

DESHLER PUBLIC NEWS

DECEMBER 2017

Dates to remember:

2:00 dismissal - Wednesday, Dec 6th

No School – December 21 – January 3rd

School Resumes - Wednesday, January 4th

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Transfer Nebraska - A website for Dual Credit

Transfer Nebraska is a website that helps students see if the college credits they have taken or plan to take will transfer to the school or program that the student is interested in attending. Deshler Public students could easily take 12 or more dual credits at this time. The classes regularly offered through Dual Credit are: English Composition, Introduction to Literature, Psychology, and Sociology. Each of classes earn 3 college credits and the student earns high school credit as well; thus the name, “dual credit.”

Students can begin dual credit in their junior year with the Psychology and Sociology offerings. An ability to study independently and take rigorous coursework are requirements. The English classes, offered through SCC during the senior year, require students to achieve a minimum ACT English score of 18 to demonstrate eligibility.

Fortunately, the ACT college entrance exam will be offered at school on April 3, 2018. Every junior will have an opportunity to take the test at no charge to them; the results of the ACT will be used to qualify for some possible classes.

A college Calculus class will be pursued in the 2018-19 school year; students that have completed all of the Deshler High School mathematics curriculum and who achieve the qualifying score will be eligible.

The Transfer Nebraska website can be a truly valuable tool for students and their families as one part of the college planning process. If you would like more information or need other assistance, please see Mrs. Unruh, guidance counselor.

PreACT to be given to Sophomores

The Sophomores will take the Pre-ACT test this year. The test will help them know where they stand in relation to college readiness and give them some career planning tools like an interest inventory and college readiness feedback. With those results, sophomores can think about their college and career plans using solid information about themselves, their skills and interests.

JUNIORS USE THE ASVAB and ACT

Junior's took the (ASVAB) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. SFC Chad Schroetlin, the National Guard recruiter visited with the juniors to explain the scores. This test also provides an interest inventory and a chance to explore careers; which the students did under his direction. Some military careers correlate to civilian jobs. Juniors will also take the ACT this spring (April 3) at no charge. The ACT program also includes an interest inventory for students.

The ACT test will be given the day after Easter Vacation; students and families should take that under consideration while making your travel plans for Easter. It is best if students are well rested for the intensity of the ACT test.

EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

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New College Timeline will keep you on track to college

EducationQuest has launched a new [College Timeline](#) for students in grades 9-12 that spells out steps you should take during fall, winter, spring, and summer to plan for college.

The Timeline also allows you to add your own tasks, get reminders when it's time to complete tasks, and check off tasks when they're complete. You can access these features by creating and/or logging into your [MyEducationQuest](#) account at EducationQuest.org.

Check it out and give it a try. It will make the college planning process more manageable!

What to expect after you submit your FAFSA

The [FAFSA](#) opened October 1 so many of you have already completed and submitted your form. Here's what happens next:

Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR). You'll receive it via an email link if you provided an email address on your FAFSA. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received, and if you need to take further action to process your FAFSA.

Make sure you applied for admission to colleges you listed on your FAFSA. Colleges who receive your FAFSA results typically won't send you a financial aid package until you've applied and have been accepted to the school.

Watch for verification requests. The college(s) you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the colleges' financial aid office.

Watch for financial aid award notifications. The colleges you applied to – and listed on your FAFSA – will send you a financial aid award notification detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering based on your financial need.

This [EducationQuest Blog article](#) has more details about what happens after you submit your FAFSA.

Haven't completed your FAFSA yet?

No problem! You and a parent can complete the form at [FAFSA.gov](#). Before you start, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](#). You'll need them to access and sign the FAFSA.

For free help with the FAFSA, watch this [FAFSA Demo](#), use our free [FAFSA Tools](#), or call EducationQuest to make an appointment:

Omaha – 888.357.6300

Lincoln – 800.303.3745

Kearney – 800.666.3721

Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654

Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

Don't ever pay for scholarship searches! Use *free* resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. Free national sites include [Peterson's](#), [FindTuition](#), [Cappex](#), and [Chegg](#).

Visit your school counselor often for information about local scholarships.

Focus on local and college-specific scholarships because you're more likely to earn them.

Update your activities, honors, community service or paid jobs using the [Activities Resume](#) at EducationQuest.org.

Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores by taking the exam in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.

Use quality references such as a teacher, coach or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them advance notice and a specific deadline.

Tailor your essay to the scholarship. Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.

Want some inspiration? [Read](#) how one Nebraska student earned over \$65,000 in scholarships!

December "To Do" List

Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college planning track.

Seniors:

- If you haven't already, submit [college applications](#) and the [FAFSA](#).
- Continue to apply for scholarships.
- Use our [College Timeline](#) to stay on track to college.

Juniors

- Use our [College Timeline](#) to stay on track to college.
 - Take an ACT prep course.
 - Set up a [ScholarshipQuest](#) profile and start searching for Nebraska-based scholarships.
 - [Register](#) by January 12 for the February 10 ACT.
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For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha	Lincoln	Kearney	Scottsbluff
402-391-4033	402-475-5222	308-234-6310	800-303-3745 ext. 6654
888-357-6300	800-303-3745	800-666-3721	

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Together We Transform Lives

TEAMMATESSM

MENTORING
of DESHLER

Our Deshler TeamMates Mentoring chapter is in full swing! We have several mentors from the community that have started meeting with their mentee (student) once a week during the school day. TeamMates is a mentoring program that is available to any student, 3rd through 12th grade. Please contact Hannah Kane, program coordinator, if you would like to be an adult mentor or know a student that would benefit from meeting with another safe and caring adult friend.

Contact information: hannah.kane@deshlerdragons.org or 402-365-7272 ext 206.


Also, please join us on Friday, December 15th, during the Deshler vs. Franklin basketball games for a soft serve ice cream and brownie sundae fundraiser! Come support our TeamMates chapter and enjoy a treat!



December 2017 Breakfast Menus

Menus are subjected to change. Oatmeal served on Friday as choice. And Justice for all.


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					1 Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Mandarin Oranges Juice & Milk	2
3	4 Yogurt Cereal Apricot Juice & Milk	5 Blueberry Muffins Cereal Applesauce Juice & Milk	6 Cinnamon Rolls Cereal Pineapple Juice & Milk	7 Breakfast Wraps Salsa Strawberries Juice & Milk	8 Pancake on a Stick Grapes Juice Milk	9
10	11 Whole Wheat Donut Cereal Star Apple Juice & Milk	12 Cheese Stick Breakfast Bar Cantaloupe Juice & Milk	13 Breakfast Pizza Pears Juice Milk	14 Coffee Cake Cereal Tropical Fruit Juice & Milk	15 Cheesy Pretzel Cereal Banana Juice & Milk	16
17	18 Bagel Cereal Oranges Juice & Milk	19 English Muffin Sand. Peaches Juice Milk	20 Cinn. Breadstick Cereal Applesauce Juice & Milk	21 ----- No -----	22 No School -----	23
24	25 	26 -----	27 No School ---	28 -----	29 -----	30

December 2017 Lunch Menus

Menus are subjected to change. PBJ or yogurt are alternated entrée choices for Grade 4-6. Chef salads are available daily & optional entrée choices for Grade 7-12.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Bronco Busters Potato Smiles Cucumbers Apple Crisp Milk	5 Chinese chicken Rice Chinese Vegetable Garlic Breadstick Cucumbers Pineapple & Milk	6 Comdogs Sweet Potato Fries Peas Seasoned Pasta Strawberries Milk	7 BBQ Meatballs Cheesy Potatoes Veggies Dinner Rolls Grapes Milk	1 Cavatina Garlic Bread Green Beans Apricots Milk	2
10	11 Cheeseburger Oven Fries Baked Beans Cantaloupe Milk	12 Chicken Fried Steak Mash Potatoes Cooked Carrots Dinner Roll Pears & Milk	13 Tacos Iceberg Lettuce Salsa Coffee Cake Tropical Fruit & Milk	14 Sub Sandwiches Romaine Lettuce Tomatoes Doritos Bananas & Milk	15 BBQ Pork on Bun Coleslaw Green Beans Snicker Doodle Oranges & Milk	16
17	18 Stromboli Marinara Sauce Cooked Broccoli Seasoned Pasta Peaches & Milk	19 Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Iceberg Lettuce Spanish Rice Applesauce & Milk	20 Christmas Meal Turkey or Roast beef Corn Dinner Rolls Mash Potatoes Milk Oranges Cookie or Chocolate Dessert	21 ----- No -----	22 School -----	23
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