

Senior Bulletin

Class of 2018

September 13, 2017

Mark Your Calendar

- Senior Class Picture: Wednesday, September 20 /10:30 am/
- 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 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.

Senior Class Picture

The senior class picture for the Class of 2018 will be taken on Wednesday, September 20, at 10:30 am. Seniors will report to their third period classes and will be released by intercom toward the end of the period for the photograph. Upon release, seniors should report to the front of the building for the picture. Weather permitting, the picture will be taken outside. Order forms will be available on the day of the picture. Please see Mr. Grell if you have any questions.

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 .jpegs 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> |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Bennington | September 13 | 6:30 pm |
| Omaha North | September 14 | 6:00 pm |
| 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 |
| 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 | Sunday, September 17 | 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm |
| 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

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| 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

Have a great week!