**Benny’s Bulletin**

**CLASS OF 2020**

**SATURDAY SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY**

**When:** 8 a.m.—12 p.m. *Minimum 2-hour commitment every Saturday

**Where:** Omaha South HS *Check-in—Room #429. Must sign in each time!

Seniors must sign up with their assigned counselor!

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**

Need extra help for any of your classes? Teachers are available in the library at Omaha South HS to help you out!

**When:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 3:15-5:15

*If you ride the bus, you will need to sign up for the Late Bus during lunch*

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**MISSING A CLASS OR CREDIT NEEDED FOR GRADUATION IN MAY?**

**SEE YOUR COUNSELOR ASAP!**

**Options:**

1. Add the class(es) to your 2nd semester schedule. If the class has been taken & not passed, sign up for Saturday School with your counselor.

2. For credit recovery, attend Saturday School at Omaha South HS or Adult HS at the TAC Building.

3. If options 1 or 2 don’t work, may need to consider Summer School. *June, July, Accelere, IS Flex*

4. If none of these options work, may need to consider returning to Omaha South HS in the fall.

5. No matter what your plan is, remember...

**GRADUATION IS THE GOAL!**

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**SENIOR PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK**

**Due:** Friday, December 20, 2019

**Options:** Take your picture to Ms. Wheeler in Room #347, place it in Ms. Wheeler’s mailbox in the main office, or send it to Ms. Wheeler (kimberly.wheeler@ops.org).

Be sure your full name is on your picture!

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**To Purchase A Yearbook**

Contact **Ms. Wheeler** (Room #347) or kimberly.wheeler@ops.org

Buy online: www.yearbooksforever.com

*Yearbooks are $45 (October 21st—December 20th) $50 after December 20th Purchase early to save $$$*

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**MORNING ADVISORY**

**Seniors must sign up with their assigned counselor!**

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**METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Apply for MCC online
- Complete Scholarship Application online after applying to MCC

https://mccneb.edu

**ACT TEST DATES**

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**SUSAN THOMPSON BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP**

**Tuition, books, and fees—renewable**

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska
- Achieve at least a 2.5 cumulative unweighted GPA
- Plan to attend a Nebraska public college
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend college—Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below $10,000

**Application closes:** Saturday, February 1, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

https://buffettscholarships.org/

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**GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP**

University of Nebraska-Omaha, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, & University of Nebraska-Kearney

- Complete UNO/UNL/UNK general scholarship application
- Citizen/resident of the U.S., GPA of 2.0 or higher

See Mr. Perez for more information

**Application closes:** Sunday, March 1, 2020

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**Benny’s Bulletin** comes to you from the School Counseling Office at Omaha South High Magnet School

Follow us on Facebook: South High Counseling and Twitter: @CounselingSouth

**Counselors:** Mrs. Gregor (Director; Letters N, V, X), Mrs. Branson (D, L, W), Mr. Carlson (I, R), Ms. Lagana (G, K, Z), Mrs. Ludacka (M), Mr. Perez (C, E, Q), Mr. Pla (B, H, U), Mr. Sagert (J, S, Y), Mrs. Vidal (A, T), & Ms. Wilkinson (F, O, P); **School Social Worker:** Mr. Herrera; **Bilingual Liaison:** Ms. Hill;

**Community Counselor:** Mrs. Obrecht; **Counseling Secretaries:** Mrs. Kues & Mrs. Villafuerte—(531) 299-2789
**IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!!**
Parents & Seniors: Please return the SIGNED Release of Information form as soon as possible to Mrs. Villafuerte or your counselor in the Counseling Office! Transcripts, college information, and scholarships CANNOT be sent until this release is signed and returned.

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**ASKING FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

- **ASK** a teacher, counselor, community member, employer, etc. **WHO KNOWS YOU WELL!** (Not family members or peers!)
- Give at least 2 WEEKS notice to the person you’re asking to prepare your letter of recommendation.
- Request your letter of recommendation **in person**.
- In addition to telling your recommenders your deadlines & logistics, give them thoughtful reflections of your values, goals & accomplishments. Provide a copy of your resume, too.
- Be sure to **THANK** your recommender for writing a letter of recommendation for you!

