



# B & B Schools

## Baileyville and St. Benedict



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### October Events

- Sat. Oct. 13 - TVL VB Tourney  
at Onaga bus 7:30*
- Mon. Oct. 15 Vision and Hearing Recheck  
Senior Play Practice 6-8pm*
- Tues. Oct. 16 - Volleyball Regional at Bern*
- Wed. Oct. 17 - PSAT Test 8:15-12:00*
- Thurs. Oct. 18 - End of 1st Qtr.  
Senior Play Practice 6-8 pm*
- Fri. Oct. 19 - FCCLA Fall Conference  
7:00 Football at Blue Valley*
- Sat. Oct. 20 - Volleyball Sub-State*

### BIGS IN SCHOOL...

What is "Bigs?" Bigs stands for Big Brother/Big Sister. This organization can be community based with adult participation or it can be a modified program in a school setting. Gerri Wybo-Vopata is the Executive Director for our area and she presented the "Bigs in Schools" program to our sophomores and junior students. If there was enough interest, the program would be started in our school. Twelve high school students signed up to participate.

Applications must be reviewed including references and background checks. While applications are coming in and being approved, we need to recommend "littles" or elementary students to be matched with the "bigs." Bigs in Schools matches a high school student with an elementary student. They meet together generally before school, and special activities can be planned such bowling. Unlike the community-based program, a supervisor with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization is present during these school-based meetings.

"Littles" who might benefit from this program may be children who are quiet, shy, an only child, a child having academic difficulty, or a child who needs a special friend right now. There are no specific guidelines, but the number of children should be about the same as the number of "bigs."

Parents and teachers may refer a child for this program. Once a name is turned in to the counselor, I will contact the parents and send them a permission form. Parents always make the decision to include their child in the "Bigs in School" program.

Parents need to visit with an elementary teacher or with the counselor if they wish to refer their child. While there is no specific deadline, we would like to have the referrals in by the end of October.

### IN-HOUSE TRAINING

The InHouse Training class is once again accepting jobs from the community. Some of the projects we have helped with are wedding programs, alumni books, campaign flyers, business brochures, mailing labels, Christmas cards, PowerPoint presentations, mass mailings, advertising posters, creating Web sites, anything you can think of we might be able to do it! All you have to do is ask. The members of this year's IN-HOUSE Training class are Morgan Skoch and Tallulah Ross. Please feel free to contact one of us or Mrs. Winters at the high school if you have something that we can help you with.

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### Scholar's Bowl Competitions 2007-'02

#### VARSIITY

Nov. 6	at Nemaha Valley	starts at 4pm
Dec. 1	at Washburn (HiQ)	starts at 11am?
Jan. 5	at Wetmore	starts at 9am
Jan. 23	at Clifton-Clyde (TVL Tournament)	starts at 8am?
Jan. 31	Regional at ?	starts at 4pm?
Feb. 9	State at ?	

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

Oct. 29	at Nemaha Valley	starts at 4pm
Nov. 8	at Frankfort	starts at 4pm
Nov. 19	at Marysville	starts at 4pm
	**Fr./Soph. Tourney	
Dec. 3	at B & B	starts at 4pm
Dec. 8	at Hiawatha	starts at 9am
Dec. 10	at Centralia	starts at 4pm
	** Fr./Soph. Tourney	

## **COUNSELOR'S CORNER:**

### **ADMISSIONS FORMS...**

The admissions process is beginning to take off. Seniors are encouraged to have applications sent to all of their college/vocational school choices by November 1st. The deadlines actually vary from school to school, but turning in applications early is a nice way to reduce some stress for seniors. We have a nice variety of schools under consideration this year.

Most of the post-secondary schools and colleges have placed their admissions forms, scholarship applications, and initial housing information on the Internet. Three computers are located in the counselor's office for seniors to use when filling out applications. If a fee is associated with these applications, a credit card or a debit (electronic check) card needs to be used. Paper applications may still be used if your family prefers to use a check to pay the admission fee. A few colleges do not charge a fee.

