



Benny's Bulletin



CLASS OF 2022

LAST DAY OF 1ST SEMESTER

Friday, December 17, 2021

FIRST DAY OF 2ND SEMESTER

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

SENIOR SUCCESS

Need extra help with college applications, scholarships, FAFSA, credit checks, etc.?

Wednesdays—3:15-5:15 pm

◆ December 1, 8, 15

Saturdays—9:00-11:00 am

◆ December 4, 18

Meeting in person in the Counseling Office
OR virtually through TEAMS.

Parents are also encouraged to attend if they have any questions.

1ST SEMESTER FINALS WEEK

**Monday,
December 13th** A Day Review

**Tuesday,
December 14th** B Day Review

**Wednesday,
December 15th** A Day Finals

**Thursday,
December 16th** B Day Finals

**Friday,
December 17th** A Day/
Makeup Day

Missing credits needed for graduation?

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY

Tuesdays & Thursdays—3:15-5:15 pm
CR class, room #, & teacher are listed at the bottom of your schedule on IC.

Contact Mrs. Mary Espinosa, Ms. Leslie Wilkinson, or your counselor with any questions.

ACADEMIC TUTORING

Available in the Library on

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
3:10–5:15 pm**

Subjects Offered: English, ESL, Freshman Seminar, Math, Science, & Spanish

VIRTUAL TUTORING

Available on TEAMS on

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
5:30–6:30 pm**

Subjects Offered: English, Math, & Social Studies

Questions/Concerns: Please refer to the weekly email from Mrs. Monica Burkholder. If you have problems logging into the Tutoring Team, email monica.burkholder@ops.org.

FAFSA

FAFSA is now available. Apply early to get the best financial aid. Refer to the email sent out by Mr. Pla on 10/04 for more information.

***If applying for the Buffett Scholarship, your FAFSA needs to be completed by the first week of January.**

EDUCATIONQUEST

FALL VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

December 8—9 am-noon

For more information, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#). The [EducationQuest](#) website also offers a lot of valuable information for seniors & planning for college.

INTERESTED IN BUYING A YEARBOOK?

Buy online [yearbooksforever](#)
Yearbooks are \$45. After **December 31st**, the price will increase to \$55.
Purchase early to save \$\$\$

If additional help is needed to help fill out your FAFSA, call the EducationQuest office at (402) 391-4033. The Omaha office is located at 11031 Elm St.



SUSAN THOMPSON BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition, books, & fees—renewable

To be eligible for this scholarship:

- Minimum of a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA
- Attending a Nebraska public college
- In need of financial assistance—Expected Family Contribution (EFC) below \$10,000
- Visit [The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation](#) for more information & to apply

Application closes:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.



GOODRICH SCHOLARSHIP

Tuition & general fees—renewable

To be eligible for this scholarship:

- In need of financial assistance
- Applied to & been accepted to the [University of Nebraska-Omaha](#)
- Apply for the [Goodrich Scholarship](#)

Application closes:

Tuesday, March 1, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

See Mr. Perez in the Counseling Office for more information

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

Counselors: Mrs. Gregor (Director; 9th grade DL), Mr. Carlson (R, T), Mrs. Kuhlman (M, N), Ms. Lagana (F, G, I, K, W), Mrs. Ludacka (9th grade Non-DL), Mr. Perez (C, D, E), Mr. Pla (H, J, O), Mr. Sagert (S, U, V, X), Mrs. Vidal (A, B, Z), & Ms. Wilkinson (L, P, Q, Y); **School Social Workers:** Ms. Greenberg & Ms. Pena; **Bilingual Liaison:** Ms. Zermeno; **Counseling Office Staff:** Mrs. Kues & Mrs. Villafuerte; **Counseling Office:** (531) 299-2789

FAFSA COMPLETION



See your email for the FAFSA information

- Step 1** | Apply to any college.
Visit their website, find the apply link, submit your application.
- Step 2** | Add College to Naviance.
In Naviance, add the college to your list, AND request transcripts
- Step 3** | Complete your FAFSA/CFE.
Complete either the FAFSA or the College Funding Estimator based on your eligibility.

Seniors who complete all three steps will earn a **\$10 gift card** to a local business

(Card will be issued in Advisement once FAFSA/CFE is verified)

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, 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.

UPCOMING COLLEGE/MILITARY REP VISITS

Below is a list of colleges/military branches that will be having reps available to speak with Omaha South seniors. These reps will be available in the auditorium during Senior Advisement.

12/02 US Army

12/08 University of Nebraska-Omaha

*Dates are subject to change. Additional colleges might be added to the list as well. Be sure to check the list on **Naviance**.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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ACT TEST DATES

Test Date:	Register By:
02/12/2022	01/07/2022
04/02/2022	02/25/2022
06/11/2022	05/06/2022
07/16/2022	06/17/2022

act.org

ACT Fee Waiver

ACT Fee Waivers are available for seniors who qualify for free/reduced lunch. See your counselor for more info-

JOB CORPS

FREE Technical College & Education for ages 16-24

See **Mr. Carlson** in the Counseling Center for more information!



FREE ACT TEST PRACTICE

- Log onto academy.act.org
- Click on "Access Student Learning Resources"
- Click on "Get the Free Study Guide" OR "Prueba de práctica libre" for a Free Practice Test & Study Guide that includes a full-length practice test; Overview of the ACT test & what to expect on tests day; & Access to general test-taking strategies
- OR Click on "Get the ACT Online Practice Test" to take official ACT practice tests in all 4 subject areas; Know exactly what you missed & what you didn't with a score report; Access related resources to improve your skills based on what you missed; & Retake the test as many times as you want
- IF you have already created an ACT account, just sign in OR click on "Create MyACT account" . If you have taken the ACT before or took it at South HS, you will click on "I registered or tested before". You will need your ACT Student ID # to do this.

USEFUL TIPS FROM BENNY FOR SENIORS

- ◆ **Check your school email often!!!**
- ◆ In addition to your school email, create a different email outside of school for colleges, FAFSA, etc.
- ◆ **KEEP** all usernames, passwords, pin codes, & your FSA ID # in a safe place (**NOT only in your phone**) as you will be using these often during your senior year!
- ◆ Be sure the email address listed for your parent(s)/guardian(s) is current on Infinite Campus!
- ◆ **Do NOT pay for any scholarship(s) or financial aid! See your counselor with any questions. Be aware of scams!**

MILITARY

Interested in possibly enlisting with the military?

Visit any of the following websites for more information:
[Nebraska Army National Guard](#)
[United States Air Force](#)
[United States Army](#)
[United States Coast Guard](#)
[United States Marine Corps](#)
[United States Navy](#)



OMAHA SOUTH HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL GRADUATION

Tuesday, May 24th @ 2 pm—Baxter Arena Practice—TBA