

KERNEL BULLETIN

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Dakota STEP Tests to be given April 8-14

MHS will be administering the national and state standardized assessment, Dakota STEP to all students in grade 11 the week of April 8-14.

This test is a beneficial resource as to how your child is progressing in his/her academics. When the tests are scored, students will be grouped according to four ability levels: Advanced, Proficient, Basic and Below Basic.

The goal of the federal law for the No Child Left Behind is to have all students reach the Advanced or Proficient level of achievement.

Please encourage your son/daughter to **get plenty of rest, eat a good breakfast, and to do their best on the exams.**

Students that miss a testing session are required to make the test up prior to the deadline.

Tutoring, homework help available

Homework might not be your favorite before or after-school activity, but it's a necessary part of life. MHS offers tutoring during SRB, before and after school. It all depends when students are available to tutor. A tutoring program will start at the end of April to help individuals in subject areas needed plus help get ready for semester exams.

For tutoring information contact Mrs. Thiesse from the MHS Counseling Office at 995-3076, ext. 2248.

Driver's Education registration March 24; classes to begin April 13

Mitchell Senior High School will conduct Driver's Education registration on Tuesday, March 24. Registration starts at 7 a.m. in the lobby of MHS.

Students need to be age 14 or older by October 1, 2009, to participate. Cost for 30 hours of

theory (classroom) and 6 hours of driving experience is \$275, payable at registration.

One class of theory will be conducted April 13 to May 1 (M-F), 3:30 until 5:30 at the middle school. Three other theory classes will be conducted June 1-12 (morning

and afternoon) and June 15-26 (morning). All driving experiences will be conducted during June and July.

Early registrations will not be taken. Additional information may be obtained from Hugh Holmes, Mitchell High School at 995-3034.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

April 4
ACT at MHS

April 8-14
State required 11th grade Dakota STEP test

April 10-13
No School – Easter Break

April 16
National Honor Society Banquet, 6 p.m., MHS

April 25
Prom

April 29
Employee Recognition Banquet

May 6
MHS Awards Program, 10 a.m. MHS auditorium

May 6
Senior Awards Program, 7 p.m. DWU Sherman Center

May 10
Senior Breakfast, 8 a.m. (optional)

May 10
Baccalaureate, 7:30 p.m. DWU Sherman Center

May 17
Graduation, 2 p.m. Corn Palace

May 19
Last day for students (weather permitting)



Attention Parents of Seniors...

This is your all-call for that darling baby picture of your graduating senior. Please send your child's baby picture to Mrs. Erin Fowkes at Mitchell High School no later than April 10.

The picture you submit will be returned to you safe and sound. Thanks to Mr. Bruce Mastel, your son/daughter's baby picture will be scanned onto a DVD along with their yearbook picture and set to a variety of music chosen by the

senior class.

The 2009 MHS Senior DVD will premiere at our annual senior awards night scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the Sherman Center on Dakota Wesleyan's beautiful campus.

Each and every senior will receive a free copy of this special memento.

Questions?? Please contact Erin Fowkes at 995-3034 or Erin.Fowkes@k12.sd.us

Parent to Parent:

Picking Your Battles

"You are not going to Nana's house dressed like that!" I said to my son. "Go upstairs and change into some decent pants! Or don't come down at all!" Nick chose not to come back down.

We went to Nana's house without him. I felt so upset that I barely tasted dinner. I realized I wanted my son's company much more than I cared about how he looked.

When we got home, I apologized to Nick. I said he was old enough

to make his own decisions about his appearance, and that I'd make him a deal. If he continued to do well in important areas, like grades and behavior, I'd cut him slack in less important things, like what he wears.

It's been a month. Nick's still wearing pants that make me cringe-but he's getting nearly straight A's and he's a good, responsible kid. I'm trying to focus on that, because that's the important stuff.

ACT Prep Classes \$40 for four sessions

DATES: March 23, 26, 30 and April 2

Mitchell Senior High School Library 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The four session classes will include an overview of ACT and its contents, test-taking strategies for the ACT, review of the four content areas, and a test stimulation of each content.

The test stimulation will be questions used in previous ACT exams. The four sessions will be English, Mathematics, Reading and Science Reasoning. English will include example problems and standard written English.

The Mathematics will include pre-algebra and elementary algebra, intermediate algebra and coordinate geometry, and plane geometry and

trigonometry.

The Reading will include prose fiction passage, social sciences passage, and natural sciences passage.

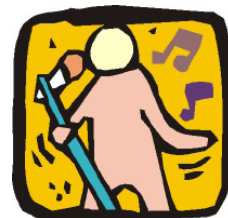
The Science Reasoning will include data representation problem set, research summaries problem set, and conflicting viewpoints problem set.

The cost is \$40 for the four sessions. Students will receive a booklet, which they can keep. Mitchell High School teachers will be teaching the class. There will be a section on writing in the booklet but will not be a class on it.

Pop Star to entertain MHS April 30, May 1

This year's musical is *Pop Star*. An "American Idol" type of program decides to have a high school segment so it sends its host, the host's production assistant and the season's star to a local high school looking for the next *Pop Star*.

The kids are the judges as well as the contestants which leads to some insincere flattery and outright bribery.



The one totally disinterested and honest student is the one that - until recently - everyone bullied.

Will the shenanigans and promises made to judges affect the outcome? Will friendships withstand the strain of competition? Will the egomaniacal host get what's coming to him? Most of all, who will be the next *Pop Star*?

Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults; all activity passes are honored. All seats are general admission. The musical will be performed in the MHS Auditorium at 7:30pm on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1.

School Board Meetings

5 p.m.

at Mitchell Technical Institute

March 23

April 13 & 27

May 11 & 25