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State Testing

The high school has been very busy with testing. There were five State assessments: Reading, Writing, Math, Physical Science and Life Science. Math and Reading were taken by the sophomores and any junior who hadn't met standards their sophomore year.

In the junior class eleven people took the Reading State Assessment. The percentages are: 25% academic warning, 25% approaches standards, 25% meets standards, and 25% exceeds standards. Then in the sophomore class fifty-three students took the Reading State Assessment. Their percentage scores were: 11.3% academic warning, 20.8% approaches standards, 26.4% meets standards, 32.1% exceeds standards, and 9.4% earned exemplary.

There were fifty-four sophomores who took the Math State Assessment. Their scores were: 33.3% academic warning, 24.1% approaches standards, 22.2% meets standards, 14.8% exceeds standards, and 5.6% earned exemplary. Then there were 17 juniors who took the Math State Assessments, and their scores were: 44.4% academic warning, 27.8% approached standards, 22.2% meets standards, 0% exceeds standards, and 5.6% earned exemplary.

Freshmen and sophomores got to take the Science tests as an opportunity to learn, but they had to be enrolled and doing well in that science class. Since the junior, sophomore, and freshman classes participated,

there were fifty-eight people total who took the Life Science State Assessment. These are the percentages: 41% exceeds standards, 44% meets standards, 15% approaches standards, and 2% were exemplary. The second part was the Physical Science State Assessment, 72 people took that. There were 5% that had academic warning, 16% approaches standards, 58% meets standards, 20% exceeds standards, and 1% earned exemplary.

There was also a Writing State Assessment that the juniors took but scores haven't been released.

By: Crystal Loper and
Ricky Stevens

Elementary Carnival

On May 1, the elementary school will be holding their annual Carnival from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

They will have the usual games that they have had in the past, but this year they have added a dunk tank as well. There will be a silent auction for baskets that include books, games, movies, gardening, family fun and many others. A raffle for a quilt and a Wii game system will take place as well.

If none of these things interest you, you could just come for the hot dogs, pop, chips and cotton candy that they will have too!

By: Daric McCoy

Prom

So much excitement has been going on for the past couple days! Prom is coming up, so get your dresses and find a date because this year prom is going to be a blast!

This year we will be having prom on Saturday, May 2, eight-o'clock p.m. and will last until midnight. It will be held at the Civic Center in El Dorado. A vote was cast for what the prom will be and it was decided to be The Black Tie Affair. Everyone come, there will be plenty of snacks and refreshments!

By: Crystal Loper

Bingo

The fourth annual BHS yearbook BINGO was Friday, April 17, 2009 at the BEL commons area. Overall we had a great turn-out raising \$809.00 towards the price of the 2008-09 yearbook. The Yearbook Staff would like to thank everyone who attended and we would also like to invite everyone out next year!

By: Ricky Stevens

Senior Feature



Alisha Otis

What are your plans for next year? Attend Butler Community College with a dance scholarship
Activities throughout high school: Basketball, Football Manager, Dance, Jazz Band and Theater

What are your plans for next year? Attend Butler for Art, Theatre and Foreign Language
Activities throughout high school: Forensics, FCCLA and Drama



Megan Otis



Austin Puetz

What are your plans for next year? Work
Activities throughout high school: Football, Basketball, Golf and Baseball

Andrea Radulovic

What are your plans for next year? Continue education
Activities throughout high school: Dance and Tennis



Ben Reding

What are your plans for next year? Attend WSU for a psychology major
Activities throughout high school: Scholars Bowl, Forensics and Debate

Kelsey Rivers

What are your plans for next year? Attend the Art Institutes International
Activities throughout high school: NHS, StuCo, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball Manager and Student Teacher



Tommy Roderick

What are your plans for next year? Go to Butler
Activities throughout high school: Football

Darius Semisch

What are your plans for next year? I plan to play basketball, football or golf
Activities throughout high school: Basketball, Football, Golf, Drama and Skills USA



Rachel Servis

What are your plans for next year? Attend K-State on a rowing scholarship
Activities throughout high school: Basketball, Volleyball, Track, SADD and FCA

Katy Seymour

What are your plans for next year? Attend Butler Community College
Activities throughout high school: Softball, Volleyball, NHS, StuCo, Theater, Yearbook and Jazz Band



Kendra Wade

What are your plans for next year? Cheerleading at Allen County
Activities throughout high school: Cheerleading, Chambers, Madrigals and Football Manager

William Wedman

What are your plans for next year? Go to SLCT in Trenton, GA
Activities throughout high school: Football, Basketball and Baseball



Chelsea White

What are your plans for next year? Cheerleading at Allen County
Activities throughout high school: Cheerleading, Dance and SADD

Molly Williams

What are your plans for next year? Attend K-State
Activities throughout high school: Volleyball, Wrestling Manager, Softball, NHS and StuCo



Weird News

A woman, Marjorie Linden, who fell off a Wolfgang Puck's Spago restaurant's toilet is now suing. She claims that when she went into the restroom the only clean toilet stall was one that didn't latch. She was trying to balance herself on the toilet and hold the door closed at the same time. Another woman came in and yanked the door open, which then sent the woman to the floor.

