

Dec/Jan 2016 Newsletter

West High School

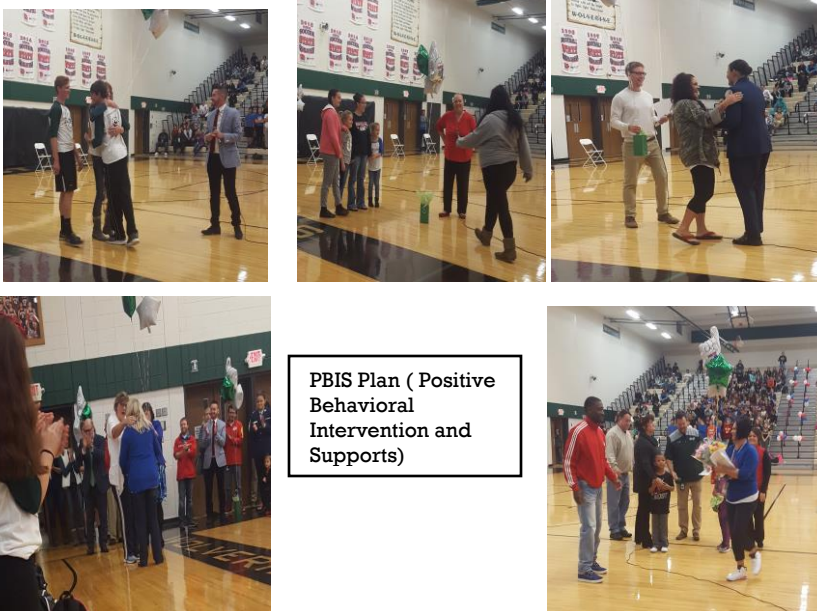


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West High School has always strived to create a safe and positive learning environment for all students. In an effort to continue to improve our school climate, staff at WHS have worked together to develop a PBIS Plan. (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports)
The primary goal of this plan is to create a positive school climate that fosters being welcoming, engaged, safe and trustworthy.

West High agreed upon district-wide expectations that schools would use as a tool for teaching expected behaviors. The acronym, WEST, is the format that was decided to present these expectations. The letters in the acronym stand for Welcoming, Engaged, Safe, and Trustworthy. Our West High students are learning about PBIS and implementing expected behaviors during the 2016-2017 school year.

West High has implemented student, staff, and teacher of the month. We added this celebration to our pep rallies. Anybody is allowed to come celebrate with us! On November 11th we recognized freshman Jacob Claussen, sophomore Jessica Krantz, Junior Kitty Turner, Senior Kiley Fridley (not pictured), staff member Julie, and teacher Jessie Cofield.



PBIS Plan (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports)



All West High School students & staff are invited to join us at Chick-fil-A® Sergeant Road for Spirit Night. On Monday, January 16th when you eat at Chick-fil-A® between 5:00-8:00 a portion of the sales will be donated to the West High Quiz Bowl Team.

Be sure & tell the team member who takes your order that you are there to support the Spirit Night.

Come for great food & get your picture taken with the Chick-fil-A Cow.

Bring your family & friends and come join the fun!



2016-2017 Book Fees
\$100 per student

The 2016-17 Yearbooks are on sale now. The price will go up soon so buy your Yearbook today! Yearbooks can be purchased from Ms. Stephens in room 122 or can be purchased online at yearbookforever.com.

Yearbook prices
\$50 from Nov 2nd-Jan 1st
\$55 after Jan 1st

Did you know there is an app to submit photos for the Yearbook? If you have any pictures from this homecoming spirit week or any photos of life at West High, please go online to yearbookforever.com and submit them using the password WestHighYB for the possible use of your pictures in the 2016-17 yearbook.

Reminder Senior pictures are due by December 1st. They can be delivered to room 122 or emailed to Ms. Stephens at stephet@live.siouxcityschools.com.

Dates to Remember	
Dec 21	One Hour Early Dismissal
Dec 22-30	Winter Holiday Break (No School)
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Jan 2	Winter Holiday Break (No School)
Jan 12	End 2 nd Quarter
Jan 13	End of 1 st Semester
Jan 13	Teacher Workday (No School)
Jan 16	Begin 2 nd Semester

Heelan Debate Tournament

At the Heelan Debate Tournament on Saturday, Nov 19, Logan Gilbert earned 2nd place and Amber Bailey earned 1st place in Novice Student Congress.



Outreach, Understanding, Responsibility & Support (OURS) Parent Group

The Sioux City Community School District, Northwest Area Education Agency, the Local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will continue their collaboration with the Outreach, Understanding, Responsibility, and Support (OURS) parent group. The efforts are focused at empowering parents/guardians of African American/Black students who attend public schools K -12th grades. The topics are in relation to the education of the Black student, community awareness, and other suggested topics.

