

HHS NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023

Holdrege High School
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March 1, 2023

To the Parents/Guardians of HHS Students -

Preparations have begun for the 2023-2024 school year. Students have entered their course selections into Infinite Campus and our guidance office is hard at work building the master schedule for next year. One addition to next year's schedule is the seminar period. Seminar is organized by grade level, below are some highlights to what will be happening in that period by grade level:

Freshmen: Health class, test taking strategies, career exploration, and flex time.

Sophomores: Pre-ACT preparation course, career exploration, and flex time.

Juniors: ACT preparation, job shadowing, and flex time.

Seniors: Financial literacy class, ACT preparation, resume/scholarship building, job shadowing, and flex time.

All grade levels have flex time. This is a time similar to a study hall, but the difference is that all teachers and students in the building have this flex time going on together. If a student needs help from a teacher, all teachers in the building are available as they are in flex time with their group of students and are not teaching class. Organizations can meet, job shadow experiences can take place, students can work on homework, teachers can arrange for students to meet with them for coursework, pep rallies/assemblies can happen, and necessary grade level class meetings can take place during flex time. This will be a valuable use of time that will enable a variety of activities to take place without disrupting classroom instruction time as has been the case in the past.

As we are preparing for this schedule change, two options are being explored. The first option involves seven class periods plus one for seminar. The second option is eight slightly shorter class periods plus one for seminar. As we continue to iron out schedule conflicts, we are learning that the eight period day plus seminar at the end may be the best choice to accommodate the majority of student wants and needs. Once our work is complete, students will be given their schedules and will have the opportunity to make schedule changes as we continue to prepare for the fall of 2023. Please call the HHS office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ham
Principal
Holdrege High School

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

- March 13-17 - NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- March 21 - Nebraska State ACT for Jrs
- March 24 - HHS Noon Dismissal, HHS Track Meet
- March 25 - Prom @ Holdrege HS Gym
- March 31-April 2 - The Wizard of Oz
- April 5 - MAPs Testing grades 9-11



YEARBOOK ORDER REMINDER

Just a reminder that the final DEADLINE to order yearbooks for this year is April 14. The cost is \$55. Please give money with order forms to Mrs. Steen in room 203.

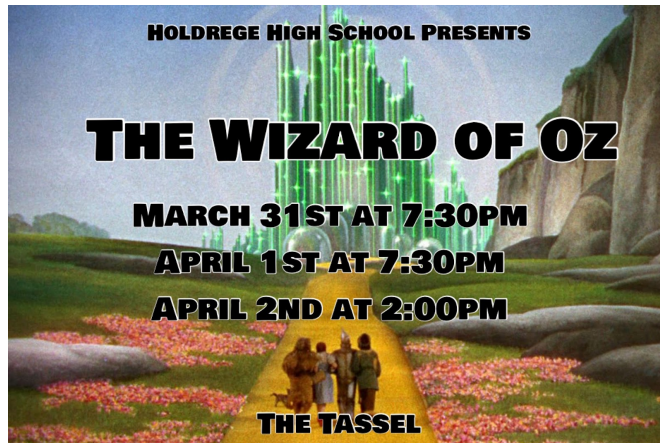
ALL students wanting to play competitive sports in the 2023-2024 school year must have a sports physical completed before they will be able to participate in practice or play. Sports physicals for next school year can be scheduled with your primary physician beginning in May. Hand in completed sports physicals to Kelli Hale in the main office.

Prom Information, March 25, 2023

Prom is an important and integral part of the school experience at Holdrege High School and for the Holdrege community. Prom provides an opportunity for students and faculty members to interact at a formal social event. Preserving prom as a formal social event and positive learning experience for students is a priority for Holdrege High School.