Linden's accident caused serious injury to her head and knee.

A lawsuit was filed in Los Angeles. Linden said, "There was pools of urine and feces on the floor."

A spokesperson for Spago said, "In our twenty-seven years of business we've never had an issue close to this...that portion of the claim is totally without merit."

By: Andrea Wynn

This information was obtained from msnbc.com

National News

The epidemic of swine flu is in Mexico. Mexico still hasn't given medicine to the families of the ones who died from it. The government is not warning people that when they feel sick they need to go to the doctor.

World Health Organization spokesman Gregory Harti said confirmation that people became infected outside of Mexico would indicate that the disease was spreading beyond travelers returning from their country.

New York High School students went on a spring break trip to Mexico; they fell ill when they came back.

Mexico's deaths have topped one-hundred-fifty. About fifty cases have been reported in the United States.

The United States has confirmed their first death of the swine flu. A twenty-three-month old Mexican toddler was the first to die. He traveled with his family to Texas. Texas state health officials said that the boy would not have been infectious when he flew over from Mexico City to Matamores and crossed the border to Brownsville. None of his close family has become infected.

Many other countries in the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region have experienced their first cases.

By: Andrea Wynn

This information has been obtained from news.aol.com

State News

More layoffs are expected to hit Wichita's Cessna. About sixteen hundred layoff notices went out Wednesday, and thirteen hundred of them are in Wichita.

About the middle of June they are expected to layoff another seven hundred workers.

The layoffs are due to low demand in the business jet economy.

Their two week shutdown of the plant has been up to four weeks. It will now go from June 22nd to July 19th.

The note that was sent out to workers explained that there is a "decline in global demand for our aircraft, which in turn requires us to reduce our production rates for this year and next."

By: Andrea Wynn

This information has been obtained from kake.com

Opinionated

Pro Longer Days

The board of education is deciding whether or not to hold students after school until five-o' clock if they have missing assignments. I don't think it's really that big of a deal. If you don't have your work done you should stay until you get it done. I mean if you have an assignment that you didn't turn in and you only had a couple of questions left, you could stay after and finish the questions. When you're done you can leave, you don't have to stay the whole time unless it takes all the time to get your work done. I think it's a good idea and will make people start to want to get their work done, because nobody wants to stay after school an extra hour. That's a dread to any high school student.

By: Crystal Loper

Con Longer Days

I can't say I am totally against staying after school until 5:00p.m. if my work is not completed. I just think that the board doesn't have the right to make that choice for you. Yes, I think it could be a great tool, and it could also help many students pass their classes but making it mandatory is outrageous. It should be the students' and the parents decision to let the child stay longer.

By: Ricky Stevens

Pro Early Graduation

In the proposed student handbook for next year, there is a new section that will allow for early graduation for the seniors. I think this is a great idea; because it will help seniors by giving them an incentive to get the classes completed that they need to graduate and to even graduate early. This way they can get to college sooner and not have to stay around just to take a few classes and then have the rest of the day to do nothing. I think that if seniors have all of their elective credits and all the classes they need to graduate, they should be allowed to graduate early.

By: Daric McCoy

Con Early Graduation

Everyone is for early graduation nowadays, but why would you want it? Yes, you do get out of school, but high school is meant to be one of the experiences of a life time. You leave your friends at school and don't even graduate with them. If it were me I think I would get the most out of high school while I still can. What would you do after you have graduated early? I would think a person would become bored with that, but whatever.

By: Andrea Wynn

Pro Attendance

Here is the issue, if you have good grades, why does it matter how much you're here? If you have excused absences and are keeping at least above 3.0 GPA, I think you're good to go. Especially those of us seniors who are ready TO GET OUT! We did our time; give us break! If we keep our grades up and our absences are excused, I think it is reasonable to be gone more often.

By: Abbey Burns

Con Attendance

I think our school policy for attendance needs to be improved to a more strict policy. With the policy now, if a parent/guardian calls the school office, it will be put in as an excused absence. In my opinion you should have a doctors note or a good reason of absence. Sometimes parents call in and tell the office that their child is going to be gone with no reason. There should be someone that will determine if it will be excused or un-excused. If people would just come to school, we wouldn't have this problem.

By: Danyel Anglemyer

Sports & Organizations

Softball

This year's softball team is out for victories. With head coach Karbo, and assistant coaches Carson and coach Cloud, they are working very hard to have a better season than the last.

Overall twenty-seven girls went out with only four seniors. The J.V.'s record is 1-3, and the Varsity's record is 2-4, already a better record than last year. When asked how do you think the team is doing so far, Karbo replied, "The girls are playing some very competitive softball." Karbo also adds, "This year's team has improved each game; hopefully we can continue to do so."

