



Counselors' Corner

Garden City High School
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Counselors' Corner is published for 9th-12th grade students and their parents. It contains important information, upcoming dates, and deadlines. *Please do not respond to this mass email as replies will not be answered.* If you have questions, please contact your student's counselor. Thank you!

JUNIORS and SENIORS: Important announcements regarding dates and deadlines will be sent out to your school email. Please make sure you are checking your email daily.

Night School

Students can earn additional credits by taking a class or two after school two days a week. English, Math, Speech, US History, and Government classes are offered. *See your academy counselor by January 24th to enroll. Night School begins on Monday, January 27th.*

**Congratulations
to the 43 new
National Honor Society
members!**

**Congratulations
to the sophomore
HOBY representative
for GCHS---
Clariza Melendez!**

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL
STUDY HALL**
Monday - Thursday: 3:15-4:15pm
Location: GCHS Library

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on January 20th at 7:00pm in the GCHS Auditorium.

COMPLETE YOUR 2019-2020 FAFSA

FAFSA assistance is open to the public (e.g., high school seniors, parents of students, etc.). You do not have to attend GCCC to participate! A GCCC financial aid officer is available to answer your questions and help you with your FAFSA.

Located in the GCCC Financial Aid Office

Questions? 620-276-9519 or
finaid@gcccks.edu

GCCC Financial Aid, 801 Campus Drive,
Garden City, KS 67846

GCCC school code is 001919

www.fafsa.gov

Semester School

Students who failed a first semester class (except night school and dual credit) with 50-59% as their final grade, qualify for semester school. Students and parents need to check their grades in Skyward.

Students who wish to recover these credits, should report to the Arts & Communications SLC at 3:15 on Monday, January 13th.

Students complete work necessary to raise their grade to a D (60%).

Semester school is scheduled for January 13th – 23rd, 3:15-5:30pm.



DON'T FORGET!

NO SCHOOL
January 31st –
Teacher Inservice in morning

ACT®
February 8 Test

Registration Deadline: Jan. 10th
GCHS School Code: 171-065

This is the national test date and the test is administered at GCCC. Students must pay for this test.

Register at:
www.actstudent.org



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL	7	8	9	10 ACT Deadline for Feb. 8 test Meeting to review PSAT scores at 11:30 9 th graders take the ASPIRE test	11
12	13 FHSU rep at GCHS Semester School begins after school	14 Semester School	15 10 th graders take CTC Survey Semester School Wyo-Tech rep at GCHS Club Fair during Mentor Times	16 Semester School	17	18
19	20 Semester School 7:00pm - NHS New Member Induction Ceremony	21 Semester School	22 Semester School	23 Semester School	24	25
26	27 Night School begins after school 7:00pm: Junior College Planning and PreACT Score Presentation	28	29	30	31 NO SCHOOL 1-3:00pm- Snacks and Apps in library	

Garden City Police Department Student Academy

The Garden City Police Department will host its annual Student Police Academy. Applications are available from the School Resource Officers at Garden City High School and the GCPD. The Student Police Academy is a comprehensive educational program designed to foster the partnership between law enforcement and the students of Finney County. It is a seven (7) week program designed to provide a working knowledge and background of the Garden City Police Department. Instruction will consist of demonstration, tours, lecture and hands-on activities. ***The deadline to apply is January 11, 2020.*** Questions regarding the Academy may be directed to any School Resource Officer or by calling the Police Department at 276-1300.

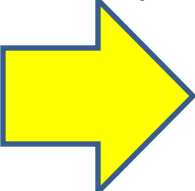
What Do Test Scores Mean?

Juniors who took the **PSAT** in October will meet with Mrs. Armstrong on Friday, January 10th at 11:30, to review PSAT scores and to discuss the College Board's Opportunity Scholarships.

Juniors who took the **Pre ACT** this past fall are invited, along with their parents, to attend a meeting on January 27th at 7pm to review their PreACT scores and discuss how to prepare for their February ACT test and for college.

Find out how to use your test scores to your benefit!

Special Accuplacer Testing Options at GCCC



WHO: Juniors who would like to take Dual Credit GCCC Math and/or English classes next year as a senior

WHO: Seniors who are going to be attending GCCC next year

WHAT: Need to take the Accuplacer test at GCCC to be placed in the correct English and Math classes

WHEN/HOW: Sign-up in the GCHS Career Center for more info.

Snacks and Apps

LOOKING FOR \$\$\$\$\$\$ FOR COLLEGE?
THERE ARE MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!
Seniors come check out the open scholarships and work on completing applications.

Friday, January 31----1:00- 3:00pm

GCHS Library

*****☺Snacks and drinks are provided☺*****



Say hello to Xello!

(It is an updated and improved version of our previous program, Career Cruising.)

Xello is an engaging online program that helps students build the skills, knowledge and plans to be future ready. The program uses an investigative, discovery-based learning process. Students better understand themselves, their future career options, and the 21st century skills they'll need to succeed.

Garden City High School's Individual Plan of Study process:

10th, 11th, and 12th graders will start working on Xello on Tuesday, January 7, during mentor time. 9th graders will have a different schedule for Xello due to the Aspire test they will be taking on January 10th. Students will be completing three assessments during the first week. These assessments will help students understand their interests, personalities, and learning styles. Xello then uses their assessment results to provide information about careers that relate to the students' assessment results. Students will continue working on Xello during mentor time during the second week of the semester. They will explore careers and personalize their Xello account. Students will work on Xello during the third week to explore colleges and majors. We will be holding student-led Individual Plan of Study Conferences again, like last year, in February. Students will summarize their Xello information and present their goals and plans for their future during their conference.

The College Board Opportunity Scholarships

www.cb.org/opportunity

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action. JUNIORS can start this process and earn money NOW!!!

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| 1. Build Your College List: | \$500 | Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in. |
| 2. Practice for the SAT: | \$1,000 | Use Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® to get ready for test day. |
| 3. Improve Your Score: | \$2,000 | Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score. |
| 4. Strengthen College List: | \$500 | |
| 5. Complete the FAFSA: | \$1,000 | Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. |
| 6. Apply to Colleges: | \$1,000 | Apply to the schools you want to attend. |

Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship