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PRINCIPAL POINTS - JOHN JAROSH

During the month of April, all students at Beatrice Middle School will take the new **Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System (NSCAS)** in Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition, 8th grade students will take the assessment in science. The state has established standards for Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science that all schools within the state are to use and design their curriculum around the standards. To determine the level of comprehension of the standards, the state has developed the NSCAS assessments that are given to students. Based on the results of these assessments and the MAP assessments that will be administered in April and May, Beatrice Middle School will make academic and curricular decisions for your child and all students in the school.

The goal that staff members at Beatrice Middle School have for your child is improvement in their academic ability. Staff members have emphasized student success in their classroom and on the state assessments throughout the school year.

2018-2019 BEATRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL NSCAS (NEBRASKA STUDENT CENTERED ASSESSMENT SYSTEM) ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

NSCAS Reading/LA.....	Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12, 2019
NSCAS 8th Grade Science.....	Tuesday, April 16, 2019
NSCAS Math	Thursday, April 25, 2019
NSCAS Make-Up Week	April 29, 2019-May 3, 2019

MAP ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE 2018-2019

MAP Reading (Social Studies Teachers).....	April 1 and 2, 2019
MAP Science.....	May 2 and 3, 2019
MAP Math.....	May 6 and 7, 2019
MAP LA	May 9 and 10, 2019
MAP Make-Up	May 13-May 17, 2019

PARENTS, HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) Emphasize to your child that it is important they give their very best effort on each of the assessments. Their effort will demonstrate their academic skill.
- 2) Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep prior to the assessment. Being well rested will help student's ability to be successful.
- 3) Eat breakfast in the morning so the body is nourished to do well.
- 4) Remind your child to use the skills that staff members have taught during the second semester.
- 5) The assessments are untimed so remind your child to take their time and think through each question.
- 6) Be sure that your child is on time to school as the testing begins at the start of school.



COUNSELORS' QUIPS

Amy Randel, Counselor, Angie Vogel, Counselor



A COLLEGE SAVINGS DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF YOUNGER STUDENTS

For parents of middle schoolers, college might seem a long way off. However, the earlier you begin planning, the more savings and opportunities your student is likely to have when it's time to apply to college.

According to the 2018 study "[How America Pays for College](#)" conducted by Sallie Mae, "families who haven't saved and have limited income at the time college comes around may be at a disadvantage." In light of this, begin some planning, researching, and saving now so that your student has an advantage later.

How in the world can you get your middle schooler to open up about college and savings? Know where to start. Here are a few questions to begin the conversation.

How much will college cost?

The best way to learn specific costs of colleges is to investigate the colleges in question. Most list their costs and fees on their websites, but you can also refer to [College Profiles](#) or [About Nebraska Colleges](#) on our website. While public 4-year universities usually cost less, many private 4-year universities have larger scholarships available for students. That being said, having a savings plan in place in addition to pursuing scholarship opportunities will help the student make any college option more affordable.

Who is responsible for paying for college?

Usually, parents take responsibility for funding their child's college education, as noted by "[How America Pays for College](#)": "Parents take the lead in paying-for-college decisions more often than students, but not always." If parents begin to prepare early for the costs of education, they may not be required to take out any or as many loans to cover college costs.

Talk about expectations of who will pay what. How much will you, the parent, pay for your child's college? Is it a specific dollar figure, or a percentage of the cost? The 2018 Sallie Mae report showed parents paid 34% (or \$8,891) of their child's college costs per year with savings or income. (This amount will likely be lower at a 2-year college.)

And what do you expect your child to pay? The 2018 report showed 13% (or \$3,339) was student income, and 28% (\$7,348) was scholarships and grants.

How can my student prepare to pay for college?

Save the money they receive.

It is a good idea to encourage your children to save their money, especially when they are young. If they can develop this quality early, it will serve them well when they become more independent during and after college.

Encourage them to get a part-time job (babysitting as a middle schooler, and at a business when they are in high school) – and save part of the cash. When your child receives money as a present for their birthday or a holiday, save part of it for college. Or, avoid a potential fight over what your child wants to use the cash for and ask relatives or friends to specifically ear-mark those gifts for your child's college funds.

Support them in preparing to earn future scholarships.

Scholarships are very important, primarily because they have the potential to cover more costs than grants: "Scholarship funds paid for 17 percent of college costs." Grants paid for 11 percent of costs.

Many scholarships are based on students' interests or academic achievements. You can help your student become a better scholarship candidate by encouraging them to stay focused on their schoolwork and get involved in extracurricular activities they enjoy.

How can we as a family make changes in our budget to save more for college?

Will you give up a couple coffee runs each week? One less clothing outfit each month? In what area can both parent and student sacrifice a little in order to save for college?

Finally, consider saving in a [NEST 529 college savings plan](#). [Read this blog](#) to better understand the advantages of this type of account.

How are you feeling about this conversation?

You as a parent may be thinking it's too early to have the "paying for college" conversation (just to clarify: it's not). And your child may be feeling some anxiety about it as well. High achievers may be concerned they are not "good enough" to earn scholarships. Children without a sense of a career path may feel lost or like a disappointment for not knowing what the future holds.

Check in with your child about their feelings on this subject (and others) often. Something as simple as, "How did that make you feel?" or, "What makes you feel anxious about us discussing college?" There may be an underlying issue you didn't know about that needs to be addressed.

If parents of middle schoolers plan ahead to [save their money](#) and encourage their students to seek out [scholarships](#) and maintain good grades, the costs of college could be greatly reduced and the likelihood of needing to take out loans will be lessened. Setting expectations now will be so important to avoid future stress. Best of luck as you begin this conversation with your young teen!

* EducationQuest Foundation



SERTOMA FREEDOM WEEK POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

The winners of the annual Sertoma freedom week poster contest held this past February were Jaedyn Baxa, Jaelynn Kosmos, and Keira Whitfield. The students designed a poster around the themes of: "What Freedom Means to Me", "Symbols of Freedom", "Famous Native Americans", or Famous People in American History" There were many great posters that showed the skills and talent of our Middle School students.

Notes From The Nurse

PHYSICALS FOR THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year (only 7 weeks left!!). As we near the end of the year we need to get a head start on the 2019-2020 school year. The following are requirements per NE Law (79-444) for physical examinations:

*All current 6th grade children will need a physical by a doctor, BEFORE entering 7th grade next fall. PLEASE make your appointments soon as we will need these on file no later than the first day of school. If we do not have a physical on file for your child after the first full day of school, your child could be excluded from school until this is completed. We will let you know this information months in advance so that you have the entire summer to get these physicals done. Please schedule an appointment time as soon as possible as spots fill up fast the closer we get to summer.

*Every child that would like to participate in a sport will need a Pre-participation Physical Evaluation (sports physical) BEFORE participating in chosen sport. All sports physicals must be dated AFTER MAY 1ST to count towards any sports played during the 2019-2020 school year. If your child will be a 7th grader, their sports physical will also count as their 7th grade physical. Your child must get a new sports physical done every school year if they are playing a sport.

*If your child has asthma or allergies, please remember to have the examining doctor fill out or update your child's current Asthma/Allergy Action Plan during their physical or before next school year starts. Your physician should have copies of the form, if not, the form is available in the nurses office or online at www.beatricepublicschools.org. THIS FORM MUST BE UPDATED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR. If your child has an Epi-Pen, please make sure to supply one to the school on the first day of school so we do not have a lapse in treatment.

VACCINE REMINDER

All students enrolling in 7th grade next year must provide evidence of having one booster of Tdap vaccine given on or after 10 years of age. If you have a 6th grade student this year, they will be required to show proof of the Tdap vaccination before they will be able to enter 7th grade.

Once vaccinations are received, please send a copy to the school nurse so it is on file and your child is up to date BEFORE THE START OF SCHOOL NEXT FALL. Gage County Immunization Clinic is now open every week.

GAGE COUNTY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

1110 Jackson St., Beatrice

Call 223-2366— must have an appointment

Must show insurance card at time of appointment

Every Monday, 12-4 p.m., Every Tuesday, 3-7 p.m.,

Every Thursday, 12-4 p.m.



PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

5109 W Scott Rd, Suite 410, Beatrice

(Northwest building on SCC campus)

Call 402-826-3880— must have an appointment

Must show insurance card at time of appointment

No cost for uninsured

The 2nd Wednesday of each month, 2-5:30 p.m.

Washington D.C. and Gettysburg Trip Update

Washington D.C. and Gettysburg will be the site of a five day/four night educational tour for 64 Beatrice Middle School 8th graders, teachers, and parents. Worldstrides Educational Tours and 8th grade History and Civics teacher Michael Policky are sponsoring the trip. Students will see Mount Vernon, George Washington's home; the White House, the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and other sites in the Washington D.C. area as well as historical Gettysburg. Policky noted the reason for sponsoring this trip is to provide students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the history, culture, and government of our country's great capital and the early beginnings of our country. The group travels to the East coast from May 28th- June 1st, 2019. Please watch for emails and notices of meetings for further information.

Beatrice Middle School 7th graders and parents also recently held meetings for the kickoff to the 2020 Washington D.C. and Gettysburg trip scheduled for May 26th -May 30th, 2020. Early registration discounts are available through April 19th, 2019 for the 5day/4 night trip. Besides the discounted fares, it allows students and parents 13 months to work and pay off the trip. Those who sign up should also ask about Flag Scholarships that help pay for the trip. This trip is open to 8th graders (2019-2020 school year), parents, and older siblings who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. but who would still like the chance to gain the experience and education associated with such a trip. Registration is now open and there are already 90 people signed up for this trip.

Students who are currently in elementary grades and 6th grade are encouraged by Mr. Policky to establish a savings account and begin saving for the 2021 trip and beyond. The tentative dates for this trip are June 1st -June 5th, 2021. With some hard work, the desire for learning, and the ability to save, anyone can make this trip a reality.

Anyone with questions concerning the 2019, 2020, or 2021 trips should direct their questions to Mr. Michael Policky at 228-4642.

DRESSING FOR SPRING

Students and parents, the weather is beginning to warm up as spring approaches. Please remember the Beatrice Middle School dress code as it pertains to spring and summer attire.

During the middle school years, students are going through their biggest growth spurt. What may have fit during the fall could be too short or tight when spring arrives. If the shirt that is worn does not have capped sleeves and cover the students midsection, both in the front and back, students will be asked to put on a different shirt. A good test to check to see if the shirt is appropriate in length is raise a hand and if the child's midsection shows, the shirt is too short. Secondly, if the student sits down and the shirt pulls up in the back, the shirt is too short. Shorts that are worn to school must be of appropriate length to ensure modesty. Shorts cannot have holes in them or writing that is inappropriate for a school setting.

Thank you for helping keep the environment at Beatrice Middle School focused on learning in the classroom.



QUIZ BOWL CHAMPIONS

Beatrice Middle School Trivia Team won the Freeman Quiz Bowl Championship!

Row one: Jude Tomlinson, Gavin Wolf, Bryan Price, and Abigail Trantham. Row two: Ava Bolli, Megan Meagher, Mickey Zhu, Bailey Schauer, and Ashley Revis.



BMS STUDENTS OF CHARACTER



← Week of February 25

Left to right: Jacoby Hamm, Hannah Mayer, Arihanna Marlatt, Kayden Nickel, and Tyler Warnsing. Not Pictured: Kinsey Crooks.



Week of March 4 →

Left to right: Dalton Jones, Janessa Bartak, Preston Church, Jaslynn Bordeaux, Jude Tomlinson, and Remi Weiss.



Week of March 11

Left to Right: Macy Lohmeier, Hannah Ray, Travis Ruskamp, Addison Schnuelle, and Jane DeBoer.

Week of March 18

Spencer Lafin, and Brody Stone. →



SUMMER SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

This summer, BPS will be offering a very different summer science camp for our current 6-8 grade students. The summer experience will be hands-on and project-based. Students will take the science standards and be able to visualize how they are applied through field trips, labs, and field work. Look for more details to come!



BEATRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL 3RD QTR HONOR ROLL



6TH GRADE

Monet Baehr
Addisyn Baxa
Jaedyn Baxa
Taylin Bent
Jaslynn Bordeaux
Melany Brockman
Sean Carrera
Emeline Edeal
Braedyn Feldhausen
Mckenna Fralin
Aubrey Fry
Anna Gleason
Lydia Hoefler
Abbie Hoffman
Macey Holthus
Kale Koch
Addison Koenig
Jonathan Lindell
Morgan Maschmann
Autumn Meagher
Blake Petet
Thomas Pinkerton

Megan Powers
Peyton Raber
William Rainey
Hannah Ray
Darrent Roeder
Avery Rohr
Rayna Schaefer
Brooklyn Schafer
Brody Stone
Koooper Thatcher
Tucker Thather

7TH GRADE

Joseph Bates
Ava Bolli
Nicholette Brewer
Alex Busboom
Kiera Busboom
Jane DeBoer
Lucy DeBoer
Ty Dittbrenner
Andrew Enns
Caleb Fralin
Josie Frerichs