With tougher matches headed their way, the girls will have to step up their game if they want to beat competitors like Wichita Independent and Medicine Lodge.

By: Abbey Burns



Skills USA

Skills USA state competition took place from Wednesday, April 15th through Friday, April 17th. I asked Mrs. Kramer, one of the sponsors along with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Dyer, a few questions and got her responses. She said that Cody Cokeley, Colleen Turner, Denver Ridgway and Jessica Albers were elected for state office.

She also commented that some students had accomplishments like: received personal radios, scholarships, medals, trophies and Colleen sang the National Anthem. Mrs. Kramer said, "I am very, very, very proud and happy for the students."

Students that participated were Cody Cokeley, Ethan Haworth, Denver Ridgway, Kelsey Rivers, Kristina Porter, Darius Semisch, Jessica Albers, Josh Irwin, Colton Easterday, Jacob Smith, Alex Muckenthaler, Jamey Smoot, Jenna Gannon, Haley Wolf, Jarrett Holtz, Talon Griggs, Dusty Lockard, Zack Muckenthaler, Casey Callarman and Colleen Turner. The students that won an award include Colleen Turner won first in Prepared speech, Cody Cokeley won second in photography, Casey Callarman won second in prepared speech, and Jessica Albers and Darius Semisch won third in promotional bulletin board. Skills USA has done very well this year. Keep up the good work for next year!

By: Danyel Anglemyer

Baseball

The Bluestem High School varsity baseball team has already participated in a few games.




















On April 6th, we played Douglass and lost both games, 22-1 and 12-0. On the 4th we played Chaparral and lost. On the 20th we played two games against Belle Plaine. We lost the first game 3-2 and won the second 8-4. The first win of the season was Belle Plaine.

Coach Clark had this to say about the team, "We are young and talented. I have seen improvement in every game played. I am excited to see what we can get accomplished this season."

By: Crystal Loper



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Happy Birthday- Tiffani Jones</p>  <p>3</p>	<p>Staff Appreciation Day Aides-Paras BHS JV Golf at Pretty Prairie- 3:00pm BHS Bsb/SB Rain date- 4:00pm BHS TR at Eureka (JV)- 5:00pm</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Staff Appreciation Day Transportation BHS Golf at Cheney- 3:00pm BMS Vocal Concert- 7:30pm</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Chloe Fuzzell Rita Windle</p>  <p>5</p>	<p>Staff Appreciation Day Teachers Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Cory Hildreth</p>  <p>6</p>	<p>Staff Appreciation Day Maintenance- Custodians BHS Bsb/SB vs Chaparral- 4:00pm</p> <p>7</p>	<p>BHS Golf at Clearwater- 3:00pm BES Carnival- 5:30-7:30pm</p> <p>1</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Iy Young</p>  <p>2</p>	<p>BHS Prom at El Dorado Civic Center</p>
<p>Mother's Day</p>  <p>10</p>	<p>Happy Birthday- Kat Parmeter</p>  <p>11</p>	<p>BHS Senior Awards- 6:00pm BHS/BMS Vocal/Band Concert- 7:30pm</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Seniors Last Day</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Trevor Landreth</p>  <p>13</p>	<p>BHS V Golf at Med. Lodge- 1:00pm BHS JV Golf at Cheney- 3:00pm BES Honor Choir/Band Concert- 7:00pm</p> <p>14</p>	<p>BHS TR at CPL Medicine Lodge- 4:00pm</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Abbey Burns Carlie Brack Jacob Smith Pat Warren</p>  <p>15</p>	<p>Happy Birthday- Abi Schoffstall</p>  <p>16</p>
<p>BHS Graduation- 2:00pm</p>  <p>17</p>	<p>BHS Golf at Regionals- TBA BHS Bsb/SB Regionals</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Tiffany Guardiola</p>  <p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>Happy Birthday- Jordan Haworth</p>  <p>21</p>	<p>AM Classes- Dismissal- 11:00am PM Teacher Prep End of Second Semester No Lunches Served BHS TR Regionals</p> <p>Last Day of School</p> <p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 Happy Birthday- Talon Griggs</p> 	<p>Memorial Day Observed</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Happy Birthday- Dakota Barnhart</p>  <p>26</p>	<p>Happy Birthday- Colleen Turner</p>  <p>27</p>	<p>Happy Birthday- Dustin Semisch</p>  <p>28</p>	<p>BHS TR at State- TBA BHS Bsb/SB State</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Nicole Moore Eric Esparza</p>  <p>29</p>	<p>BHS TR at State- TBA</p> <p>Happy Birthday- Lacey Lane</p>  <p>30</p>
<p>Happy Birthday- Charlotte Bisillia Jacob Hoffman</p>  <p>31</p>						