

KERNEL BULLETIN

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When to take the ACT Test

Most people take the ACT at the end of junior year or the beginning of senior year. MHS counselors recommend taking it at beginning of the junior year for a number of reasons:

- Taking the ACT test your junior year will give you time to retake it if necessary. Most students want a composite score of 24, opening the door to scholarships.

- You will have covered most of the material on the ACT your junior year, and it will be fresh in your mind to take it in the spring and summer.

- You are likely to forget some material during the summer before your senior year and have less time to take retakes, take it your junior year.

- Taking the test your junior year will make it possible to get into popular colleges and apply for the early scholarships. Most colleges send out scholarships after you apply to the college in December.

Ultimately, when you choose to take the test depends on only one thing: YOU!

Registering for the ACT

To register for the ACT, you must first obtain an ACT registration packet. Your high school guidance counselor will have these packets available for you. If you can't get the packet through your high school, or you can register for the test by visiting ACT's website (www.act.org). Our school code is 420-890. You will need the code number when registering.

Baby photos needed for senior DVD

PARENTS OF SENIOR STUDENTS:

Mid-February you will receive a letter concerning a baby picture of your current senior.

The picture is yours to choose and will be placed on the 2011 Graduating Class DVD. Mrs. Fowkes will send out the specifics soon but should you be looking

through old photos, you may wish to select one at this time. ALL photos will be returned; however, if you prefer to scan a photo, that is fine as well. Please send scanned photos to erin.fowkes@k12.sd.us. Only one photo per student (please).

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erin Fowkes, Counselor.

Only two weeks left...

Mitchell Community Scholarship due March 1

This reminder is for all seniors and parents of seniors. The Mitchell Community Scholarship is FREE money to every graduating senior from Mitchell High School.

There is NO minimum GPA, class rank, anything. The only requirement is to fill out the application, which can be found at <http://www.mitchell.k12.sd.us/mhs/>

On the right side is the link "Scholarship Info" Click on the link and it will take you directly to the Mitchell Community Scholarship Application. You must have your application turned into Mrs. Fowkes by no later than March 1! Just bring it into the guidance office. THEN on May 17 you will receive your scholarship!

Questions? Please see Mrs. Thiesse, Mrs. Mills, or Mrs. Fowkes for assistance!

DATES TO REMEMBER...

February 18-21

No School - Presidents Day Feb. 21

February 18

ASVAB testing

March 3-4

MHS Blood Drive

March 9

End of 3rd Quarter

March 10-13

No School - Spring Break

March 14, 21, 28 and April 4

ACT prep classes, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

April 2

Empty Bowl Event at MHS cafeteria, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 9

Prom

April 9

ACT at MHS

April 12, 13, 14

Dakota STEP Test for all juniors

April 14

National Honor Society at MHS, 6 p.m.

April 18

Rotary Banquet at DWU

April 22-25

No School - Easter Break

May 11

District Employee Recognition at DWU, 6:30 p.m.

May 15

Baccalaureate at DWU, 7:30 p.m.

May 17

MHS Senior Awards Night at DWU, 7 p.m.

May 22

Graduation at Corn Palace, 2 p.m.

May 24

End of Semester (weather permitting)

ASVAB test available in February

Juniors and seniors may sign up for the ASVAB test in the counselors' office. The test will be Feb. 18 at 12:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Students can use the ASVAB to enlist in the Military after graduation and scores are good for two years. However, no one is under any obligation to the Military as a result of taking the ASVAB. Many students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in military occupations. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program includes eight individual tests covering verbal and math skills, mechanical knowledge, electronics, and several other areas. It also produces three Career Exploration Scores for Verbal Skills, Math Skills, and Science and Technical Skills. These three scores serve as one of several pieces of information about your child that can aid in the exploration of a wide variety of career options. The ASVAB is offered at no cost and no obligation to high school students.

MHS Prom to be held April 9

Planning is underway for the 2011 After Prom Party! Any parents interested in volunteering their time and talents to help plan this worthwhile event should contact Sheila Bruscher at 996-0349 or Lisa Neugebauer at 996-2754.

Empty Bowl Event at MHS on April 2

"Empty Bowls" is a nationally recognized charity project that raises money for local food banks. On April 2, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m, MHS Crafts classes will create stoneware bowls to serve a simple meal of soup and bread prepared by the ProStart cooking classes.



Participants will enjoy the meal and keep their bowl as a reminder of the problem of world hunger. We are looking for artists who might be interested in donating bowls or coming in to make a bowl as a guest for this event.

If you are interested, you may contact Marica Shannon at marica.shannon@k12.sd.us or call the school at 995-3034. Donations for a silent auction are also being accepted.

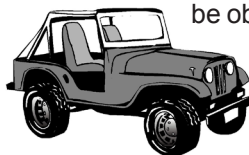
Drivers Education registration opens March 23

MHS will conduct Drivers Education registration on Wednesday, March 23.

Registration starts at 7 a.m. in the lobby of MHS. Students need to be age 14 or older by Oct. 1, 2011 to participate. Cost for 30 hours of theory (classroom) and 6 hours of driving experience is \$275, payable at registration.

One class of theory will be conducted April 13 to May 5 (M-F, except non-school days), 3:30-5:30. Two other theory classes will be conducted June 6-17 (9-12 and 1-4). All driving experiences will be conducted during June and July. Early registrations will not be taken.

Additional information may be obtained from Hugh Holmes, MHS, 995-3034. Cash or check, no credit/debit cards please.



ACT Prep Classes

DATES: March 14, 21, 28 and April 4 (all Mondays)
MHS Library 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Preparation classes before the ACT test - April 9 and June 11

The four session classes will include an overview of ACT and its contents, test-taking strategies for the ACT, review of the four content areas, and a test stimulation of each content. The test stimulation will be questioned used in previously ACT exams. The four sessions will be English, Mathematics, Reading and Science Reasoning. English will include example problems and standard written English. The Mathematics will include pre-algebra and elementary algebra, intermediate algebra and coordinate geometry, and plane geometry and trigonometry. The Reading will include prose fiction passage, social sciences passage, and natural sciences passage. The Science Reasoning will include data representation problem set, research summaries problem set, and conflicting viewpoints problem set. The cost is \$40 for the four sessions. Students will receive a booklet, which they can keep. Mitchell High School teachers will be teaching the class.

School Board Meetings

5 p.m. at MTI North

Feb. 28

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

May 9 & 23

Grief support group to meet

A local community grant will help MHS offer a *Surviving Grief and Suicide* support group led by Linda Logan, a licensed professional counselor.

The group will offer support for MHS students grieving the loss of a loved one from death, illness, suicide, divorce or any other type of loss. The group will meet March 1, 8, 15 and 22, 3:30 – 5:30 pm in the MHS Library.

Pre-registration is required; forms will be available in the MHS counseling office. This is a closed group with a commitment to attend all four sessions. Students will not be allowed to join once the program begins. For more information, contact the MHS Counseling department or Yvonne Palli, Principal.