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**A Note from Ms. Sayre, Principal**

Dear Bobcat Family:

I hope this edition of The Harbinger finds you rested and re-energized after the holiday season. It should come as no surprise that we are not exactly easing into 2012 and that we have hit the ground running in the New Year.

It is hard to believe we will begin the scheduling process for the 2012-2013 school year in a few weeks. Mrs. McNaughton will be working with students during the beginning of February to fill our course requests for next school year. Please spend time talking with your student about course selection. I encourage each student to challenge himself or herself, while maintaining a balance to ensure success in their academic endeavors. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Mrs. McNaughton.

In March we will administer the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) to all sophomores and any upperclassmen who have not passed any portion of the OGT. As a reminder, all students must pass all five parts of the OGT (Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies, Science) in order to graduate.

Please note that during OGT testing week (March 12-16), we will also administer the Terra Nova Test to our ninth grade students. We will utilize the data generated by this test to identify students who are in need of extra intervention prior to taking the OGT as sophomores.

Please refer to Page 4 in your student handbook to view the schedule for OGT/Terra Nova Testing Week. Students not being tested will not report to school until 10:00 a.m. each day. Those students testing will need to report to their testing room by 8:00 a.m. each day. Testing rooms will be given to students as we get closer to exam week. Please be aware that the end of the 3rd marking period is March 16, 2012.

Special congratulations to our Boys' Cross Country team on finishing 14th at the State Cross Country Meet. The following athletes placed in the state meet: Luke Evans (21), Chase Gage (74), Eli Reed (103), Josh Smith (107), Peter Mathes (140), Owen McCormick (147) and Jon Faris (149).

Congratulations to Dr. Watkins, Mr. Grega and Performing Arts students for the many exceptional Holiday Season performances. In addition, our winter sports are well underway and are off to a fantastic start!

Grandview Heights High School is synonymous with excellence and class. Please remind your student that when attending sporting events it is an expectation that we cheer for Grandview and not against the opposing team, fans, or officials. We appreciate your sportsmanship and integrity at all times.

As always, please feel free to contact the school with any questions you may have.

Dawn Sayre, Principal

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- FAFSA Night (Financial Aid): January 26, 7:00 p.m.
- Late Start/Professional Development: February 7, 8:00 - 10:15 a.m.
- Band Concert: February 15
- "Oklahoma!": March 8 - 10
- OGT Testing - March 12 - 17
  - Make-up March 19 - 23
- Band Cake Walk: March 23 - 6:30 p.m.
- Spring Break : April 2 - 9
- NHS Induction Ceremony: April 12
- Band Concert: April 18
- Prom: April 21 - Amelita Mirolo Barn - 4395 Carriage Hill Lane
- Spring Fling - April 28
- Cap & Gown/Senior Group Picture: May 4 - 8:50 a.m.
- High School Honors Ceremony: May 6 - 7:00 p.m.
- AP Testing: May 7-11 and May 14-18
- Homeroom Olympics: May 11
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp: May 9-11
- Spring Vocal Cabaret: May 12 - 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Walk: May 16
- Senior Scholarship Night: May 16 - 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Finals: May 17 - 18
- Spring Vocal Concert/Awards Night: May 17 - 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Trip (Cedar Point): May 20 - 21
- Senior Scholarship Night: May 16 - 7:00 p.m.
- Senior Service Day: May 22
- Star Mothers' Band Concert: May 24
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp: May 22 - 25
- Graduation Practice: May 25
- Graduation: May 27

## **GUIDANCE NEWS**

### **CUMULATIVE GPA**

Grade Point Averages are figured twice a year – at semester time and at the end of the year in June. Report cards will have the accumulated GPA (including freshmen, sophomore, and junior year). This is the number the colleges look at – not individual nine-week grades. Students should continually work to improve their performance so that the GPA goes up over time.

