

# STUDENT SERVICES

## Newsletter

### Term 3 Events

**January 26th** - South Dakota Girls State

Applications Due

**February 1st** - Parent/Teacher Conferences 5pm-9pm

**February 28th** - PreACT Exam for Sophomores

**March 6th** - End of 3rd Quarter

### Reminders:

**PARENTS:** Be sure to sign up with the CHS Parent Email Listservs, so you can stay in the know of information and opportunities for your student.

Links to the 9th-12th grade parent email listservs can be found on the [Student Services Webpage](#).





# SENIOR NEWS



## GET YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS!!



Second semester students will see a great increase in the number of scholarship opportunities, and will feel the demand of needing to complete more applications. Students want to be sure to keep a close eye on the Scholarship Webpage to see what applications are available. Seniors will receive a weekly email of what scholarships are due that week and the following week. Weekly deadlines will also, be posted in the announcements in Campus.

We want all of our students who graduate from CHS to have a plan for a successful future and the means to achieve it. One way that we can help them with that is by **STRONGLY** encouraging our students to apply for scholarships. There are billions of dollars out there for students to access to help pay for their future education and endeavors, they just have to be willing to take the time to find those opportunities and fill out the applications.

Here are just a few of the ways that students can find scholarship opportunities:

- **CLICK HERE** to access the CHS Scholarship Webpage
- Scholarship Search Engines – a link to a list of search sites can be found on the CHS Scholarship page
- Contact the post-secondary schools that the student has applied to, each school has scholarship opportunities of their own

## REMEMBER!

Graduation Caps and Gowns can be ordered through [Jostens.com](http://Jostens.com).

**CLICK HERE** to be directed to ordering just a Cap & Gown for \$37.95.

If you need assistance in getting a cap and gown, please reach out to your assigned School Counselor.



# MORE SENIOR NEWS

## 24-25 FAFSA APPLICATION OPEN NOW!!

If Seniors are planning to attend college in the fall, and are looking to apply for Financial Aid, the 24-25 FAFSA application is now open!

The FAFSA is the only way an eligible student is able to receive federal financial aid, such as grants and student loans. Please be aware of scammers; you will **NEVER** have to pay to file the FAFSA.

CHS had a Financial Aid Night in Term 1 – A video of the presentation, along with the PowerPoint can be found on the [Student Services Webpage](#).

The student applying for financial aid, along with at least one parent/guardian MUST create an FSA ID. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the instructions on how to do that BEFORE filling out the FAFSA.

[CLICK HERE](#) to start the process to file the FAFSA. In order for your student to get the best financial aid package possible, you will want to file for the FAFSA as soon as you can.

### Helpful Info:

- Students will want to be sure to put the college(s) they have applied to or will apply to on their FAFSA form so they will receive an award letter from those schools. Sometimes financial aid plays a factor in deciding where a student will attend, so that is why they want to make sure all of the schools they applied to are on their FAFSA.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHS EARLY GRADS!

Brooklyn Bohling  
Tayden Borge  
Peyton Brust  
Mackenzie Bunke  
Rhett Burilovich  
Alex Carrico  
Tristyn Collins  
Melissa Maura De la Guardia Gomez  
Anthony Gardner  
Presley Girdeen  
Schylar Groneberg  
Kyaw Thein Han  
Summer Hieb  
Caleb Hubert

Celeste Hudson  
Jordan Jones  
Nycholas Kaufman  
Jasmine Khaing  
Gay Htoo Khet  
Maddox Kirschman  
Lucas Kopecky  
Carson Krumm  
William Lammon IV  
Adisyn Leslie  
Taylor Linke  
Estelle Marzenell  
Bodhi Miller  
McKellan Moore

Jayley Moss  
Ethan O'Connell  
Wyatt Olson  
Alex Reinbold  
Hailey Schaffer  
Trinity Schaffer  
Ramsey Schaunaman  
Kaidon Scott  
Ethen Simonson  
Robert Smith  
Bodey Tracy  
Matthew Weig  
Landon Wipf  
Cody Wolter





