



FEBRUARY/MARCH



Prom Night

**THE BURWELL JR SR PROM WILL
BE HELD ON MARCH 26, 2022.**

**CLASS PICTURES WILL BEGIN AT 6PM FOLLOWED
BY THE GRAND MARCH AT 7PM.**

**AFTER THE GRAND MARCH, THE 2022 ROYALTY WILL BE
CROWNED. FOLLOWING THE CORONATION THE PROM WILL
BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**



Counselor's Corner By Miss Tetschner



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HAPPY 2022!!! The start of a new year also brings about many changes: high school students change classes and junior high students are introduced to a few new classes. It is also that time of year to start thinking and planning for next school year – already!

I have met with students in grades 8-11 to discuss academic performance, high school transcripts, ACT and other academic testing. This meeting is to stress the importance of academic performance and how it is reflected on the student's transcripts for colleges and scholarship committees to consider.

We also discuss the student's future career interests and how to academically prepare for such adventures. In the process of considering possible career options and student's post-secondary options, students then select possible classes they would like to take for next school year.

As scheduling is always a challenge, Mr. Maynard and myself will make the best effort possible to offer several academic options for all our students based on the information the students provide at our pre-registration meeting.

Colleges are becoming more and more selective and entrance requirements are increasing. Students need to be academically solid in their choice of classes as well as their academic performance in those classes.

I advise students to take as much math and science as possible. First, it helps prepare them for the ACT test. Second, many colleges require an entrance exam especially for math. Lastly, it is the most frequent request of alumni who report they "wish they had taken more math and science classes in high school".

NEW – Some two year colleges are now accepting the MAP test scores for class placement and scholarship opportunities. Students at BHS take the MAP test from 3rd through 10th grade right here at school. Two year colleges will accept test scores up to three years old. I have had a few seniors retake the MAP test to get into college classes or for scholarship purposes.

JUNIORS: Now is the time to start attending college "Junior Days." These are college visits especially for high school juniors. If you have a college of interest, I highly recommend going to visit, researching their admission and scholarship requirements, and in some cases apply. It is easy to explore colleges on line and gather information – Just do it!! Also take advantage of days we don't have school to schedule a college visit. Don't wait until your senior year to start the pursuit of a college career. It is important that you take time to look at your options because if you wait your options might not be available (especially at a two year school).



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Juniors interested in programs that require a waiting list should apply NOW and get your name on the list. Many programs at Milford and Northeast, for example, have at least a year wait for some popular programs. It is important that you get your name on the list if you are interested in attending. Also don't feel obligated to go there if your name is on the list. It is just to help secure a spot and remember you can always change your mind. To find out if there is waiting lists simply call and ask.

The Nebraska Department of Education is requiring all juniors to take the ACT Test for state testing. Mark your calendar, the state ACT test date is Tuesday, March 22nd and we will be testing at the Methodist Church. I will be giving the juniors more details as they are made available to me.

In addition take the ACT in April and/or June. It is to your advantage to take the ACT test this spring, so you know where you are at and plan for where you want to be by December your senior year. Register at www.act.org and enter BHS school code 280-375. Also if you qualify for free/reduced lunch or other programs you may take the ACT test for free and just stop by my office for that information.

Junior To Do List:

- Plan to take the ACT test
- Start looking at colleges and go on college visits
- Start looking for a summer job or volunteer work

Are you on Miss T's email list? If not email her so you can get the latest and up-to-date information julie.tetschner@burwellpublicschools.com.

SENIORS: Scholarships are hot, hot, hot!!! This is the time of year when most scholarships are posted and deadlines are due. This is also the time of year that many local scholarships are posted. Check your email daily as I have been emailing you scholarship information as soon as it comes across my desk. However, not all scholarships come across my desk, so sign up with www.ScholarshipQuest.org and check with organizations or businesses that either you or your parents are associated with. There are several scholarships out there but you must apply. The people that receive scholarships are the ones that do the work (many are online), write the essay, get letters of recommendation, and put a little time and effort in to completing the needed information. You can't be awarded anything if you don't try.



COUNSELORS CORNER CONTINUED



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If you haven't already **COMPLETE THE FAFSA!!!!!!** Remember the **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID** is FREE. Never pay to have your FAFSA completed. Steps to take to complete your FAFSA: 1. Apply for a FSA ID for you and a parent to file the FAFSA on-line www.fsaaid.ed.gov (this is your electronic signature). 2. Complete student and parent 2020 tax returns. 3. Gather all needed information to complete the FAFSA. I emailed you a check list, but you can also go to EducationQuest.org and look under the FAFSA tools for the list and tutorials. 4. Complete the FAFSA www.fafsa.gov .

If you need any assistance with completing the FAFSA or have questions, please contact the EducationQuest Foundation. This is a free education service and they are well informed and trained on the FAFSA. You can call the Kearney office at 1-800-666-3721 or go to their website at www.EducationQuest.org.