### **GUIDANCE FINANCIAL AID**

Mark your calendars now! On Thursday, January 26, the guidance department will present their annual Financial Aid night at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Faith Phillips, from OSU Newark, will walk parents through the FAFSA form and answer questions regarding various financial aid packages. This meeting is not to be missed if you are a junior or senior parent and you are interested in receiving federal/state funds for college.

### **TESTING**

#### **OHIO GRADUATION TEST**

This coming spring the Ohio Graduation Tests will be given to sophomores the week of March 12-16 shortly before spring break. If you have sophomore students, please make certain they attend that week.

#### **TERRA NOVA TESTS**

Also the same week freshmen will take the Terra Nova tests. We appreciate your help with encouraging good attendance that week.

## PSAT TESTS

Juniors and sophomores received their score reports on December 15 and 16 in English classes. The answer document contains much information to help you and your student interpret the numbers given. The percentile bar graph at the top of the form indicates how well each student did compared to the over one million test takers nationwide. If you want to discuss the test in more detail, please contact the guidance counselors.

A new feature this year on the score report is called "My College Quick Start". It offers additional tools to help juniors get started with the college process. Students get enhanced score reports on SAT study plans, My College Match which identifies with schools with majors your child is interested in and a personality test which will match student's strengths and interests to college majors. Students and parents can go to [www.collegeboard.org/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.org/quickstart). You will also need the access code, which is located at the bottom of the PSAT answer document. You will find a wealth of information that will help you and your child begin the college process.

Juniors are encouraged to sign up for college entrance tests in April, May or June. Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to sign up.

## AP COURSES

Students who are in AP courses and plan to take AP exams in May must turn in the \$87 test fee by Thursday, March 1 to Judy Hauenstein in the main office.

## FREE ACT PREP SESSION – SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 AND FEBRUARY 4

The DeVry University Center is offering two free ACT prep sessions from 9:00 am until 3:00 p.m.. The January 21 session will be at the Columbus Polaris location and the February 4 session will be at the Alum Creek location. A free lunch is also provided. Sign-ups are limited to the first forty participants. In addition, a free financial aid session will be offered to parents from 9:00 until 10:00 am. To register, contact Nancy Trout at [ntrout@devry.edu](mailto:ntrout@devry.edu) or (614) 257-5022.

## FAFSA FORMS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS

After January 1, 2012 parents of college-bound seniors can begin to fill out the FAFSA form. This is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Completion of this form is necessary if you request federal or state aid. You may apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). You will also need a PIN (Personal Identification Number), which will identify you. **STUDENTS AND PARENTS MAY APPLY FOR PIN NUMBERS IN ADVANCE OF FILLING OUT THE FAFSA AND IS ACTUALLY A GOOD IDEA TO DO SO AS IT TAKES 24 HOURS TO SECURE A NUMBER.** Apply for your PIN today at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

The PIN is your electronic signature. PINs can be used for years to come. However, they expire with non-use after 30 months. If you have other children who are applying for student aid, your PIN can be used to sign all their FAFSA forms. Your students can also use their PINs to electronically sign loan promissory notes and view information about grants and loans received and the US Department of Education records. If you have questions about completing the FAFSA, call 1-800-4-FEDAID (1-800-433-3243).

## COLUMBUS ZOO SCHOOL

Wanted for the school 2012-2013 school year: interested juniors and seniors who have a strong interest in the life sciences especially zoo-related careers and research. First year students spend the afternoon at the zoo and earn 3 credits while doing research and learning science in a non-traditional environment. This program is not funded by the schools and costs just under \$4,000 a year. Applications are in the guidance center and must be turned in (including essay and recommendations) by February 1, 2012. See your guidance counselor for more information.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

### **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This is an opportunity for continuing education for students already in college. If you have students who are sophomores, juniors or seniors who want to study abroad, this is a great opportunity. The Upper Arlington Rotary is offering their Ambassadorial Scholarship to complete a year of education to any country that has a Rotary program. There are Rotary chapters all over Europe so choices are many. This award covers round trip transportation, tuition, room and board and educational supplies and is worth up to \$26,000. Over the years Grandview has had only one student take advantage of this great opportunity. You can contact your counselors, go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or contact Rotary member Homer Mincy at 457-7887. Students must complete an application and participate in the interview.