Kate Gleason
Macee Griffith
Jenessa Guenther
Lucas Hamilton
Alayna Happle
Addison Hatcliff
Sean Hayden
Colton Herfel
Myah Hood
Alexa Jelinek
Hannah Jobman
Noah Jobman
Ellie Jurgens
Aidin Kolb
Caleb Kosmos
Lynsie Lancaster
Jordan Loomis
Collin Mangnall
Alexa Marquez
Avery Martin
Natasha Martin
Hannah Mayer
Trinity Meers
Crew Meints

Jacob Mertz
Chase Meyer
Alexis Mullins
Madelyn Nielsen
Deighton Norris
Cheyne Oates
Seth Oltmans
Kimberlee Pangborn
Addison Perrett
Sofia Poole
Bryan Price
Jai' Sharriea Reiman
Delanie Roeder
Jenna Saathoff
Jacob Scholl
Annastasia Scrivner
Makira Smith
Haley Speakman
Evan Stevens
Teagan Tempelmeyer
Winly Theplikhith
Jude Tomlinson
Jordyn Vanschoiack
Erin Ware

Parker Witulski
Gavin Wolf

8TH GRADE

Olivia Achtemeier
Emily Allen
Uziel Alvarez-Vicente
Treyton Baehr
Carson Bagwell
Avery Barnard
Codey Behrends
Makenna Blum
Brianna Brewer
Chesney Buhr
Joshua Buhr
Evan Coon
Shelton Crawford
Kinsey Crooks
Sawyer Crumrine
Quentine Elliott
Luke Feist
Macy Gronewold
Grace Ideus
Dalton Jones

Jaelynn Kosmos
Kylie Lancaster
Dawson Loomis
Megan Meagher
Carly Miller
Carter Murphy
Kieyn Omon
Hannah Parde
Ashley Revis
Sonia Romero Benavides
Brandon Scheer
Riley Schwisow
Morgan Sedlacek
Thea Smith
Easton Stevens
Aubrey Stone
Shelton Strubel
Tucker Timmerman
Abigail Trantham
Samuel Wallman
Christopher Watts-Moore
Keira Whitfield
Jordan Zhang
Mickey Zhu

HELP WANTED



On Friday, May 3th at 1:00 Beatrice Middle School will be hosting a track invite which will include a total of six schools. These meets include both 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Jeff Junker at 223-1500, ext 1161 or the Middle School at 223-1545. We need people to run field events and timers. It takes several people to put on a track meet.
Thank you.....

DETASSELING

Are you looking to detassel with SnJ detasseling this year? There will be an informational/sign up meeting at the High School Commons on April 10, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. You must be 13 to apply; spots are limited. More information is posted in the main stairwell and outside Mr. Kassmeier's room.



DID YOU KNOW BMS IS ON TWITTER?

Hey BMS parents!! Are you aware we have an active Twitter page? Our twitter handle is @BMSbrags. Updates of great things going on in our building almost daily. There are some great things happening in our school. Stop in, see what is going on!!

MRS. SYKES' 6TH AND 7TH GRADE



Want to know what your child's math homework assignments are? Check out Mrs. Sykes website. Here you will find the homework assignments for my 6th and 7th grade math students. This page is updated on a weekly basis and will let you know not only the daily assignments but also will keep you up to date when quizzes and tests will be. This is a great way to keep on top of things and will also allow you and your child to keep current on assignments when they are absent. Simply log on to beatricepublicschools.org and click on the Beatrice Middle School tab under the Schools section. From there, click on the Teacher Websites box and click on Sykes. The assignments are posted on the Math 6 and Math 7 link. Add this link to your favorites or bookmarks so you have a direct link to the homework anytime!

SKILLS OF THE WEEK

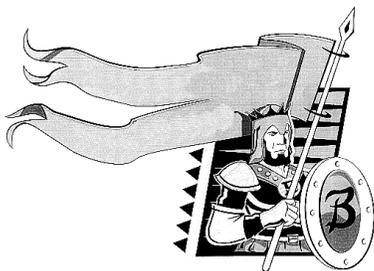
- April 1..... Accepting Compliments
- April 8 Listening
- April 15..... Accepting No for an Answer
- April 29..... Following Instruction



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The mission of Beatrice Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, staff, families, and community, is to guarantee all students achieve academic excellence and develop responsible citizenship by providing aligned, rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction that utilizes 21st Century tools in a system that is measurably among the best in the nation.