

February 2008 Parent Newsletter

Students of the Month

Heather Kuhlman, Eric Heidemann, Maggie Stryson, Travis Anderson, Kaitlin Wright, Evan Canning, Kirsten Kohlway, and Tanner Roth were selected as the January Students of the Month. A male and female were chosen from each class based on academics, school involvement, and character.

State Writing Assessment and 11th Grade Assessments

Students will be given the state writing assessment on Monday, February 4, and Tuesday, February 5. It is important that students take the writing seriously and we ask for your cooperation and make sure your child attends schools and receives enough rest/sleep to perform at their highest level. Our school is required to have at least 95% participation on state-wide assessments, including the writing assessment, therefore, students will be asked to complete any missing STARS work.

P/T Conferences

The next scheduled conferences are Monday, February 4 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the high school. Teachers will be in their classrooms due to the freshmen basketball games being hosted in the new gym.

Booster Club

Stadium seats and Bluejay apparel will be sold during parent/teacher conferences. The organization plans to have a soup supper on Friday, February 15, during the basketball games against Crete. Their next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 3.

Career Academy

Next year, juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to take classes in the areas of education and the medical field. Courses are being designed to possibly be dual-credit and give students a chance to get a first-hand experience in these areas. The counselors will have more information soon.

High School Credit

Parents have been asking about dual-credit classes so I want to briefly explain a couple of things. First of all, if students take classes at Concordia or any other college, they can only receive high school credit if the teacher also holds a valid Nebraska teaching certificate. In most cases, the teachers have a master's degree or doctorate but do not have the required teaching certificate. In addition, the rules for on-line courses are different so at times we are able to grant high school credit.

Class Schedule

The staff and administration are currently reviewing ways to increase class offerings and instructional units and reduce the number of conflicts with student schedules. For example, I am concerned that only ten students are enrolled in band this term. In my opinion, we have wonderful facilities and several musically talented students so we will look at ways to keep these students involved in music throughout the year. We are also looking at possibly increasing staff at the high school. If you have ideas on what areas or departments need to be considered, please share them with the administration or school board.

Professionally,

Chad Denker

Go Bluejays!