
Central Catholic Schools
Guidance Department Comments
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August/September 2010

Welcome Back to School!



IMPORTANT DATES!

- Aug 6-** Deadline to register for the Sept. 11th ACT
- Aug 13-** Student Orientation
- Aug 15-** New Student/Family Night
- Aug 16-** Classes Begin-Big/Little Crusader Ice Cream Social (**2 P.M.**-immediately after school in the cafeteria)
- Aug 18-** Seniors: CCC-Early College Orientation (7-9 p.m.) actual program is approx. one hour (7-8 p.m.)
- Aug 23-** ASVAB-Juniors (**8:00 a.m.**)
- Aug 25-**Last day to register for the Oct 14th PSAT with counselor (juniors)
- Aug 26-**New Student Luncheon (grades 7-12)
- Aug 27-**Last day to drop or add classes for first semester
- Aug 30-** Senior & Parents Information Night (**Media Center-7:00 p.m.**)
- Sept 1-** Private Colleges Seminar for Seniors-**2:00-3:21 p.m. (parents are invited to attend)**
(Hastings College, Morningside College, Doane College, Drake University, Wesleyan University)
- Sept 9-** R.E.S.P.E.C.T. presentation-**2:00-3:21 p.m.** (Grades 6-9)
- Sept 10-**Deadline to register for the Oct 9th SAT
- Sept 11-** 1st ACT test of the 2009-2010 school year
- Sept 14 & 15-**Senior Seminar, CTBS (6th-7th grade students) & EXPLORE (8th & 9th grades)
- Sept. 18-** Homecoming Dance
- Sept (TBA)-**Grand Island Area College Fair-(Heartland Event Center) 1:00-3:30 p.m.

ASVAB-JUNIORS-AUGUST 23, 2010

The Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery Test will be given to all juniors August 23, 2010, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Media Center



**SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS:
INFORMATION NIGHT!**

August 30, 2010

7:00 p.m. -GICC Media Center

PARENTS AND SENIORS:

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND

This is one of TWO very important meetings for seniors and parents. We've scheduled this early in the school year to assist you in your post-secondary planning. There is financial assistance for anyone willing to put forth the effort. Additional information discussed will be electronic transcripts, college preparation information, resumes, senior writing workshop, NCAA & NAIA enrollment and the most effective way to schedule an appointment with your counselor as well as much more.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING even if you have attended one before.

Senior Parents: There will be several documents you will be receiving from your senior that I would like you to complete and bring to the meeting.

PRIVATE COLLEGES SEMINAR FOR SENIORS

Sept 1, 2010

2:00-3:21 p.m.

Seniors will have another opportunity to meet and learn about four colleges/universities. From 2:00-3:21 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. Representatives from Hastings College, Drake University, Doane College, Morningside College, and Nebraska Wesleyan University will speak to the entire senior class in the Media Center. **PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND** and ask questions. This is the second opportunity for seniors to meet with college representatives as a group.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Returns to GICC

September 9th at 2:00 p.m.

GICC Little Theatre

The theatrical group R.E.S.P.E.C.T. will be returning to GICC on Wednesday, September 9th to present to students in grades 6-9. GICC continues to be proactive regarding bullying issues, which is why R.E. S. P. E. C. T. will be performing a revised version of *Scraps*. This play focuses on relational aggression, and the bullying that can occur within friendships. More information is in a letter to parents at the end of the counselor's newsletter.



SENIOR SEMINAR

Tuesday and Wednesday-Sept 14th & 15th

The Senior Seminar will again be held during CTBS testing days Sept. 14th and 15th. Because of the size of the current senior class, the writing workshop will be conducted both morning and afternoon on Tuesday and morning for all seniors on Wednesday. Seniors are required to attend. All seniors will receive credit for the Seminar on their first semester report card in the form of a Pass/Fail grade. The objective for the workshop will be completion of a personal essay, revised resume, and one letter requesting a recommendation. New activities will be included this year.

More details about the Senior Seminar will be discussed during the Senior/Parent Night.

It is very important that at least one parent be in attendance with his or her senior **August 30th** for the Senior/Parent Night.



NEW STUDENT LUNCHEON

Grades 7-12

All new students to GICC, grades 7-12 will be invited to attend an informal get-acquainted luncheon on August 26th, hosted by Mrs. Rempe, guidance counselor. New 7th-12th grade students will receive an invitation regarding this luncheon during the first two days of school.

IMPORTANT!!!

CTBS & EXPLORE ASSESSMENTS (Grades 6-9)



All 6th and 7th grade students will be taking the CTBS (California Test of Basic Skills). **Test schedule for the CTBS will be 8:12-noon on Tuesday, Sept. 14th and 8:12-12:15 on Wednesday, Sept 15th.**

Eighth and ninth grade students will take the EXPLORE Assessment. The EXPLORE is designed to help 8th and 9th grade students explore the world of possibilities and is the point of entry into ACT's Educational Planning and Assessment System. The academic portion of the EXPLORE consist of English, Math, Science, and Reading items. EXPLORE is part of a series of assessments. In 10th grade, students take the PLAN assessment, followed by the ACT during the 11th and 12th grade years. **Test schedule for the EXPLORE assessment will be 8:12-10:35 on Tuesday, Sept. 14th ONLY.**



**JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND PARENTS
PLAN TO ATTEND:
GRAND ISLAND AREA COLLEGE FAIR
SEPTEMBER (TBA) 2010 – 1:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
HEARTLAND EVENT CENTER**



JUNIORS
PSAT/NMSQT : Oct 13th (Aug 25th Deadline to Register)

Juniors are strongly encouraged to register for the PSAT/NMSQT no later than *August 25th*. It is always beneficial taking standardized national tests in preparation for the college entrance process and for qualifying for scholarships . Please contact Mrs. Rempe if you have any questions.



