28 4:30-8:30 p.m. There will be no school on Friday, October 1, district wide.

Unlike middle school and elementary school conferences, our high school teachers are all alphabetically seated in the Commons Area each night. Upon entering our building you will be directed to a table, outside the main office; a member of the student services staff will be handing out student schedules. You pick and choose who you wish to visit with and when, generally dependent upon if the instructor has others in line wishing to visit with them ahead of you.

Middle school and high school share a few teachers: Mr. LeFeber, Miss Sebby & Mr. Fentress. As conferences approach it will be determined which day these three will be in which building. Please check when they will be attending the building you will be visiting.

Calendar Changes & Up-Dates

When in doubt, check it out. Trust our web-site over the printed calendar.
from our home-page (www.beatricepublicschools.org) to the link for highschoolsports.net:

1. Click the Beatrice High School tab.
2. Along the left side is a list of categories, click on Activities.
3. This screen has articles down the middle, after scrolling you will find one offering "Related Sites". By clicking that web-site address you will be taken to www.highschoolsports.net
4. Screen will be headed: BEATRICE HS, 600 Orange Blvd. Etc., My Schedules, All Teams - by clicking on the change icon you will receive three boxes of drop downs. Select a Sport (will list down our individual sport categories). Select a Level (will list down All Levels, Varsity, JV, Freshman, Reserve). Select a Gender (All, Boys, Girls, Boys/Girls)
5. Once you have made your selections, use the Go icon and the computer will retrieve and list the schedule for that group. Home/Visitor, opponent, times and locations become available. In some instances, addresses are shown and for some we even have directions available.

BHS Orange Booster Club 2010 - 11



Next Booster meeting is Monday, September 6th (even though Labor day falls on the first Monday) at 7:00 in the Media Center.

Old Business

Fall Kickoff Results
Storage Shed at High School
Championship banner in O Zone
Football Headsets
BHS sports clothing

New Business

2010/11 Budget approval
Committee Assignments
Current year
Next school year

Steve Faxon - President @ 223-3882

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