Everyone attending prom, including guests, are expected to dress and behave appropriately for a formal evening social event. As a reminder, the prom attire expectations are listed below. All Junior and Senior students received this information in October and have been encouraged to communicate with Mrs. Beerman, Mrs. Pearson, or Mr. Ham with any questions or concerns. The below must be met at all times, while reaching for the floor or for the ceiling:

- Students must be fully clothed, with a covered torso and shoes.
- Length of clothing must not be shorter than mid-thigh.
- Slits/openings must not be higher than mid-thigh.
- Cut-outs/openings or see-through material must be inline with all guidelines.
- Bare torso, see-through material on the torso, see-through material below the bustline, and plunging necklines are not allowed. Cuts below the bust line are unacceptable.
- Open backs may be acceptable, as long as the torso remains covered. Open back may not be cut below the natural waistline (lower than the naval.)
- Strapless or thin "spaghetti straps" are permitted as long as the garment fits properly in accordance with the above guidelines.



Holdrege High School will present
The Wizard of Oz
March 31st - April 2nd, 2023

We hope you will join us as we bring this heartfelt story of friendship,
adventure and discovery to life right here on the Tassel Stage!
There truly is No Place Like Home!

Tickets go on sale March 15th and will be available at the following locations:
Bruning Bank and First State Bank

Upcoming: MAPs testing

April 5th for 9th-11th grades

Please get plenty of sleep, eat breakfast, avoid being absent if possible, and have a charged computer ready.

The staff is working on some incentives for students that show growth, and we look forward to seeing the gains that our students make this school year!

Youth Art Month Celebrated by Holdrege High School Artists

At the State Capitol Building in Lincoln

The month of March is recognized nationally as Youth Art Month (YAM). To celebrate YAM at the state level, the Nebraska Art Teachers Association (NATA) hosts an annual art show at the Nebraska State Capitol building in Lincoln, Nebraska to recognize our talented young art students. The Youth Art Month (YAM) Show includes students' artwork who are in grades preK-12 from art educators from across the State of Nebraska.

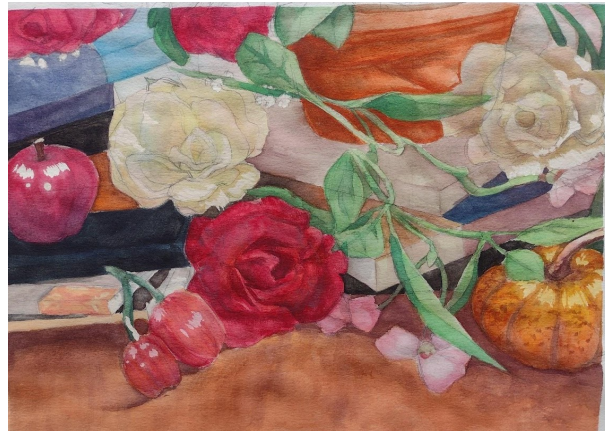
Mrs. Wiese chose artworks by Ava Pineda and Karlyn Smith to represent Holdrege High School. Ava and Karlyn will be recognized during a reception and awards ceremony at the State Capitol on Saturday, April 1, 2022 at 2:00pm.

Participating students:

Ava Pineda and Karlyn Smith



Ava Pineda, "Beauty School"
Graphite Pencil Drawing



Karlyn Smith, "Summer Solstice"
Watercolor Painting

**Check your student's grades on the internet.
Get your *Infinite Campus* password today!
Call the Holdrege High School Office for details.**



MASTER TEACHER AWARD: The Master Teacher Award was established in 1977 by the Holdrege Board of Education to recognize outstanding teaching in the Holdrege Public Schools. The award is presented at the May meeting of the Board. The Board may choose to give no award, one award, or no more than two awards in any given year. The recipient shall be currently teaching in the Holdrege Public Schools and have a record of outstanding teaching based on the growth of his/her students in the classroom and of the teacher himself/herself in his/her professional field.

Nominations submitted on the appropriate form will be accepted from any patron of the District. Nominations must be submitted no later than March 31st of each year. Members of the Board of Education will review nominations and make the final selection.

A Master Teacher Award plaque will be presented to each winner, and a cumulative plaque is displayed in the Central Office with the winners' names added as awarded.

March 2023 Guidance Office

- All students in grades 8-11 recently completed class requests for the 2023-24 school year. Once the master schedule is prepared, individual schedules will be created and students will then have the opportunity to look over their schedules and make changes. The class of 2024 will have the first opportunity to make changes followed by the underclassmen.
- All grades have a Google Classroom and current pre-registration information is posted.
- Peer tutors are available during the school day for students who may need some extra assistance. Stop by the Guidance office if you'd like to be matched with a tutor.



SENIORS

Stay on track for college by completing these second semester tasks:

- Watch your grades and finish strong!
- Complete the financial aid process if you've not already done so. Apply at fafsa.gov
- Continue to apply for scholarships. The list of available scholarships from the guidance office is updated continually. The Google classroom for the Class of 2023 is updated each time a new scholarship is available. It is organized according to the month of the application deadline. Each time material is added to the classroom, students receive an email notification. Online application links are included for scholarships as they are available. A list of scholarships is also on the Guidance Office page of www.dusters.org.

Many local scholarships will become available in the next few weeks. Check ScholarshipQuest at www.educaationquest.org for additional scholarship opportunities.

- Keep the Guidance Office informed of scholarships you have received.
- Make your final college selection. Notify the other colleges to which you have applied or been accepted so they can take you off their mailing list.
- Watch for notifications regarding your financial aid awards.
- Pay attention to deadlines for important things like accepting financial aid, providing information for FAFSA verification, college admission notices, housing deposits, and new student orientation and enrollment.
- If you are planning to enter the workforce upon graduation, make sure your resume is updated and ready for your job search.

JUNIORS

- The juniors are busy preparing for the statewide ACT that will be administered on March 21. Testing will take place at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. Students have John Baylor's On To College ACT prep available to them at no cost to help them prepare. Mrs. Beerman is utilizing this in English class but students can use it outside of class time for additional preparation in all areas of the subject tests.
- ACT scores are important for all students, especially those planning some type of post-secondary education. While scores are used for scholarship opportunities at all colleges, community colleges also use ACT scores to determine if students are prepared for college level classes. Doing your absolute best on the ACT may potentially save you a significant amount of tuition money, as well as earn you scholarships.
- If you are interested in taking the ACT again, check their website for specific information regarding when and where you may test. HHS will be a test site for the October and December 2023 dates but other dates are available in the area. Register at www.act.org.
- Use the spring of your junior year to visit colleges you are considering. These visits can be arranged online. You receive three days to visit during your junior and senior years. If you need help setting up these visits come into the Guidance office.
- The class of 2024 has a Google Classroom. Pertinent information is posted here as it becomes available. Special college events and job opportunities are a few of the items that are posted here. Students receive an email each time new material is added.
- Parents of juniors should be aware that financial aid for college bound students will be based upon the information from the 2022 tax returns. You will want to keep that information available for easy reference next fall.

SOPHOMORES

- The sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT in April. The exact date has yet to be determined.

Contact us:

HHS Guidance Office 995-8988

Email: julie.freburg@dusters.org

Follow the HHS Counseling Office on Twitter @HoldregeGO

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HHS Meals March 2023 - To find the most accurate and current menus each day for Holdrege HS, go to our website (dusters.org) and find “Lunch Menu” option as you hover over “Links” on the right hand side of the top banner, or use the links provided below:

HHS Breakfast Menu - March 2023

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/organizations/311/sites/2601/menus/35008?date=2023-03-01&view=monthly>

HHS Lunch Menu - March 2023

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/organizations/311/sites/2601/menus/28745?date=2023-03-01&view=monthly>

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yourlifeyourvoice.org
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The Holdrege Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment, in its programs and activities. The following person(s) has/have been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination:

**Title: Mr. Todd Hilyard, Superintendent of Schools
Address: 505 14th Avenue, Holdrege, Nebraska 68949
Phone #: 308.995.8663**

If parents, employees and students do not feel that their complaints regarding Title IX, Title VI, Section 504 have met with resolution at the local level, they can appeal their grievances to the regional Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. All appeals should be directed to the following address:

**Office for Civil Rights
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
Kansas City, MO 64114
816-268-0550
FAX: 816-823-1404; TDD: 800-437-0833**