

BULLETIN
Thursday, December 5, 2019

Character Trait of the Month is Empathy (Caring and Sharing): Putting yourself in someone else's shoes.

The great gift of human beings is that we have the power of empathy.

Dates to Remember: December 23 – January 3 Christmas Vacation – No School

ASVAB Results for those juniors and seniors who took it will be reviewed on **Thursday, December 12th**. Juniors with the last names beginning A - J will meet at 12:15 in the library lab. Juniors with last names beginning K - Z and seniors who took it will meet around 1:15 or so.

HOMECOMING SHIRTS - The West Plains Bank will purchase homecoming shirts to give away during the homecoming games on January 10th and you get to choose the design! Everyday this week (12/2-12/6) during lunch, 5 envelopes with 5 designs by Mrs. Smith's students will be on display for you to vote on.

1 penny = 1 vote

This DOES NOT MEAN WE ONLY TAKE PENNIES! A dollar bill = 100 votes and larger bills work the same way! :) All money collected for votes will go to Comets Who Care. The design with the most votes will be our homecoming shirt.

**MR AND MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS -
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CLUBS AND CANDIDATES**

Collection cans for Mr. and Miss Merry Christmas will be out this week at school as well as in the businesses listed below. Your club is raising money by participating! The winning organization (or class) keeps 100% of the collection, 1st runners up keep 60%, and 2nd runners up keep 40%. All other proceeds go to the Alton Culture Club, who will use it to help fund a large purchase made this year for new town decorations. **1 penny = 1 vote** This **DOES NOT MEAN WE ONLY TAKE PENNIES!** A dollar bill = 100 votes and larger bills work the same way!

Let The Penny War Begin!

Candidates are:

Drama Club - Laura Fletcher and Keithan Boyd - Harp's

Comets Who Care - Paige Walters and J.D. Hughes - Alton Pharmacy

FBLA - Harly Howell and Seth Trantham - Dollar General

FFA - Kaylee Kemper and Colby Kernodle - Young's Produce

Senior Class - Shelby Watkins and Garrett Bates - Ozark Equipment

CYF - Miah Wilson and John Dushaunack - Southern Bank

Saturday school dates have been set: **December 7th, and 14th**. Students that have exceeded 4 unexcused absences for the semester are encouraged to attend Saturday school in order to avoid or reduce their grade reduction. To attend Saturday school, you must sign the list in the main office. It is your responsibility to bring something to work on during Saturday school. Saturday school is from 8 am -12 pm. Students are limited to 4 Saturday school makeups per semester.

JOSTEN'S will be here **December 10th at 2:50 in the Library** for Class Ring delivery.

ACT FOR DECEMBER 14TH - our site has been closed. If you registered to take the ACT on that Saturday, you should be receiving an email from ACT letting you know where your new testing site will be. Make sure you take your ID, ACT Ticket, and if you have accommodations, a copy of your accommodations notification.

"Student Need Box" and "Supply Closet" are available outside or inside Mrs. Gilliland's office. If you are in need of an item and it can't be found in the supply closet, fill out a "Need Form" and place it in the Blue Box outside her office. We will see if we can help!

Until the end of **March** students who arrive before 7:40 A.M. are to go to the MPB. You cannot hang out in the

hallway or outside until 7:40. There will be no basketball playing and no leaving the MPB until 7:40. You can work on homework, visit with friends, or play on your electronic devices.

Lunch Concession:

FCCLA NEWS:

FCCLA DUES ARE \$13. There's still time to join!!!

BETA NEWS:

The deadline for selling the boxes of candy has been extended until **Friday, December 13**. Every Beta student is responsible for their box of candy, so by December 13, every Beta student should turn in \$75.00 to one of your two sponsors. Please come by Mrs. Thompson's and pick up a permission form for your parents to sign if you are going to state convention.

FBLA NEWS:

DLC Testing will be **Thursday, December 12th**. The schedule is posted outside Mrs. Smith's door.

FBLA is going to raffle the remaining tumblers. Cost is \$1 per ticket and one will be given away every day until gone. They are also still \$8 if you don't like to gamble.

We will be selling ice cold water all year for a \$1. Thanks for supporting FBLA!

SENIOR NEWS:

SPORTS CORNER:

Today: Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Thayer at 6:00.

