OAKLAND-CRAIG PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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DRIVER EDUCATION OFFERED DURING THE SUMMER OF 2009

If you have a student who would like to enroll in the summer driver education program, please call the school office (685-5661) to tentatively register your student. This early notice is to get an idea of how many students will be needing this class so we can plan on teaching staff and rooms required.

Classroom dates would be Monday through Friday scheduled during late May or early June. The actual dates have not been set yet. The actual classroom hours will be 5 days from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. with an hour for lunch break. These dates can NOT be missed. Students are required to have 30 hours of classroom instruction – and we can not waiver from that state mandate. Driving time will be individually arranged and will most likely run over the course of three or more weeks. If vacation plans happen during the driving time, be sure to mention that at the start of class so we can plan around your family plans.

The class is limited to 30 students – so call early to get your student registered. Your student must be 14 years old by the start of the 1st class.

The cost of the class is $175 for Oakland-Craig students with payment due the first part of May.

Note that several auto insurance companies offer savings – substantial savings - if the student has had driver education training and/or honor roll.

MUSIC DEPARTMENTS PLAN PROGRAMS

Senior choir members will be fundraising with Valentine Sing-a-Grams. Each Sing-a-Gram is $5.00 each. Order forms will be available a week in advance from any senior high choir member or selected Oakland-Craig businesses. Order will be due by Wednesday, February 11th and delivered Friday, February 13th. We're only able to do local deliveries.

Tuesday, March 10th will be the Junior-Senior High Choir Pops Concert to be held in the old gym at 7:30 p.m. Solos and ensembles will be featured in this concert of familiar pop tunes. Plans are being made for a "Knight of the Arts"….. and may include speech, choir, drama, art and perhaps some dessert to top off the evening. Please plan to attend.

The Oakland-Craig Band's Winter Concert will be held on Monday , March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym. This concert will feature the Junior High and Senior High School Bands.

The 5th grade will be attending an 11:10 performance of the Omaha Symphony Concert for Youth on Friday, February 20 at the Omaha Holland Art Center. Details will follow.

Oakland-Craig Band Boosters are being organized. If you would like information or would like to be on the Booster Committee, contact Mr. Beavers.

SPEECH TEAM 2008-2009

The 2009 speech season will kickoff at Stanton on January 31. All twenty three Oakland-Craig competitors will be speaking. Oakland-Craig is returning sixteen speakers and is welcoming seven newcomers aboard. The team is looking forward to a fun season. We would like to remind everyone that our schedule can be seen on the Oakland-Craig website. We hope to see some of you at our meets throughout the year!

O-C SCIENCE FAIR

On Monday, April 20th, we will be hosting an open house for our science fair. It will be held in the old gym from 6:30 to 7p.m. Come and see the projects and cheer on award winners, which will be announced at 7p.m. Thanks for all of your help with the projects. We're looking forward to having another successful science fair!

SOME SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
Tuesday, March 17th – 5:30 – 8:30
Thursday, March 19th – 5:30 – 8:30

SIOUXLAND BLOOD BANK DRIVE
Tuesday, March 17th – 9:00 – 3:00
Old Gym

NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS
Friday, March 20th - P-T Conference week

WE ARE NOT LACKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO!!!

The following list has been compiled to show the sub-district, district, and state activities in which Oakland-Craig is involved during the months of February and March.

UPCOMING DISTRICT AND STATE ACTIVITIES

February 7	EHC Wrestling Tournament @ Tekamah-Herman
February 13 & 14	District Wrestling @ TBA
February 16, 17, 19	C2-6 Sub-District Girls Basketball @ Wisner-Pilger
February 19, 20, 21	State Wrestling @ Omaha
February 23, 24, 26	C2-6 Sub-District Boys Basketball @ Wisner-Pilger
February 27	C2-6 District Final Girls Basketball @ TBA
February	C2-6 District Final Boys Basketball @ TBA
March 5, 6, 7	State Girls Basketball @ Lincoln
March 4	Speech Districts
March 12,13, 14	State Boys Basketball @ Lincoln
March 19	C1 State Speech @ Kearney

IN ADDITION, WE HOST THE FOLLOWING TOURNAMENTS

February 16, 17, 19	C1-4 GBB Sub-District Tournament
February 23, 24, 26	C1-4 BBB Sub-District Tournament

JUST A REMINDER

We are still collecting the following labels or coupons on grocery items that you purchase:

Box Tops for Education (off General Mills products)
Campbell Soup Labels
Labels for Learning (off Our Family products – need only the UPC code)

-and- pop tabs. This is a project of our Student Council. These go toward helping the Ronald McDonald House. Send your pop tabs with your student to either the elementary or high school offices.

Thank you so much for your help in the past with these projects. In the past few months, we've received $300.00 from Labels for Learning and $280.00 from Box Tops!

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECONDARY PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Due to the increasing school lunch charging, we will be using the following procedure:

If a student exceeds a $20 charge, he/she will be issued a note stating how much they're overdrawn. They will be given until the end of the week to make this account positive. The following Monday, the student will be denied school lunch if the account is not settled.

STUDENT COUNCIL WILL HOST SIOUXLAND BLOOD BANK DRIVE

On March 17, 2009, the Oakland-Craig Student Council will host a blood drive with the Siouxland Blood Bank.

The bloodmobile will be located in the OLD gym at Oakland-Craig. Donation times are available between 9:00 and 3:00. You can schedule an appointment by calling the school office 685-5661.

Oakland-Craig is trying to win a scholarship from the Siouxland Blood Bank, based on the number of donors we have at our Student Council sponsored blood drive. We're half way there, far surpassing our minimum number of donors at the October blood drive. Please help us meet this goal!

The Siouxland Blood Bank supplies the Oakland Memorial Hospital with all their blood requirements and needs. This is such a worthy cause to support our local hospital. Thank you for your support of this blood drive.

ATTENTION: JUNIORS

The ACT Test is scheduled for SATURDAY, APRIL 4 with a February 27th registration deadline and JUNE 13 with a May 8th registration deadline

The SAT Test is scheduled for March 14, May 2 and June 6.
Registration deadlines are February 10, March 31 and May 5.

It is recommended that you register on-line (requires a credit card to do so) at the following sites:
ACT - **www.actstudent.org**
SAT - **www.collegeboard.com**

Our school code # is 281-650.

ACT preparation classes will start in February for Juniors at a cost $30.00 per student. Call the guidance office to sign your child up.

Some registration packets are located in Mrs. Johnson's office. Please complete these before the deadline in order to ensure that you are able to be at the testing site where you wish to test. If you miss the deadline, there is an additional fee that you will have to pay in order to take the test. A reminder – it is recommended that juniors take the test in April in preparation for the senior year.

Software is available to students to assist you in preparing for the ACT test. The CD's are found in Mrs. Johnson's office. They are MAC and PC compatible. These CD's

must be taken care of. You may check them out for as long as necessary. But if you damage or lose them, you will pay a fine of $75.

CLOSE-UP

Close-up students are nearing the end of their year of fund raising for their week of exploration, fun and study in Washington DC from March 22 through March 28, 2009.

With 10 students participating this year, we appreciate the community support they have received in helping them raise their money.