THE BUILD DAKOTA  
SCHOLARSHIP

# ready. set. go!

EVENT

## 01.17.24

January Seventeen, Twenty-four  
10:00 am- 1:00 pm

Lake Area Technical College  
Campus Event Center (Level 4)  
1201 Arrow Ave NE  
Watertown, South Dakota

For more details and registration visit  
[www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu)

### ready. set. go!

High school juniors and seniors are invited to Lake Area Tech College to learn how to get **READY** to earn a Build Dakota Scholarship with a Stretch-the-Million industry partner! This is an excellent opportunity to get **SET** and make connections with prospective employers ready to partner with students pursuing specific hands-on careers in South Dakota. You will be provided a lunch, tour of campus, and an application "tips & tricks" info session with Lake Area Tech staff who work with Build Dakota on a daily basis and will get you ready to **GO**. Plus, enter for a chance to win **\$500** campus cash!



LAKE AREA  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

# ACT EXAM

**SENIORS:** Those who are planning to attend a 4-year college/university, should have already taken the ACT, possibly more than once. However, seniors do have until June to take the ACT to try and earn a score of 24 or higher for the SD Opportunity Scholarship.

**JUNIORS:** April is nationally the most common exam date for juniors to take the ACT for the first time, as ACT recommends students get through as much of their junior year coursework, such as Chemistry, Algebra 2, English 3, prior to taking the exam.

Registration and payment for the ACT exam is all done online. Students can apply online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for ACT exam.

Below are the remaining test dates for the school year:

- **February 10th ACT Exam** – Regular registration deadline passed
  - Late Fee Registration Deadline – January 22nd
- **April 13th ACT Exam** – Registration Deadline March 8th

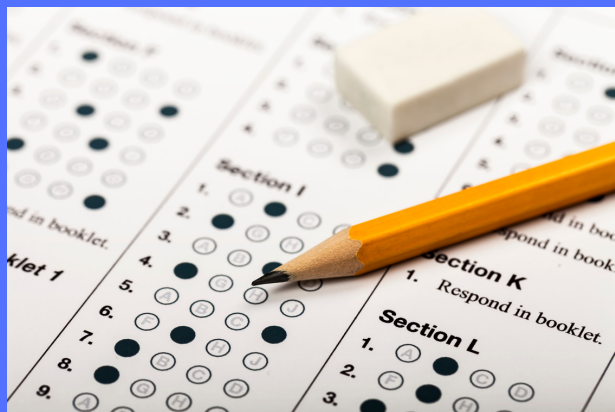
Testing sites do fill up – So the sooner students register the better the chances are to get into the desired site.

## ACT Fee Waiver:

Students who are on Free/Reduced Lunch are eligible for up to 4 Fee Waivers – Students should see their assigned School Counselor for more info.

## College Course Placement & ACT Sub Scores

- **Math:** Some colleges have waived the ACT score requirement for Math placement and may go off GPA and high school Math grades
- **English:** Students must score an 18 or higher English sub score to not take remedial English coursework



# PREPARE FOR THE ACT!

We advise students to not go into this exam unprepared! Students can take this exam up to 12 times – colleges and scholarship committees take the best score.

Some even take the ACT SuperScore!

Here are some practice resources:

- **SDMyLife Methodize Test Prep** - All students have access to this FREE ACT Prep Program through their SDMyLife student accounts.
- **ACT Test Practice Site** - Link to site is also on the Student Services Webpage
- **McGraw/Hill ACT Practice tests** – link to practice tests is on Student Service Webpage
- **Library** - ACT prep books available for checkout
- **Student Services** - Hard copies of the ACT Practice Booklets



# JUNIOR CONFERENCES

It's Junior Conference time again!! We are very excited for this opportunity to work one on one with our juniors to help them plan their last year of high school and answer any questions they may have about post-secondary planning.

**ALL** juniors are required to schedule their Junior Conference to meet with their assigned School Counselor by the designated deadline below. Students can schedule their conference with their assigned School Counselor through Mrs. Teply in Student Services. These conferences are for students only, parent/guardians are not expected to attend.

**\*\*Mrs. Stadel's students (H-O) will want to complete their conferences ASAP, as she will be going on maternity leave in March\*\***

Here are the School Counselor specific deadlines:

- Mrs. Cooper (A-G) - Friday, April 26th
- Mrs. Stadel (H-O) - Friday, March 1st
- Mrs. Knuppe (P-Z) - Friday, April 26th
- Mrs. Larson (A-Z: All IEP students) - Friday, April 26th

If a junior does not get their conference completed by the deadline, they **WILL NOT** receive open campus first semester of senior year.

Students are responsible for scheduling their own conference. Conferences can be scheduled to be held during the following times:

- Before or after school
- During Super Study
- During an Elective class block
  - Students will not be allowed to miss a CORE class for a conference.

During these conferences we will do credit checks with the student, go over senior year planning, post-secondary plans, information on the ACT, the post-secondary education application process and much more. This is an excellent opportunity for juniors to get their questions answered and to make plans for a successful and productive senior year!

## SCRUBS Camp in Aberdeen!

Aberdeen Scrubs Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Jewett Regional Science Center on the campus of Northern State University. As part of the South Dakota Department of Health – Office of Rural Health's career exploration initiatives, Scrubs Camps aim to spark interest in health careers among high school students. This day-long event provides a unique opportunity for students to delve into various health fields, guided by local professionals and academic programs. This camp is free of charge & limited to the first 90 students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge.

### Aberdeen Scrubs Camp

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00 AM- 3:00 PM CST (Check in at 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM)

at Northern State University – Jewett Regional Science Center  
1200 S Jay St, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Registration Forms available at [www.nesdahec.org/scrubs](http://www.nesdahec.org/scrubs)

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 8, 2024

Please send signed & completed forms to:

By mail: Northeast AHEC, 201 S. Lloyd St. Suite W270, Aberdeen, SD 57401 **OR** By email: [m.titus@nesdahec.org](mailto:m.titus@nesdahec.org)



# VISIT COLLEGES!!

\*CLICK ON THE COLLEGE NAME TO BE DIRECTED TO THEIR VISIT WEBPAGE. VISITS CAN BE SCHEDULED ONLINE. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ATTEND A LARGE GROUP VISIT DAY YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOUR OWN INDIVIDUAL VISIT TOO.

## **South Dakota State University**

- CAFES Day in the Life - January 22nd
- Junior Day - February 10th
- Honors Visit Day - February 23rd
- Jackrabbit Preview Day
  - February 2nd
  - February 16th
  - March 8th

## **University of South Dakota**

- Coyote Visit Days
  - March 1st
  - March 22nd

## **Dakota State University**

- DSU Discover Day
  - February 16th
  - March 1st

## **Northern State University**

- Northern Bound Day
  - February 16th

## **Mount Marty University**

- Theater Visit Day - January 13th
- Nursing Visit Day - February 9th
- Spring Open House - March 16th

## **University of Sioux Falls**

- Accepted Student Day
  - February 19th
  - March 1st

## **Augustana University**

- Art Invitational - February 2nd
- Around the World - February 3rd

## **Southeast Technical College**

- Campus Visit Day
  - February 2nd
  - March 1st

## **Mitchell Technical College**

- Exploration Day
  - January 25th
  - February 29th

## **South Dakota School of Mines & Technology**

- Go to SDSMT website to register for an individual visit

## **Black Hills State University**

- BHSU Preview Day - March 22nd

## **Dakota Wesleyan University**

- Tiger Preview Days - March 22nd

## **Lake Area Technical College**

- Senior Tech Day - January 31st

## **Western Dakota Technical College**

- Students can schedule visits through WDT's website.



# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM



## HOME INTERNET ACCESS IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERY STUDENT'S SUCCESS.

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides eligible households with up to a \$30 discount off their monthly internet bill or a \$75 per month discount on Tribal lands. It also provides one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider when the eligible household contributes at least \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase.

### **YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOUR STUDENT RECEIVES FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH OR BREAKFAST!**

*Does your student participate in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision?*

### **IF THE ANSWER IS YES, YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM.**

You may also qualify if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or a member of the household participates in certain federal assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI or WIC, or Tribal assistance programs.

Lifeline program participants also automatically qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1. Go to [GetInternet.gov](https://www.GetInternet.gov) to submit an application or print a mail-in application
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

*Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.*

**Contact us**



605-698-7654 X 122



[olivia@growsd.org](mailto:olivia@growsd.org)



# NSU Hackathon Night

Build an AI text summarizer with  
little to no coding experience!



**Learn about APIs, HTML, CSS, and Javascript!**  
*(and also eat pizza)*



**Psst! You don't need to know how to code!**

**Monday, Jan. 15th 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**at the CETL lab in the NSU Library**

Prepare to spend 2-3 hours building this project!

Bring your computer, excitement about AI,  
and an empty stomach!

No computer? We can provide one!

Want to get a head start? Scan the QR code!

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

**What's a hackathon and why should I go?** RSVP *(so we have enough pizza)* here:

- Building a full-stack app for text summarization with AI capabilities for reference in a professional portfolio or resume
- Practical experience and skill development to stand out in a competitive tech industry job market
- Expertly navigating Postman to explore real world APIs and generating code to include in applications
- Also, pizza...



Questions? Email Joshua Citrak at [Empowering.Innovators@Northern.edu](mailto:Empowering.Innovators@Northern.edu)



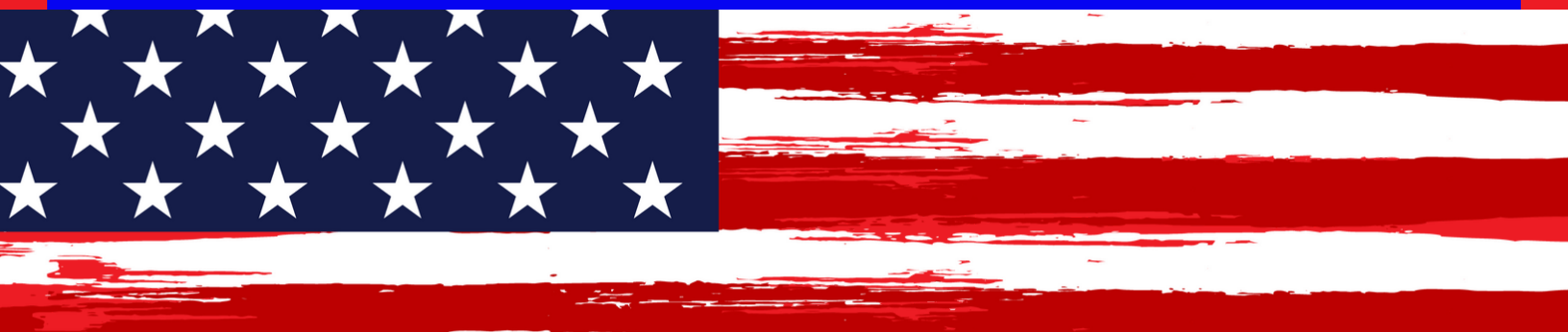
# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is an excellent opportunity for girls who are juniors in high school, which brings together girls from all over South Dakota to experience a week of "training in citizenship and government." It opens up future scholarship opportunities and is an excellent addition to a student's resume.

According to the ALA Girls State website, "In essence, ALA Girls State is a laboratory of political science. Each participant takes an active part in the week's activities and learns that her government is just what she makes it. As future voters and office holders, ALA Girls Staters' gain a thorough understanding of the workings of government."

For more information on this program, please go to the **Student Services Webpage** for a link to the website, that is found under "Programs."