By completing the FAFSA (remember to do it as soon as possible as some funding runs out and is on a first come first serve basis) and the financial aid process you will be notified of scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans. This will all help you in the decisions you will need to make on how to pay for a college education. After you complete the FAFSA you will soon receive a SAR (Student Aid Report); please bring me a copy so I can record any scholarship and grant money you may be awarded for my records.

Seniors, when you are awarded scholarships please bring me a copy of your award letter so I can keep a record as well as start planning and preparing for your graduation ceremony.

Senior To Do List:

- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Complete the FAFSA
- Start narrowing your college choices
- Start looking for a summer job

Important Dates:

- February 12 – ACT Test
- February 8 – Parent/Teachers Conference
- February 8 – Junior Parent Meeting 6-7pm in the high school library
- February 25 – Deadline to register for the April 2nd ACT Test www.act.org
- March 22 – All juniors take the State ACT Test

Speech Team

Burwell Speech Team Kicks Off The Season

The Burwell Speech Team attended CNFL in Grand Island on Saturday, January 15, 2022. The team kicked off their year with a great meet. Members that received superiors were: Ella Vore- Humorous, Jessica Dawe- Novice Informative, and Jayna Moses- Persuasive. Award winners were: Emmet Wentworth - 10th in Extemp, Kelli Brownell - 9th Novice Humorous, Calah Archibeque - 6th Novice Persuasive, Novice OID 6th (Reagan Stevenson, Shaylee Hulinsky, and Kelli Brownell), and Shaylee Hulinsky - 1st Novice Humorous. While at the meet, Calah Archibeque, Madelyn Reiter, and Jayna Moses were interviewed by News 4.

Speech Team Members in Attendance



(Back Row) Coach Candace Cain, Coach Emily Heerten, Ella Vore, Calah Archibeque, Madelyn Reiter, Emmet Wentworth, and Braydan Root (Front Row) Shaylee Hulinsky, Jayna Moses, Kelli Brownell, Jessica Dawe, and Reagan Stevenson (Not Pictured) Carter Mann and Avery Mann

Technology News

Burwell Public Schools Receives Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant

Burwell Public Schools recently received a federal grant from the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund totaling \$17,573. Ronda Weber, BPS Technology Coordinator, applied for the funds that are earmarked to help schools and libraries provide equipment for remote learning and to close the homework gap for students who do not have adequate access to internet or technology devices. BPS applied for and received approval to purchase 48 HP Chromebooks for student use, 4 iPads as well as 4 mobile hotspot devices that can be used to provide internet access on buses or in homes where access is not available. This equipment will be instrumental in assuring the success of all students at Burwell Public Schools.

BHS Applied Science Academy Program

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Sophomores and Juniors at Burwell Jr.-Sr. High School attended a kick-off pep rally for the new Applied Science Academy Program on Friday, January 21st.

In December 2020 a BHS alumni approached Burwell staff about starting a program for students to expand their academic knowledge and skills beyond the classroom and participate in the Nebraska World Food Prize. This alumni is generously contributing to the program through guidance and monetary donations so students can do research and travel.

Burwell students will become engaged in a multi-curricular science based curriculum and develop meaningful research/projects related to science and/or agriculture topics. The project will be a cross curricular collaboration involving - Math, English/Speech, Science, and Agriculture Educators. Students will start with the first milestone of developing and presenting a paper/presentation at the Nebraska World Food Prize Youth Institute in the Spring of 2023 at UNL. Then students could qualify for Nationals in Des Moines, Iowa.

Burwell hopes to grow the program and engage students in doing real world research and presentations that will allow them to explore and engage in opportunities in the sciences locally, nationally, and from a world view point. We hope students will develop global opportunities for student internships. They look forward to the possibility of land/livestock labs where students can develop and create research projects and present on their findings. We hope to develop school based curricular programs that lead to doing world class research. In addition we look forward to a crossover of projects which can be used to compete in FCCLA and FFA Contest.



The ASAP committee includes Mr. Simpson, Mr. Stolzer, Ms. Cain, Miss Tetschner, Mr. Drake, Mr. Maynard, Mr. Max, and Derek Snyder. The committee is looking forward to getting the Applied Science Academy Program started and anxious to see what the future holds. Student applications are due to Miss Tetschner Tuesday, February 15th.

Mid-Nebraska Makerspace Lab Visit Burwell Public Schools

The Mid-Nebraska Makerspace Lab is a full set of hands-on activities that are designed to expose students in central Nebraska to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills and allow them to create, explore and dream about careers in the STEM field. The lab is sponsored by several central Nebraska businesses and is maintained and setup by ESU10.

The mobile trailer for MNM was not able to travel last year due to the pandemic so students at BPS were excited to see the many labs available. The individual lab stations were set up in the STS shop for students to explore. The labs consisted of: Branding and Marketing, Control Systems, Engineering, Precision Ag & Drone Programming, Robotics, Sustainable Smart Home, Virtual Reality, Pneumatics and Welding. The labs allowed students to try 3d printers, robots, CNC machines, vinyl cutting machines, and many more fun things. All teachers were invited to bring their classes to the labs. Burwell Public Schools was lucky to have the lab available for two weeks which gave students the opportunity to really delve into the labs and a variety of projects!