### **USA TODAY/AMERICA MILK PROCESSORS**

Offered by USA Today / American Milk Processors (the folks who bring you the "got milk?" mustache ads) is a \$7,500 scholarship for seniors.

- Twenty-five national athletes will be chosen
- Based on academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership and community service
- Go to [www.bodybymilk.com](http://www.bodybymilk.com)
- Deadline is March 4, 2012

### **JOHN H. MCCONNELL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Blue Jackets Hockey Team have established a scholarship to honor it's founder. The intent is to reward seniors who demonstrate hard work, perseverance, leadership and community service up to \$10,000 in scholarships.

- Need transcript
- List of activities
- Work experience
- List of honors or awards
- Short answer and essay questions
- See your counselor for application

### **EDUCATION FIRST CREDIT UNION**

Five scholarships awarded for \$2,000 each. The following information must be provided:

- List of activities
- Transcript
- Seniors must open an account at Education First Credit Union. Call (614) 340-1518
- 500 word essay (chose one of four options)
- Applications are available in the guidance center or go to: [www.educ.org](http://www.educ.org).
- Deadline is February 6, 2012.

**CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER OF OHIO CREDIT UNION LEAGUE** is awarding six scholarships of \$1,000. After winning locally, students can compete for five statewide scholarships \$2,500 each. Two short answer questions and one essay are required (up to four pages) about the state of the economy and credit unions. Deadline is February 18, 2012.

### **SUBURBAN LaSERTOMA YOUTH SERVICE**

This group is awarding money to students with financial need. Students must present a transcript, a financial statement from parents, the FAFSA form and an essay about a service project. Deadline is January 15, 2012. Get applications from Mrs. McNaughton.

### **ASPIRING PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

- This is for students who have an interest in graphic arts or animation.
- Three \$1000 scholarships available to Ohio students, one year, non-renewable.
- Selection based on academic performance and a short essay.
- Go to [www.animationcareerreview.com](http://www.animationcareerreview.com)

### **THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS CAN BE FOUND AT THIS SITE:**

<http://studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php>

NHS Scholarship Program - \$10,000 – Deadline is January 20, 2012

Davidson Fellow Scholarships - \$50,000 – Deadline is February 1, 2012

# **EXTRA, EXTRA.....READ ALL ABOUT IT!**

## **DECEMBER CITIZEN OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as Citizens of the Month for December, 2011. Students were treated to lunch at the Knotty Pine Restaurant.

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Hank Wilson  
Ashley Wright

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Erica Jackson  
Tyler Mosier

### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jon Sterneker  
Grace VanFossen

### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Claudia Esber  
Sam Ferris

## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

The next Top Driver classes will be held from January 17 through February 10. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 until 6:15. Students are encouraged not to miss any classes. The class will meet in Mr. DiSabato's room (room 121). If your child is interested, please have him/her stop by the main office to pick up a flyer which has more information or contact Top Driver at 1-800-374-8373 or Topdriver.com.

## **CAREER CENTER NEWS – Visits in January and February**

Ft. Hayes and Downtown Career Center representatives will be presenting in all 10<sup>th</sup> grade English classes in January. Interested juniors may also attend. After the presentation, interested students will have the opportunity to visit programs during the evening Open House or with the Grandview students during the school day.

Presentations	January 9 <sup>th</sup> or 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 – English Classes
Ft. Hayes Visits	January 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2012 – 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Downtown Career Center Visit	February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 – 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
1 <sup>st</sup> Round Applications Due	February 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 – 3:00 p.m. to Mrs. France

Evening Open Houses for Students and Parents	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2012 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Ft. Hayes and Downtwon Career Centers	February 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 – 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Christine France if you have questions, 485-4010 or [chris.france@ghcsd.org](mailto:chris.france@ghcsd.org)

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## **REMINDER:**

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16 FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

**LATE START – FEBRUARY 7 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS**

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.**