



Benny's Bulletin



CLASS OF 2021

Need extra help with college applications, scholarships, FAFSA, or anything else?

SENIOR SUCCESS VIRTUAL HELP

Assistance will be available on the following dates:

Wednesdays (12/09, 01/06, 01/13)—3:30-6:00 p.m.

Saturdays (12/12, 01/09, 01/15)—9:00 a.m.-noon

Winter Break

12/14—11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

12/15—*9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

12/16—3:30-6:00 p.m.

12/17—*9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

12/18—10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

12/19—9:00 a.m.-noon

12/21—11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

*Victor Garcia from EducationQuest will be available from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to assist with FAFSA

Assistance provided through South Senior Success on TEAMS

MISSING A CLASS OR CREDIT NEEDED FOR GRADUATION IN MAY?

OPTIONS:

1. Add the class(es) to your 2nd semester schedule. If the class has been taken & not passed, sign up for Virtual Credit Recovery with your counselor.
2. For credit recovery, attend Virtual Credit Recovery through South HS OR through Adult HS (TAC)
3. If options 1 or 2 don't work, may need to consider Summer School. *June, July, Accelerate, IS Flex
4. If none of these options work, may need to consider return to Omaha South HS in the fall.
5. No matter what your plan is, remember...

GRADUATION IS THE GOAL!!

SEE YOUR COUNSELOR ASAP!

VIRTUAL CREDIT RECOVERY

When: 3:15-5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Where: Through Omaha South HS OR

When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Where: Adult High School through TAC

Seniors must sign up with their assigned counselor!

AFTER SCHOOL VIRTUAL TUTORING

Need extra help with English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Spanish, or Scholarships?

Teachers are available online through the Microsoft Teams app to help you out! Log into the Tutoring Team to see the schedule.

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 3:05-6:00 p.m.

SENIOR PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK

Due: Friday, December 11, 2020

Options: Take your picture to Ms. Wheeler in Room #347, Place your picture in Ms. Wheeler's mailbox in the Main Office, or Send it to southyearbook@ops.org

Be sure your name is on your picture!

INTERESTED IN BUYING A YEARBOOK?

Yearbooks are \$45 until **Friday, December 11th** After that date, yearbooks will be \$55—While supplies last
Purchase early to save \$\$\$

Any questions, contact Ms. Wheeler in Room #347 or at southyearbook@ops.org

ACT TEST DATES

Test Date:	Register By:
02/06/2021	01/08/2021
04/17/2021	03/12/2021
06/12/2021	05/07/2021
07/17/2021	06/18/2021



OMAHA SOUTH HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL GRADUATION

Friday, May 28th—Baxter Arena

Practice @ 1 p.m.
Graduation @ 7 p.m.



SUSAN THOMPSON BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition, books, & fees—renewable

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska (DACA, undocumented, or DACA eligible students are eligible to apply)
- Achieve at least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA (on a 4.0 scale)
- 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
- Visit [Buffett Scholarship](#) to apply

Application closes:

Monday, February 1, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition & general fees—renewable
To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be a US citizen or legal non-citizen of the US who resides in Nebraska
- Be in need of financial assistance
- Apply to the [University of Nebraska-Omaha](#)
- Apply to the [Goodrich Scholarship](#)

Application closes:

Monday, March 1, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

See Mr. Perez for more information

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

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 Workers:** Ms. Greenberg & Ms. Pena; **Bilingual Liaison:** Ms. Hill; **Counseling Secretary:** Mrs. Villafuerte; **Counseling Para:** Mrs. Kues; **Counseling Office Phone:** (531) 299-7665

METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Apply to [MCC](#) online
- Go to [MCC Scholarships](#)
- Click on "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page
- Create or Login to a student account
- Complete the application!

Last Call—March 1, 2021

APPLY2COLLEGE

Want to earn a \$10 gift card to a local business?

Step 1: Apply to any college & submit your application

Step 2: Add college to Naviance & request for transcript to be sent via Naviance

Step 3: Complete your FAFSA/CFE & screenshot first page

Contact Mrs. Vidal with any questions
rachelle.vidal@ops.org



SENIOR PICTURES

Do you still need to have your senior pictures taken?

Visit [402 Photography Group](#) to book your photoshoot online or call (402) 807-0255 with any questions.

FREE ACT TEST PRACTICE

- Log onto [academy.act.org](#)
- Click on "I am a student"
- Create Your Profile—Under student, click on "No"; Under Username or Email, type in your email address, type in a password; Click on the box "I'm here to practice for the ACT/PreACT"; & then click on "Next Step"
- Tell Us About Yourself—Type in First Name & Last Name. Click on the box "Next Step"
- Join Your Class on ACT Academy—Click on the box "Start Learning!"
- You made a good choice! Click on "Explore Math", "Explore Science", "Explore English", or "Explore Reading" to start practicing for the ACT Test

ASKING FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

- ◆ **ASK** a teacher, counselor, community member, employer, etc. **WHO KNOWS YOU WELL!** (No 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 recommender your deadlines & logistics, given 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.



EDUCATIONQUEST

The [EducationQuest](#) website offers a lot of valuable information for seniors & planning for college. To schedule an appointment at the EducationQuest office, call (402)391-4033. The Omaha office is located at 11031 Elm St.

FAFSA

If additional help is needed to fill out your FAFSA, call the EducationQuest office to schedule an appointment.

SCHOLARSHIPS

College/University Based Scholarships are offered by colleges/universities which are only good at their institution. Search the college/university website for more information & complete their scholarship application.

The [OPS Scholarship Handbook](#) can be accessed online by clicking on this link. In addition to this handbook, there are many scholarships available on the following websites: [scholarshipquest.org](#) OR [studentscholarships.org](#).

A list of current scholarships will be emailed to you each month. This list will be posted outside of the Counseling Office, It is also available on the South High School webpage. Be sure to check your email **OFTEN** for new scholarships.

Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines:

12/15 Equitable Excellence Scholarship Program
12/15 Lead Roster B2B Sales & Marketing Scholarship
12/15 Publicity.ai SEO & Content Marketing Scholarship
12/15 Smith Diversity Scholarship—Lutheran Family Services of Nebr, Inc.
12/31 BadCredit.org's Wealth Wise Scholarship
12/31 OppU Achievers Scholarship
01/05 GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program
01/08 Foot Locker Scholar Athletes Scholarship
01/09 Ron Brown Scholar Program
01/14 APIA (Asian & Pacific Islander Americans) Scholarship Program
01/14 Monsanto Company-America's Farmers Grow Ag Leaders
01/15 John F Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay
01/15 Nebraska Elks Association-Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship
01/15 Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship
01/15 Washington Crossing Foundation (WCF) Scholarship
01/20 Taco Bell Foundation-Live Mas Scholarship
01/22 Architects Foundation-Diversity Advancement Scholarship
01/25 Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation
01/29 Nebraska State Historical Society-Nebraska of World War II
01/31 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Scholarship
01/31 Nebraska Broadcasters Association High School Senior Scholarship
01/31 USDA/1890 National Scholars Program
01/31 Willa Cather Foundation-Norma Ross Walter Scholarship

JOB CORPS

FREE Technical College and Education for young men and women ages 16–24

See Mr. Carlson in the Counseling Office for more information

IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!!

Parents & Seniors: Please complete the attached [Release of Information form](#) as soon as possible. Transcripts, college information, and scholarships **CANNOT** be sent until this release is signed and returned. If you can't access the link, please contact your counselor.

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