**ACT Fee Waiver**—If you are testing on a national test date and can’t afford the registration fee for the ACT or ACT with writing, you may be eligible for an ACT Fee Waiver. See your counselor for more information.

**IMPORTANT!!** When signing up to take the ACT test this year, be sure to use your assigned ACT ID number from last year. If you cannot locate this number, see your counselor.

**FREE ACT Test Practice**

An online ACT practice program is available to all students at Omaha South High School free of charge. Students need to log onto their Naviance Account.

- Log onto Naviance: student.naviance.com/southhms
- Username: 6-digit student number
- Password: 8-digit birthday—mmddyyyy format

At the bottom, left hand corner of the page, click on the ACT link. This will take you to the ACT home page. Click on SIGN IN. Click on the Students & Parents link. Scroll down page to Other ACT Products and Services. Click on ACT Online Prep. Click on Sign In.

- Email: Student email (s.####@ops.org)
- Password: 6-digit student number

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The OPS Scholarship Handbook can be found on the OPS School Counseling website by clicking on the Counseling Links once on the site. In addition to the handbook, scholarships are also available on Naviance. Be sure to check your email **OFTEN**. The following websites also offer many scholarships: www.scholarshipquest.org OR www.studentscholarships.org.

**College/University Based Scholarships** are offered by colleges/universities which are only good at their institution. Search the college/university’s website for more information.

**Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:**

- 12/31 ACT Student Champion Scholarship
- 12/31 BadCredit.org’s Wealth Wise Scholarship
- 12/31 Centris Member Scholarship
- 01/03 Food Locker Scholar Athletes Scholarship
- 01/03 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship
- 01/09 Ron Brown Scholar Program
- 01/15 Nebraska Elks Association: J.B. Ferguson Golf Scholarship
- 01/15 Nebraska Elks Association: Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship
- 01/15 Nebraska DECA, Student Scholarship
- 01/15 Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship
- 01/15 Omaha Police Foundation, Dr. Jack K. Lewis Memorial Scholarship
- 01/15 Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship
- 01/22 APIA (Asian & Pacific Islander American) Scholarship Fund
- 01/24 Nebraska Jaycees (Junior Chamber)/US JCI Senate Foundation
- 01/27 Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation
- 01/31 Elks National Foundation: Legacy Awards
- 01/31 Norma Ross Walter Scholarship, Will Cather Foundation
- 01/31 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program
- 01/31 William B. Ruggles Right to Work Journalism Scholarship (NILRR)
- 02/01 Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship

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**THE COMMON APPLICATION**

The college/university you are applying for may require you to fill out the Common Application.

- Research the college/university you are interested in to see if they require The Common Application
- Start The Common Application online
- Any questions, see Mr. Perez in the Counseling Office

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**Useful Tips From Benny For Seniors:**

- Apply for your FSA ID **NOW** @ fsaid.ed.gov
- Start applying for FAFSA, scholarships, and colleges... **NOW**!
- Check your school email often!!!
- In addition to your school email, create a different email outside of school for colleges, FAFSA, etc.
- Be sure the email address listed for your parent(s)/guardian(s) is current on Infinite Campus!
- **Do NOT pay for any scholarships(s) or financial aid! See your counselor with any questions, Be aware of scams!**

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**Cap & Gown**

If you missed ordering from School Traditions when they were at Omaha South HS, you will need to order your cap & gown online (will need a credit card) or go to their store.

**School Traditions**

12100 W Center Rd #901
(402) 733-0300

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**Remind Text Blast Messages**

Information about upcoming events, college information, scholarships, FAFSA, & more! See your counselor or Mr. Perez for more information!

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**Be careful when ordering!**

Delivery dates vary by store. If you need your cap & gown early, contact School Traditions right away.

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**Senior Class of 2020**

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Omaha Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), marital status, sexual orientation, disability, age, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, citizenship status, veteran status, political affiliation or economic status in its programs, activities and employment and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following individuals have been designated to accept allegations regarding non-discrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, 3215 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68131 (531-299-9822). The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Equity and Diversity, 3215 Cuming St, Omaha, NE 68131 (531-299-0307).