Regardless of whether the admissions applications are done at home or at school, it is very important that seniors print copies before submitting their forms. "Confirmation" pages and numbers should also be printed and kept for future reference.

### **SCANNING APPLICATIONS...**

Last year we scanned most of the local scholarships onto our school network which allowed our seniors to complete these applications using word processing instead of a typewriter or handwriting. We will continue to scan these forms this year. We can also scan admissions applications and other required forms as needed. Seniors need to let me know if they need me to place a form on the network.

Our goal is to make our applications neat and easy to read by admissions counselors and scholarship committee members.

### **FINANCIAL AID NIGHT...**

Ben Kohl from Kansas State University has agreed to review the federal financial aid program. Due to a conflict in his schedule, the date has been changed. Please put **Tuesday, November 13th** on your calendar and make plans to attend this financial aid information meeting. The meeting will be held in the high school library beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting generally lasts about one hour.

### **CAREER FAIR FOR JUNIORS...**

On Wednesday, November 7th, the juniors will attend a Career Day at Centralia High School. Juniors will be able to attend and speak with post-secondary schools, military representatives, and business/industry representatives. This activity often gives our juniors the jumpstart they need to begin looking at careers and post-secondary training.

Juniors need to work in at least one campus visit this year. I will help set up these visits. Many of the admission deadlines are early in the fall semester of the senior year. Visiting schools during the junior year would help students make admissions decisions earlier in the senior year.

Vocational school enrollment can fill up early. Juniors

need to turn in vocational applications by January or February of 2008. This will hold a spot for them in the program of their choice. For assistance and application forms, juniors need to stop by my office.

### **ACT TEST COMING UP...**

Approximately 11 juniors and seniors are signed up to take the October 27th ACT Test in Sabetha. All of those packets and fees have been mailed to ACT. Those students should be watching for an "admissions ticket" to arrive in the mail.

Another large group of juniors have signed up to take the December 8th ACT test and the deadline for mailing those registration packets is November 2nd. I would like for them to come in early so that I can check them over and make copies for them to use in the future. Students may also register online. The cost is \$30 for the regular test and \$44.50 for the regular test plus writing assessment.

Students need to take their admission ticket, (2) #2 pencils, a calculator, and a photo ID. Students may test if they forget their admissions ticket, but they will be turned away if they do not have their photo ID unless an official working the ACT can recognize the student. The photo ID is a critical piece to take with them to the testing site.

### **MAP TESTING A SUCCESS...**

Students in grades 3 through 11 completed MAP assessments in math, reading, and language arts. Some of these same students also completed a new science assessment. Individual student reports were handed out during parent/teacher conferences. A few were also mailed out.

The students did an outstanding job on these assessments with most of them showing that they were growing academically. The test results give us feedback on how individual students are learning new concepts. We also have the opportunity to review our curriculum.

### **COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES**

Several college and vocational school representatives have visited with interested juniors and seniors. Coming up are the following:

\*\*\*K-State University...Oct. 16th

\*\*\*Baker University...Nov. 1st

\*\*\*Washburn University...Nov. 6th

### **FUTURE TESTING:**

October 17th: PSAT...interested sophomores and juniors. This is not a required test.

November 14th...PLAN...all sophomores will take this pre-ACT test.

November 15th...EXPLORE...all 8th graders will take this career assessment.

More information about the PLAN and EXPLORE will be presented in the November newsletter.

### **OPEN HOUSE/COLLEGE VISITS**

October 10th...Hutchinson CC Fire Science Open House

October 18th...Manhattan Area Technical College Open House

October 19th...Baker University Senior Day

(Counselor's Notes continued from page 2)

October 5th, 8th, 15th, 23rd, 29th, & November 12th & 19th...Kansas State Univ. Senior Days  
October 28th...North Central KS Tech School/Beloit  
...Open House  
October 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 2nd, 5th, 9th, and 16th...Senior Days KU  
November 3rd...Highland CC Jr/Sr Day  
November 10th...Pittsburg State University Senior Day  
November 14th...Cowley CCC Open House

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Highland Community College is looking for students interested in becoming part of their Athletic Training/Sports Medicine program. Books and tuition are awarded. If your high school student is interested in this career field, have them stop by and visit with me.