Junior girls who are interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity just need to fill out the "Statement of Interest" form, that is located on the **Student Services Webpage** and turn the form in to Mrs. Cooper in Student Services by January 26th, 2024.



# AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

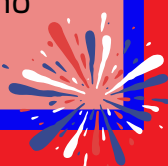
American Legion Boys State is an excellent opportunity for boys who are juniors or seniors in high school, which brings together boys from all over South Dakota to experience a week of learning, collaborating, and engaging in various government and political systems. It opens up future scholarship opportunities and is an excellent addition to a student's resume.

According to the American Legion Boys State website, "American Legion Boys State of South Dakota is the premier summer program for enabling South Dakota youth's understanding of the system of government in South Dakota and the United States. In addition to a program that includes sessions led by South Dakota government leaders, the citizens of Boys State create and operate their own mythical state government."

For more information on this program, and to apply online, please go to the **Student Services Webpage** for a link to the website, which is found under "Programs." Boys in their Junior or Senior year can attend, but can only attend one of those years.

The deadline to apply for Boys State is May 1st.

Application spots are limited and are granted on a first come, first serve basis. Students who submit an application should inform their assigned School Counselor of their application submission.



# PREACT EXAM FOR SOPHOMORES

We will be offering the PreACT exam to our sophomore students. This is an optional exam for students, that will be given on Wednesday, February 28th, beginning at 7:30am in the Auxiliary Gym. The cost for the exam is \$18, and payable on the day of the exam.

\*Because this is an optional exam, there WILL NOT be a makeup option.\*

Students will be able to sign up online via a Google Doc. All sophomores will receive an email on Monday, February 5th, with instructions on how to sign up to take the exam.

## What is the PreACT?

It is a way to help students prepare for the ACT exam. The ACT exam is a college entrance exam that students will typically take spring of their junior year. The PreACT is modeled after the ACT and utilizes old ACT exams to make an assessment that will help students get an idea of what they may score on the future ACT exam. This assessment can also help students more adequately select their courses for junior year, and develop a plan to improve any weaknesses to help increase future ACT scores.

It is never too early to have our students start planning for life after high school, and this exam is one way to help with their planning process.

Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** for more information on the benefits of having your student take the PreACT.



## ASD Foundation Dual Credit Book Reimbursement

The Aberdeen Public School Foundation offers Book Reimbursement to all CHS students who take Dual Credit courses.

Students just need to save the receipts from their book purchases and turn them in to Mrs. Sutton in the Main Office, along with the completed Book Reimbursement form to receive up to \$50 back per class.

**[CLICK HERE](#)** to access the Book Reimbursement Form.





## OUR DAKOTA DREAMS ONLINE TUTORING PROGRAMS

OUR DAKOTA DREAMS OFFERS FREE  
ONLINE TUTORING FOR ALL K-12  
SOUTH DAKOTA STUDENTS THROUGH  
TWO UNIQUE PROGRAMS.

Students and Parents,

I'm excited to tell you about an addition to our Dakota Dream's Online Tutoring Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Dakota Dreams is now offering two amazing learning opportunities, Tutor Tracks and Homework Help.

### TUTOR TRACKS (1ST-8TH GRADE)

Tutor Tracks is a seven-week, guided tutoring program, available for students in grades 1-8, designed to firm up your student's foundations in Reading, Grammar or Math. These sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes, twice a week, with tutor-led lesson plans.

### HOMEWORK HELP (K-12TH GRADE)

Dakota Dreams offers online tutoring for homework help on an as-needed basis for K-12 students. Sessions can be scheduled ahead of time or accessed on-demand during program hours as students need help or have questions on schoolwork.

These two programs are staffed with university students pursuing education degrees at Black Hills State University and Northern State University.

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT  
[OURDAKOTADREAMS.COM/ONLINE-TUTORING](https://ourdakotadreams.com/online-tutoring)

OR SCAN  
THE QR CODE



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