



# November Newsletter

## Dates/ Opportunity

### THIS MONTH

November 6th: No school Veterans' Day

November 21st-25th: No school Thanksgiving break

Make sure to listen to the daily news in Advisory. If you miss it you can find it at [bellevuepublicschools.org](http://bellevuepublicschools.org). You can also find all up coming dates for the ACT  
Keep moving forward!

Applications for the 2023-24 Henry Doorly Zoo Academy are open.

Applications are due December 2nd.

The mission of Zoo Academy is to provide students with knowledge and career explorations relating to life sciences through authentic STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) experiences at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium. Zoo Academy is an excellent model of forming successful collaborations between an informal science education organization and school districts.

Student Benefits:

- Students build a robust resume, which includes experiences conducting research to participating in animal medical procedures.
- Students develop and master STEM skills in animal management departments.
- Students explore a variety of STEM career paths to help inform the career they will pursue.
- Students are given the opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills to relevant conservation issues.

View the attached brochure and website for more information:

<https://www.omahazoo.com/zooacademy>

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## Scholarships

Who is your counselor?

The counselor assigned to you is based on your last name.

Ms. Prybil Last Name A-G

Mr. Chudomelka Last Name H-O

Ms. Onken Last Name P-Z

Don't forget to follow Mr. Chudomelka on Twitter @MikeChudomelka for counseling news. And follow

@ChieftainNation for Bellevue East news.

### LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE FOR A DIVERSE AMERICA Scholarship:

due Dec12th

FMI, view: <https://ledascholars.org/our-program/leda-scholars-program/recruitment-admissions/apply/>

To be eligible to apply, a student:

Must be a junior attending a public high school in the U.S., graduating in 2024

Is a U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, or has DACA Status

Has an annual household income under \$90,000

Has a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.5

LEDA reviews each application individually, meaning that we consider all factors of a student's application when making an admission decision. LEDA will review every application we receive, so we encourage any student who is interested and believes they could be a fit for the program to apply.

This year, the Greater Omaha-Council Bluffs Area Council on Youth Leadership, will sponsor the annual "Youth Salute" in cooperation with the National Council on Youth Leadership. The Purpose of this Program is to honor high school juniors in your community who maintain a high scholastic average and have demonstrated leadership ability. The "Youth Salute" has been an approved program by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for over 40 years.

<https://www.greateromaha.youthsalute.com/apply>



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## College Planning



### Step 1: Research colleges.

Start by asking your school counselor for college-search advice and resources. Here are other things you can do:

- Learn about the types of colleges and their degrees.
- Talk to admission representatives when they visit your high school.
- Attend a College Fair where you can talk to college representatives.
- Use our College Profiles to match colleges with your interests.
  - Another good resource is BigFuture from the College Board.
- Explore the websites of colleges that interest you.

### Step 2: Go on campus visits.

This is the most important step you can take to determine if a school is the right fit for you!

- Start your visits in the spring of your junior year and revisit your top choices in the fall of your senior year.
  - [Click here](#) to find virtual tours at several colleges.
- Contact the admissions office at least two weeks in advance to schedule a campus visit.
- Visit while school is in session. You won't get the full campus experience during school breaks, finals week, or summer.
- Meet with an admissions representative and financial aid counselor to discuss how to apply and pay for college.
- Ask to meet with faculty in your areas of interest.
- Ask a lot of questions!