



# JUNIOR NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR CLASS

Hopefully, you are all settled in and getting adjusted to school by now. You will have the opportunity to receive a Junior Newsletter like this one several times during this year. In the newsletter, you will be notified of educational opportunities, scholarships open to Juniors, and other important information that could be of value to you. The newsletters will also be posted to the school website which you can find under [www.BellevuePublicSchools.org](http://www.BellevuePublicSchools.org) where you click on Schools and then Bellevue East. The current and previous newsletters will be posted under the Newsletter tab. Extra paper copies will be posted in the Counseling Office. Please share these newsletters with your parents. Listen to the announcements that are read. Many times, important information is given during this time that may be more current than, or not included in, the newsletter. We hope all of you will come by to visit us this year. If your parents need to contact the Counseling Office, please have them call 402-293-4151.

**NOTE: You can order your yearbook online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com) for a \$2 fee.  
Picture Day is September 22nd**

### COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

In case you haven't had a reason to come in and talk with your counselor and you are not sure who to look for, here are their names. These three counselors split the students in your class by your last names using the following alphabet ranges:

**Mrs. Powell A - G**

**Mr. Chudomelka H - O**

**Mr. Juarez P - Z**

**Note:** See your counselor if you need help with your schedule, career plans, college choices, or any personal problems. To talk with your counselor, just put your name on the sign-up log at our reception desk and your counselor will send for you when he or she has time to talk. If it's urgent, let the secretary know.

### CAREER CENTER

Students are encouraged to visit our Career Center and use its services. One of the most important decisions you will ever make is to choose a career. There are several assessments you can take if you are unsure about your future goals. The center is equipped with 25 network computers and they will be helping you during your English classes with career information, college and financial aid information, job search tools, and resume writing. There is a wealth of information that is easily accessible. Stop in before or after school to ask when you might get extra help. You may be able to get an appointment to use the career center during your study hall, if they do not have a class scheduled during that hour. Just check with Mrs. Campbell to see when she can help you.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** When scholarship opportunities are announced in the Junior Newsletter, see Ms. Toyne for applications. Free scholarship searches can be done in the Career Center or at the EducationQuest Foundation office in Rockbrook Village (108<sup>th</sup> & Center). Online searches are also available at [www.EducationQuest.org](http://www.EducationQuest.org) and [www.FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com), just to name a few sources.

## MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

Any students with an interest in a service academy may obtain more information about the nomination process by calling Senator Ben Sasse's Omaha office at 402-550-8040 or by checking [www.sasse.senate.gov](http://www.sasse.senate.gov) under Services. You could also contact Senator Deb Fischer through her Omaha office at 402-391-3411 or submit an inquiry about Academy Nominations at [www.fischer.senate.gov](http://www.fischer.senate.gov) under the Constituent Services tab. The third person that you might contact is Congressman Jeff Fortenberry through his Lincoln Office at 402-438-1598 or look at [www.fortenberry.house.gov](http://www.fortenberry.house.gov) under the Services tab for information about his Academy Nomination process. They all have deadlines coming up very soon for graduating seniors...you can gather information for now and catch the next wave in 2017. To learn about the admissions process, you should look at the web site for your favorite academy as well. You may also ask Ms Toyne in the Counseling Office for assistance. Also check this website for information on the application process: <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/>

United States Air Force Academy	<a href="http://www.academyadmissions.com">www.academyadmissions.com</a>
United States Military Academy at West Point	<a href="http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions">www.westpoint.edu/admissions</a>
United States Naval Academy	<a href="http://www.usna.edu/Admissions">www.usna.edu/Admissions</a>
United States Merchant Marine Academy	<a href="http://www.usmma.edu">www.usmma.edu</a>
United States Coast Guard Academy (no nomination required)	<a href="http://www.cga.edu">www.cga.edu</a>

### PSAT Testing

The PSAT, which is a practice test for the college admissions test called the SAT, will be offered to you here at Bellevue East High School on Wednesday, November 2nd. In addition to helping you prepare for standardized admissions testing, it is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test (NMQST) and **the ONLY way for you to qualify for a National Merit Scholarship**. Bellevue East did have three students selected to move forward after the PSAT!! Students in the top 10% of the Junior class should sign up for this optional test while others are welcome to participate and would benefit from the practice. There is a small charge of \$18 for this test. Details will be handed out in your English classes and announced later. To register, please bring a check (payable to Bellevue East High School) to the counseling office during the month of September. Talk with Mr. Juarez if you have any questions.

### ACT Testing

Juniors who want to attend a 4-year college or university normally take the ACT test in April and again in October and December of their senior year. You could also choose to take the next ACT test offered at Bellevue East on October 22nd. See [www.ACTStudent.org](http://www.ACTStudent.org) to sign up and note that the registration deadline is September 16th. If the fee is a hardship, see your counselor about a possible fee waiver. For review, try [www.NUMBER2.com](http://www.NUMBER2.com), [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com), or other similar free sites to practice online. There are other test preparation sessions available in the Omaha area, but there is usually a fee for those, so try the free services first.

## COLLEGES AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS VISIT BEHS

The Counseling office schedules visits by college and vocational school representatives to acquaint students with schools they are considering. These presentations give you an opportunity to find out about the school's requirements, programs, costs, etc. and to compare schools before you make a decision. These visits are in the Daily Bulletin and posted on the doors and windows of the Counseling Office. In the fall, they are expecting seniors, but juniors may attend as well. Please ask for a "blue pass" in the Counseling office if you would like to attend.

### COLLEGE FAIRS

**Omaha Area College Fair (October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, UNO in the Sapp Fieldhouse):** Put it on your calendar now! You can go to [www.EducationQuest.org](http://www.EducationQuest.org) for details and [www.NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](http://www.NebraskaCollegeFairs.org) to register for a Barcode to identify yourself at this College Fair. Also, keep an eye on the windows of the counseling office for posters about other local college fairs.

**Christian College Fairs:** For those of you interested in Christian Colleges, there will be two college fairs in Nebraska for those schools. The first is at Lincoln Christian High School on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm and the second is at the Salvation Army Kroc Center October 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00am. About 25 schools which are located in various Midwest states will be represented at these events. See [www.myblueprintstory.com](http://www.myblueprintstory.com) for info about these and other Christian College Fairs, to see the list of colleges that will be represented, to get directions, and to find contact information if you have questions. You can also request a bar code at this website to make your visit more productive.