SAVE

Online information and practice tests are available in the counselor's office

REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE ACT

To register for the ACT, go to:

www.actstudent.org

- 1) Select "sign up now!"
- 2) Start your registration

2010-2011 ACT Testing Schedule

<u>TEST DATE</u>	<u>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</u>
(Late fee required after this date)	
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011

You can take up to 72 hours to complete and submit your information. With online registration you can complete your registration 24/7 on any computer connected to the Internet, get your admission ticket sooner, and have access to the most up-to-date list of locations. You will need MasterCard or VISA to register online. But don't forget to pick up a packet in the counseling office for practice tests.

ATTENTION STUDENT ATHLETES



NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

IMPORTANT: The NCAA Eligibility Center no longer accepts ACT or SAT test scores from high school transcripts. The Eligibility Center's code is: 9999

Effective June 29, 2009, the NCAA Eligibility Center will be unveiling a new student-athlete Web site and registration process for college-bound athletes planning to enroll in the fall of 2010 and later. To learn about the NCAA and download the NCAA Guide go to: www.NCAAstudent.org. To register with the eligibility center for Division I or II schools go to: www.eligibilitycenter.org Please visit the website to see which GICC courses meet the NCAA core-course requirements and to view changes. Both Divisions I and II membership have adopted significant changes in the academic-eligibility standards for practice, competition and the receipt of athletic scholarships during a student-athlete's first year of college

Examples of Division I & II schools in Nebraska: I-Creighton & UNL, II-Chadron, UNK, UNO, Wayne

ATTENTION STUDENT ATHLETES-NEW in Sept 2010!



NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Beginning September 2010, NAIA Eligibility Center will start registering high school students for NAIA eligibility. To play NAIA sports in 2011-2012, every student must be registered with the NAIA eligibility center. **THIS IS NOT THE SAME AS THE NCAA Eligibility Center. If you are unsure where you may want to continue a sport regarding a Division I or II school or an NAIA school, you must register on BOTH sites.** To register for the NAIA Eligibility Center, go to www.playnaia.org

Examples of NAIA schools in Nebraska: Doane, Hastings, Midland, Nebraska Wesleyan, College of St. Mary's, Peru, Concordia, York, and Bellevue University.



PARENTS AND STUDENTS

I want to be accessible to students, parents, and teachers. I will be in classrooms weekly and in various parts of the building daily and will schedule appointments with students. Therefore, I suggest to parents to call and schedule an appointment, which may not always be necessary but is appreciated. I will also remind students, especially seniors, to schedule appointments so we have adequate time to discuss post high school plans. Effective communication is important to me. You can reach me by calling 384-2440

SENIORS-CCC Early College Orientation

If you are taking a CCC English class (AP English at GICC this fall), please plan to attend the Early college Orientation on Wednesday, August 18 from 7-9 p.m. The program will last approximately one hour. There will be additional time to purchase books, pay for courses, have photo ID's taken etc.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Senior Seminar was implemented in 2001-02. The following statistics have been gathered since 2001-2002:

- 1) Number of seniors each year,
- 2) Number of seniors receiving scholarship offers,
- 3) Percentage of seniors receiving scholarship offers.

01-02	62	36	58%
07-08	38	31	82%
08-09	40	32	80%
09-10	37	30	81%

Contact Mrs. Rempe if you would like statistics for the years between 01-02 and 07-08.



WENDY'S HIGH SCHOOL HEISMAN

For the past sixteen years, Wendy's Restaurants have teamed up with the Heisman Memorial Trophy committee to create the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. The award honors both male and female high school students who excel in academics, athletics and student leadership. Eligibility is limited exclusively to men and women entering their senior year of high school in the 2010-2011 academic year who have at least a "B" grade average and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport. The first 41,000 students that complete an application will win a Wendy's Gift Card in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$50.

Mrs. Rempe is the individual who reviews all applications. Please complete your application and notify Mrs. Rempe before the October 3rd deadline to ensure time for reviewing. Apply online at: www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com



SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS AND BIG CRUSADERS (JUNIORS AND SENIORS, who signed up)

Big/Little Crusader Ice Cream Social will be held in the cafeteria on Monday, August 16th, immediately after school.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.

6th– 9th Grades

"Scraps" – Parent/Guardian Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Grand Island Central Catholic has invited R.E.S.P.E.C.T.² (Relationship Empowerment for Students, Parents, Educators & Community through Theatre) to present an educational, theatrical production for your student on September 9, 2010, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.² is a research-based, nonprofit organization that travels to schools and organizations across Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Texas performing plays about violence prevention. Founded in 2001 by child psychologist Dr. Patricia Newman, the troupe has performed over 1,700 plays for over 250,000 students. For more information about R.E.S.P.E.C.T.², please visit their website, www.respect2all.org.

The play your student will see is called *Scraps*. In this program, actors interact with the students throughout the play to educate them how to identify bullying behaviors and healthy strategies they can use if they are being bullied, or if they see bullying at their school. This play specifically addresses the dynamics of relational aggression; using relationships to hurt someone (i.e. – gossip, rumors, cyber-bullying). While females use relational aggression more frequently, males also engage in this socially-destructive behavior.

We invite you to join us in the audience for this important topic.

While bullying may or may not be an issue at our school, we feel it is important to be pro-active in the prevention of bullying behaviors, the empowerment of the bystanders, and shared responsibility for the environment of our school.

Thank you for your consideration, and we hope to see you in the audience!

R.E.S.P.E.C.T.²fully,
Doris Rempe
Counselor