CONCESSION:

Today: **Workers:** Jared, Ryder, Misty, Myles, Garrett Bates, John, Cordell, Makaylah, Garrett Brake

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: See the actual "Counselor's Corner" - online, on the bulletin boards, or grab a paper copy available in the Counselor's Office or the Main Office - for more detailed information.

College and Career Sessions for any high school student will be every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 - library or Counselor's Office!

ACT Test Dates for 2019-2020: Test Date Dec. 14; Test Date Feb. 8 - Registration Deadline Jan. 10 - Late Registration Deadline - Jan. 17; April, June, and July have test dates as well..

ACT General Information: Register to take the test at www.actstudent.org. Free test preparation booklet in Mrs. G.'s office. Seniors and Juniors may be eligible for two fee waivers - See Mrs. Gilliland for more info.

FREE ACT Prep Online Class offer! Next class begins in December. Enroll for free at <https://www.varsitytutors.com/free-sat-act-prep-course>.

SENIORS & JUNIORS: COLLEGE VISIT DAYS - 2 days allowed for seniors and one for juniors to visit college or career center/vocational program campuses. See Mrs. Gilliland or Mrs. Orr for a form that needs to be completed BEFORE your visit. It is highly suggested that you contact the school you wish to visit for an appointment.

SENIORS: FAFSA (your financial aid for career centers, vocational schools, or colleges) can be completed for the 2020-2021 school year beginning October 1st. The FAFSA is free and can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov using your parent/guardians/ and/or your 2018 tax information. If you plan to start college in January (early graduates), you will need to complete two FAFSA's - one using the 2017 tax information and one using the 2018 tax information. FAFSA Help Nights to complete FAFSA for those who need assistance. FAFSA Help Nights will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13th, Jan. 8th, and Feb. 12th. Senior and at least one parent should attend. Drop in anytime from 3:30 to 7:00. However, individual appointments can be made with Mrs. Gilliland if you need one.

SCHOLARSHIPS! Seniors - keep in mind that when applying to some colleges, you are considered automatically for some

scholarships. Other scholarships and other colleges may require you to complete an admissions application, a general scholarship application, and/or individual scholarship applications. Please read carefully on the websites or speak with an admissions counselor from that school for further information. Ask for help! Start early on all scholarship applications and complete before the deadline if possible.

NEW INFO ON GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP SITES - area counselors are recommending some of these sites for scholarship and even college searches. Check out: <https://myscholly.com>, www.goingmerry.com, www.studentscholarships.org, www.myscholarshipcentral.org, and www.fastweb.com. By entering your info into their system, you will receive information about scholarships that the school may never hear about.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS:

DUE FEBRUARY 1 - ASU - JONESBORO'S PRIVATELY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS - various amounts - any senior who has been accepted into ASU should apply online at <https://webapps.astate.edu/pfs/>.

PREVIOUSLY LISTED SCHOLARSHIPS:

DUE DECEMBER 3 - JOHN T. BELCHER SCHOLARSHIP - Google classroom

DUE DECEMBER 31 - IMAGINE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP - <https://www.imagine-america.org/applyforscholarships/>

DUE JANUARY 31 - MISSOURI SOCIETY OF CPAs (MOCPA) SCHOLARSHIP - Google Classroom.

DUE FEBRUARY 15 - VFW AUXILIARY CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP - Google classroom

DUE FEBRUARY 15 (actually March 1, but you must document sharing your project between Dec. 1st and Feb. 15th) - PROJECT 21 2020 SCHOLARSHIP - <https://missouricasinos.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Project-21-Application.pdf>

DUE MARCH 31 - FARM BUREAU VOICE OF RURAL MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP - Google Classroom.

DUE APRIL 15 - VFW AUXILIARY MISSOURI PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP - Google classroom

DUE APRIL 15 - KIDS' CHANCE OF MISSOURI SCHOLARSHIP - Google classroom

NO APPLICATION DEADLINE - early application is encouraged - **PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE'S CHILD SURVIVOR GRANT** - Google classroom

NO DEADLINE GIVEN, BUT START WORKING ON THIS EARLY - MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIPS - Google Classroom.

DUE THE DAY BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF THE CLASS YOU ARE ENROLLING IN - SOUTH CENTRAL CAREER CENTER DOOR TO THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP - Google Classroom.