

Senior Bulletin

Class of 2018

September 20, 2017

Mark Your Calendar

- Senior Class Picture: postponed
- School Traditions Senior Presentation: Friday, September 22 /10:30 am - Titan Theater/
- Homecoming Football Game: Thursday, September 28 /7:00 pm - Foundation Field/
- Homecoming Dance: Saturday, September 30 /8:00 pm-11:00 pm - Titan Arena/
- Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences: Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5 /4:30 pm-8:30 pm/
- School Traditions Collecting Orders: Wednesday, October 4 and Thursday, October 5 /4:30 pm-8:30 pm/
- Omaha Area College Fair: Sunday, October 1 /1:00 pm-4:00 pm - UNO Sapp Fieldhouse/
- Omaha National College Fair: Saturday, October 21 /1:00 pm-4:00 pm - CenturyLink Center/
- Senior Pictures due for the Yearbook: Friday, December 15
- Award of Academic Excellence: Thursday, February 15 /9:00 am - Titan Theater/
- Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences: Thursday, February 15 /4:30 pm-8:30 pm/
- Prom: Saturday, April 21 /8:00 pm-11:00 pm - Ralston Arena/
- Honors Night: Wednesday, May 2 /7:30 pm - Titan Theater/
- Last Day for Seniors: Wednesday, May 9
- Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal: Thursday, May 10 /9:00 am - Titan Arena/
- Graduation Commencement Ceremony: Sunday, May 13 /5:00 pm - Baxter Arena/

Senior Class Picture - Postponed

The senior class picture for the Class of 2018 that was scheduled for today, Wednesday, September 20, has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will let you know as soon as the senior class picture has been rescheduled. Please see Mr. Grell if you have any questions.

Senior Class Meeting - Graduation Information

The entire senior class will meet in the Titan Theater on **Friday, September 22**, at 10:30 am. School Traditions, a local company that supplies our caps and gowns for Graduation, will distribute information packets, which includes an order form, regarding products available to order for graduation. This packet needs to go home to your parents! If you are absent on that day, please see Mrs. Rolfzen to get a packet!!! You will have a week to look over the packet before you place your order during Parent-Teacher Conferences on **Wednesday, October 4**, and **Thursday, October 5**. School Traditions will be located in the Theater Box Office both nights from 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm. All seniors who plan to walk in the Commencement/Graduation Ceremony on **Sunday, May 13**, must order a cap and gown. All other products are optional at the discretion of the student and parent. Each order requires a deposit, made payable to School Traditions, unless you are ordering the cap and gown only. Seniors with economic need should see Mrs. Rolfzen for assistance with cap and gown payment.

College Fair at UNO

On Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, UNO's Sapp Fieldhouse will host the Omaha Area College Fair. Over 100 local and national 4-year and 2-year schools, along with trade schools and military reps will be in attendance. This is the largest local college fair and is an excellent opportunity for students and families to gather information on post-secondary options. This is FREE to students and families. Registration for a barcode, along with other information on the College Fair, can be found at www.NebraskaCollegeFairs.org. Barcodes will be used at the college booths to gather information about the student so that students do not need to fill out separate information cards.

Senior Portraits

If you would like to submit a professional portrait to appear in the Yearbook in the place of your school photo, the deadline is December 15. Submitted portraits must be vertical (2" x 3"), full color, and of your head and torso only - no legs! Backgrounds and props are acceptable, as long as they are school-appropriate. Photos need to be saved as .jpgs with 300 ppi resolution and sent to seniorpicspls@gmail.com. Most photographers will do this at your request. Please talk to Mrs. Albracht in room B10 if you have any questions.

Omaha National College Fair

Students and parents are invited to dive into the college search process at the Omaha National College Fair, held on Saturday, October 21, at the CenturyLink Center Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska, from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. The event, sponsored by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and hosted by the Great Plains Association for College Admission Counseling (GPACAC), is free and open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with admission representatives from public and private colleges and universities, including some international institutions. Complete information about the fair, including free student registration, can be found online at www.nacacfairs.org.

Education Quest Financial Aid Workshops

An important step in the college planning process is the completion of the FAFSA which is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA requires parent and student financial information which will determine if your student qualifies for grants, work-study and/or loans.

The FAFSA can be submitted to colleges beginning October 1. Fall is a very busy time for students as they apply to colleges and for scholarships, so local high schools along with Education Quest are offering financial aid workshops to help families prepare for the FAFSA process. Workshops are free, will last approximately one hour, and families are invited to attend any date and location they prefer (not just their home high school or district). You will notice Papillion La Vista Community Schools is not listed - we held our workshop in May, but again, families can attend any workshop below. Additionally junior and/or senior parents/students who attend will be eligible to register for a \$500 EducationQuest scholarship.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Gretna	September 25	6:00 pm
Marian	September 26	5:30 pm
Duchesne	September 27	6:00 pm
Elkhorn South High	October 2	6:00 pm
Bellevue East	October 3	6:00 pm
Omaha South	October 3	5:30 pm (Spanish)
Omaha South	October 3	7:00 pm (English)
Millard West	October 4	5:30 pm
Omaha Burke	October 16	6:00 pm
Platteview	October 25	6:30 pm

If you have any questions, contact Renee Mead in Guidance at rmead@paplv.org or Education Quest at (402) 391-4033.

College Representative Visits

Seniors are invited to sign up to see representatives from colleges, universities, and technical schools who visit Papillion La Vista South. To attend a visit, students must sign up through Family Connection (click on the Colleges tab and the College Representatives are listed to the right). See Mrs. Couture in Career Education if you have any questions.

Schedule of College Representatives

- Kansas State University - October 24 at 10:00 am

Scholarship Opportunities:

(see the descriptions and get the applications through your Family Connection account; click on the Colleges tab, scroll to the bottom and click on Scholarship List)

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Deadline to Mrs. Rolfzen</u>
United States Senate Youth Program Scholarship	September 25
Quest Bridge National College Match	September 27
Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship	October 2
VFW-Voice of Democracy Essay Scholarship	October 16
Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship	November 27
Nebraska Elks Association Vocational Scholarship	December 18
Industrial Trades Scholarship	December 31
Nebraska Elks Association J. B. Ferguson Golf Scholarship	January 8
Associated General Contractors of America-Nebraska Chapter Scholarship	January 26
Elks National Foundation Legacy Award	February 2
Tip Top Tux Scholarship	February 22

EducationQuest is always a good resource related to financial aid and scholarship questions and information! Check it out at: www.educationquest.org

Test Preparation

There are a couple of opportunities for students to prepare for upcoming ACT tests. Please note that signing up for a review class does NOT also register a student for the ACT exam. Students register to take the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

➤ Titan ACT Review Classes

Titan ACT Review Classes are taught by four of our core teachers here at Papillion La Vista South for the December 9, ACT Test. Papillion La Vista South is offering these classes at a rate of \$35. Please make checks payable to 'PLSouth' and register with Mrs. Couture in the Career Ed Center. The cost includes a copy of "The Real ACT Prep Guide", which is the only prep book approved by ACT. The sessions will be held in the Titan Library.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
English and Math	Monday, November 20	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Reading and Science	Tuesday, November 21	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

➤ **John Baylor ACT Prep Classes**

Papillion La Vista Community Schools is offering John Baylor ACT Prep classes. In the past, students who took the Baylor classes saw their ACT score raise two points on average. Papillion La Vista Community Schools is offering John Baylor ACT Prep at a significantly reduced rate of \$100. Make checks payable to 'PLCS ACT Test Prep.' Please register with Mrs. Couture in the Career Ed Center. The sessions will be held at Papillion La Vista High School and are in preparation for the October 28 ACT test.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	already passed	
2	Sunday, September 24	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
3	Sunday, October 1	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
4	Sunday, October 15	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
5	Sunday, October 22	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
6	Wednesday, October 25	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

College Entrance Exams

Seniors who have NOT taken the ACT or SAT - or who would like to retake the test to improve their score - are strongly encouraged to register now! These academic tests are recommended or required by post-secondary institutions and scholarship programs. Registration for the ACT and SAT is done online. Paper practice packets are available on the bookshelf outside the Graduate Services office in the Career Ed Center. For more information, see Ms. Mead or Mrs. Rolfzen.

Test Dates for 2017-2018

Papillion La Vista South High School Code: 281 861

ACT (www.actstudent.org)

The cost for the ACT is \$46.00. ACT Plus Writing is \$62.50. *(Late Fee - add \$29.50)*

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
October 28	September 22	October 6
December 9	November 3	November 17
February 10	January 12	January 19
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18
July 14	June 15	June 22

SAT (www.sat.org/register)

The cost for the SAT is \$46.00. SAT with Essay is \$60.00. *(Late Fee - add \$29.00)*

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
October 7	already passed	September 27
November 4	October 5	October 25
December 2	November 2	November 21
March 10	February 9	February 28
May 5	April 6	April 25
June 2	May 3	May 23

College News and Opportunities

- ❖ **Wichita State University** - Shocker Proud! There are various opportunities for students interested in attending Wichita State University. For more detailed information, go to www.wichita.edu. Campus visits are offered every weekday. Shocker Saturdays will be held on October 14, and November 11. Black and Yellow Days are October 13, and October 30. The Distinguished Scholarship Invitational (DSI) is one of the premier scholarship competitions in the country, awarding three \$60,000 scholarships to attend Wichita State University. Make sure to check out the deadlines for applications (including scholarships) - don't miss out!
- ❖ **Military Academies** - if there are students interested in any of the military academies, further information can be found at:
 - U. S. Military Academy - West Point, New York - www.westpoint.edu
 - U. S. Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs, Colorado - www.usafa.af.mil
 - U. S. Coast Guard Academy - www.uscga.edu
 - U. S. Merchant Marine Academy - www.usmma.edu
 - U. S. Naval Academy - www.usna.edu

Resources

Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Saggau	9 th grade	bsaggau@paplv.org	(402) 829-4623
Mrs. Terry	10 th -12 th grade last names A-G	pterry@paplv.org	(402) 829-4624
Mrs. Holton	10 th -12 th grade last names H-N	tholton@paplv.org	(402) 829-4610
Mr. Whitcomb	10 th -12 th grade last names O-Z	jwhitcomb@paplv.org	(402) 829-4620

Post-Secondary Counselor Ms. Mead rmead@paplv.org (402) 829-4611

Guidance Office Mrs. Mabie dmabie@paplv.org (402) 829-4614
Career Ed Center Mrs. Couture rcouture@paplv.org (402) 829-4615
Graduate Services Mrs. Rolfzen trolfzen@paplv.org (402) 829-4612

If you need transcripts sent to a college . . . remember to make the request through your Naviance account!