The OURS parent group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Sanford Community Center, 1700 Geneva Street. The next session will be Tuesday, October 11th, 2016 @ 6pm.

A light meal will be provided. For more information and to RSVP to the meetings, contact Lori Gentry, BSW, Educational Equity Student Liaison for the Sioux City Community Schools at 712.203.1107.

2016 - 2017

OURS : OUR UNDERSTANDING RESPONSIBLTY & SUPPORT

SANFORD COMMUNITY CENTER

6pm

TOPICS	DATE	Presentor	Facilitator
Heathy Families	December 13th	Holly Macfarlane	Lori
Mental Illness & Spiritual Health	January 10th	Dr. Albert Okine/Clifford Coleman	Flora Lee
No Meeting	February		
Human Trafficking	March 14th	Janet Coon EHS Director of AEC	Lori
Responsible Spending & Budgeting	April 11th	Barb Wingert-Women Aware	Flora Lee
Senior Celebration	May TBA	OURS COMMITTEE	Susan Fenceroy

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Spanish

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Vietnamese

Học Khu Trường Học Cộng Đồng Sioux City là một nơi có cơ hội bình đẳng/ hành động chắc chắn trong việc làm. Đó là không có sự công bằng hay có sự kỳ thị thực hành trong bất cứ các cơ sở giáo dục về phân biệt căn cứ theo chủng tộc, tín ngưỡng, màu da, phái tính, khuynh hướng phái tính, nhận định phái tính, nguồn gốc quốc gia, tôn giáo, tuổi tác (cho việc làm), khuyết tật, tình trạng kinh tế xã hội (cho những chương trình), tình trạng hôn nhân (cho những chương trình), hoặc tình trạng cựu chiến binh trong bất cứ những chương trình giáo dục hay thực hành trong việc làm. Ai muốn thắc mắc hoặc khiếu nại có thể tiếp xúc trực tiếp với bà Jen Gomez, Giám Đốc Dịch Vụ Học Sinh và Bình Đẳng (Director of Student Services & Equity Education) tại 627 4th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101, (712) 279-6075, gomezj2@live.siouxcityschools.com

Student Council

Festival of Trees proceeds this year go to Siouxland's Rising Generations. Bidding and silent auction will be held at the HoChunk Building from Nov 21-30th.

Winter Carnival – Friday December 16th from 5-8 pm. Our goal this year is to raise money for the nativefund.org. The purpose of this fund is Iowan's Helping Iowans. If there is a natural disaster in our state, funds and volunteers from this organization will be donated. Our state goal is to raise \$40,000 and 50,000 volunteer signed ups. I can give you more details on this in person if you like.

Our Winter Carnival will consist of a Santa Station, Decorate your own Christmas cookies, Ornaments and Stockings. Lots of Holiday games like: Find the Snowball, Pin the Rudolph's Nose on the Principal, Snowman Bag Toss and lots & lots more.

Adopt a family – Change Drive will be from December 5th- 16th during your 2B classes. More information to follow.

Jean Week will be from December 5th-9th. We will have stickers for each day that you donate. We will start to collect money on Dec 1st.

“Please note that the attachment does not show in the Infinite Campus parent portal. Please check the email you provided to the school for the attachment. If you did not receive an email, please update your contact information in the Infinite Campus parent portal. Please do not respond directly to this email. You may contact the school directly. Thank you.”

Individual and family athletic passes for the 2016-2017 season will be available in the West High Main office. Contact Ronda for further details: 712-279-6781.

West High Yearbook Photograph Requirements for 2016-2017 Seniors: Please read the following requirements are for the senior pictures to be used in the 2016-17 yearbook.

1. The yearbook photograph must be a head and shoulders composition.
2. High resolution
3. Costumes and props such as hats are not permitted in the photos. Also, hands may not appear in the photos.
4. “Selfie” photos will not be accepted.
5. Attire for photographs must comply West High School's dress code.

Senior pictures can be delivered to Ms. Stephens in room 122 or sent via email to stephet@live.siouxcityschools.com. The final date for accepting senior pictures will be December 1st.



FINANCIAL AID & POST-SECONDARY PLANNING "SCAMS"

The WHS Counseling Center wants to warn parents and students to be aware that there are disreputable services and individuals promising scholarships, future planning, and financial assistance to students and families provided that a sizeable fee is first paid to the company/individual. We urge you to contact the WHS Counselors before ever paying a fee to a company/individual promising to provide financial assistance to pay for post-secondary education.