The demand for engineers is at an all time high. Career-BUILDER.com says various engineering fields hold 6 of the top 10 highest starting salaries.

The Christian Connector provides a FREE Christian college information service as well as a \$2500 Christian college scholarship drawing. Students can simply log onto [www.christianconnector.com](http://www.christianconnector.com) to request information and be entered in the scholarship drawing.

The Kansas Investments Developing Scholars is a matching grant program that will give participants up to \$600 a year to invest in their Kansas 529 Education Savings Program. K.I.D.S. was developed specifically for Kansas residents with incomes less than 200% of the federal poverty level. If you are interested in learning more about this program call (785) 296-3171 or visit [www.KansasStateTreasurer.com/kids](http://www.KansasStateTreasurer.com/kids)

#### U.S.D. #451 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the U.S.D. #451 Board of Education was called to order Monday, October 8, 2007 by President Dale Sudbeck at 7:30 p.m. Alan Schmitz, Steve Sudbeck, Nick Holthaus, Jim Dalinghaus, John Haug and Martin Haug answered roll call. Also attending were Jerry Turner, Cheryl Deters, Kenny Sudbeck and Carol Hunninghake.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of the September 10, 2007 regular meeting and the September 24, 2007 special meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Accepted the general fund financial reports, treasurer's report, claims and payroll for the month of October and transfers from general fund to vocational education and at risk and a transfer from Title I to general fund for the indirect cost.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The board approved the Cooperating Teacher handbook.

The board approved additional compensation for bus routes for Kenny Sudbeck.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Approved the financial audit report by Ken Kickhaefer, CPA for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Approved to upgrade part of the present copier lease agreement with Oce' to replace two copiers.

Interactive Distant Learning Network membership with Greenbush was approved.

A contract with Kickhaefer & Associates for fiscal audit 2007-2008 was approved.

#### REPORTS

Ken Kickhaefer, CPA presented the financial audit report for fiscal year 2006- 2007 including the federal program compliance in food service, Title I and other federal grants. The report indicated all accounts for the year ending June 30, 2007 to be in conformity with the generally accepted accounting principles.

Jerry Turner reported on the high school activities and upcoming events; football classifications, next year's class schedule, FCCLA fall conference and MAP testing update. Mr. Turner also reported on the turnout at parent teacher conference at the high school was 89% and the elementary 100%.

The board held a discussion on the building insurance coverage.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for November 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

# Release of Student Information to Military Recruiter?

**PARENTS: Complete the form below and send it to the high school office if you do not want the district to release your student's directory information to military recruiters.**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a Federal law, requires that USD 451 obtain your written consent to disclose personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. However, we may disclose designated "directory information" such as the student's name, address, and phone number without your written consent, unless you advise the district in writing. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the school district to include this type of information in school publications such as the playbill for a school performance, the annual yearbook, honor roll lists, graduation programs, and sports rosters.

The No Child Left Behind Act and the National Defense Authorization Act (2002) requires the school district to release directory information to military recruiters upon their request unless parents advise the school district in writing that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their approval.

Military recruiters are invited to our campus to visit with students who have signed up to meet with the recruiter. This is the same procedure that is available to recruiters from colleges/universities and vocational schools. Students will always have the opportunity to visit with a college/university/vocational/military recruiter who has made an appointment with the school.

Consider the policies enacted at the Federal level and complete the form below if you do not want the district to release your student's directory information to military recruiters without your written permission. **If you do not mind if we release directory information to the military recruiters, do not complete the form at all.**

I do not want the B&B School District to release my student directory information to the military without my written permission effective today.

My student's name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Return this form to the high school office by Friday, October 22.

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