The WHS Counseling Center hosts FREE future planning and financial aid informational sessions with students and parents throughout the year.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION FOR 18 YEAR OLD MALES

Males are required by Federal Law to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday! Registration may be done on-line at www.sss.gov or at the post office. Young men at least 17 years old can now submit registration information early and will be automatically processed as they reach age 18.

For more information and calendars of events visit www.whs@live.siouxcityschools.com

COLLEGE VISIT DAYS FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS

Juniors and seniors are allowed two excused college visit days each semester per school district policy. Parents must sign the yellow permission form available from the Attendance Office and then students must have their teachers sign the form. Once all signatures are obtained the student must turn the yellow form in to the Attendance Office. Failure to complete make-up work per the teacher's time frame results in the day not being excused.

POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS ACT

This Iowa program initiated by the State Legislature allows 11th and 12th graders (and 9th and 10th grade TAG students) to enroll part-time in eligible post-secondary institutions during the school year. Students must demonstrate proficiency on their Iowa Assessments, stay enrolled in sufficient high school courses to meet district requirements and have met prerequisite course requirements in order to enroll. The Sioux City School District is required by the law to pay a portion of the student's tuition. Students are responsible for their own transportation. Courses must be credit bearing and not offered by the high school. Students will receive both high school and college credit for successful completion of the course and their grade will count as part of their high school and future college grade point average (this can affect scholarships)! The post-secondary institution will determine final admission based upon college class openings as their students receive first placement. Should students enrolled in post-secondary programs during the school year choose to drop their class, they must meet "drop" deadlines to avoid being billed by the college/university!

REMIND 101

This year, the counselors are using a one-way text messaging reminder service to announce important dates and events for seniors. Parents are welcome to sign up to receive these reminders as well. To register you should use the web address: www.remind.com and enter the word westhighse in the box asking for Class Code. The remainder of the process takes less than 1 minute and you will receive information relevant to college planning and financial aid reminders.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM DATES FOR SENIORS

The Counseling Center has paper applications, practice booklets and information on test preparation websites! The counselors will visit with senior English classes during the month of September. Information regarding these tests and the college application process will be shared at that time – additional information is always available in the Counseling Office and on the

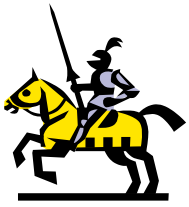
Counselor's Page of the West High website.

ACT (AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING) EXAM

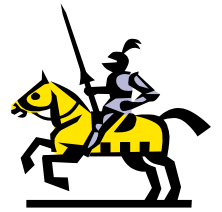
Cost is \$38.00 (\$54.50 with the optional Writing Exam)

(The late deadline requires an additional \$24.00 payment!)

Register on-line at: www.actstudent.org



Ye Olde Madrigal Feaste



Join The Revelry

Directors
Boe T. Hodnefield
Noah Towns

The feaste is an authentic Renaissance banquet serveth by wenches and pages in a colorful "Great Hall" setting. Dineth with the gentry of the era and enjoy the entertainment as provideth by the Royale Court, Ladies in Waiting Chorus, Wenches, Pages, Brass quartet, Royale Orchestra, Royale Recorders and Court Entertainers.

Ordereth tickets you may, with the form below, at **\$25.00 per person** for a dinner and an evening of revelry. Payment must accompany the order. If you wish to purchase by mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. **Reservation deadline is Wednesday, Novemeber 23rd before Thanksgiving break.** Advance ticket sales only. Due to the event being catered **NO TICKETS** will be sold at the time of the dinners. Seating is limited. **No refunds** will be made; however, a waiting list will be maintaineth for cancellations.

If you wish to sit at the same table with others you know, send your request on 1 form. Once a table is assigned, changes will not be made. **Each table will seat a maximum of 8. If you have special requests for wheelchair accessibility please specify on your order forms.**

Location: Masonic Shrine Temple Auditorium just off of 9th St downtown Sioux City. Enter the show on Nebraska St.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Student Name for ticket delivery _____

Madrigal Dinner Only \$25.00 times # of Tickets _____

Friday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m. _____

(Concert, Varsity Women, Chorale MEN)

Seating begins at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, December 10th, 7:00p.m. _____

(Chamber, Varsity Women, Chorale WOMEN) Total # of Tickets _____

Seating begins at 6:15 p.m.

Tickets are issued on a first-come, first serve basis and date/time stamped as they are received. Payment must accompany order. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WEST HIGH CHOIR.** Tickets will be available for pickup in WEST HIGH in the choir office (245), Monday, December 5th.

Return Payment To: Boe Hodnefield - West High School Choir Department
2001 Casselman Street Sioux City, IA 51103

