

# Senior Scoop

## Cheerleading Competition Fundraiser

The GHS new gymnasium will be the site for a Competitive Cheer Competition on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10. The Joplin Sports Authority is hosting the competition and has asked GHS to once again provide the concession stand, as well as workers to set up and take down the cheer equipment. The profits from the weekend activities will be divided between the Senior class and the GHS Student Council. Seniors and juniors that work either the concession stand or the set up/take down sessions will earn money toward payment of their senior trip. This is a good money making opportunity - students that worked the event last year earned at least \$20 an hour. There are no guarantees that it will be the same this year, but we are hopeful that this activity will help several seniors, and possibly juniors, to help pay for their senior trip. Seniors will be given the first chance at signing up for the work shifts.

**Just a reminder - if you don't  
show up to work your shift @  
Brewno's, YOU DON'T GET  
PAID!!!**

## Upcoming Senior Events

- Feb. 5 – Winter Senior night – for students participating in Winter activities
- Feb. 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior trip payment – this date has been changed to allow seniors to earn money at the cheerleading competition
- Apr. 18 – approximate date for final Senior trip payment
- May 3-4 – Senior trip to Dallas
- May 10 – Senior Awards Assembly @ 9:30
- May 10 – Last day for Seniors not taking finals
- May 13 & 14 – Senior Finals
- May 14 – Last day for Seniors taking finals
- May 19 – Baccalaureate – 2:00 - PAC
- May 19 – Graduation – 4:00 – New Gymnasium

## Senior Year Check List January

Complete the FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> ASAP. The counselor can assist you with the application. Some colleges require a mid-year official transcript. Send one if needed. Contact the admissions office at the college to make sure they have everything they need.

## February

Watch the mail or your email for acceptance letters from colleges. Begin applying for local scholarships. Applications will be posted on the district website. They are also announced on Facebook as they become available.

## March

Monitor your e-mail for the "Student Aid Report (SAR)." This is a report showing the results of the FAFSA. Check with your college's financial aid office to make sure they have everything they need.

## Upcoming ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Date
Feb. 9	Jan. 11
Apr. 13	Mar. 8
June 8	May 3

Cost: \$50.50 for ACT only  
\$67.00 for ACT plus Writing

**Fill Out Your FAFSA NOW!!!!!!**

**Yearbook and Senior Video  
orders are due by  
February 22!!**

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## Helpful Websites

[www.usd499.org](http://www.usd499.org) – there are several links on the **High School Seniors** page that will connect you to the ACT, FAFSA, U.S. Department of Education, etc. Scholarships and applications will also be listed as they become available.

## Scholarships Deadlines

Scholarships are listed on the USD #499 website. Go to “High School” – “Seniors Scholarships” to find additional information. Most of the local scholarships will be due in March or April, 2019.

- Feb. 15 – American Legion Department of Kansas Scholarships due
- Mar. 1 – Tortoise Young Entrepreneurs Scholarship due
- Mar. 9 – Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity Scholarship due
- Mar. 15 – Kansas Masonic Foundation Scholarships due
- Mar. 15 – Kansas Association of College Registrars & Admissions Officials Scholarship due
- Mar. 29 – Kansas Junior Golf Scholarship due
- Apr. 12 – Cherokee Country Farm Bureau Scholarship due
- Jul. 15 – Paul Flaherty Kansas Masonic Foundation Athletic Scholarship due

## UNIVERSITY of KANSAS - DEADLINES YOU NEED TO KNOW:

NOW: submit your application for admission along with the \$40 admission fee

**April 1:** Final deadline for Fall 2019 admission

## KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY – THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!!

\* Apply for admission – <http://www.k-state.edu/admissions/apply>

\$40 application fee

You self-report your grades and ACT scores!

They only want your final transcript after you graduate if you choose KSU! \* Apply for scholarships – <http://www.k-state.edu/admissions/scholarships>

You can apply for admission and scholarships on one form!

## EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY BLACK AND GOLD VISIT DAYS AND OTHER TIDBITS

Register for a Black and Gold Visit Day at <http://www.emporia.edu/admissions/events/>

February 23rd

March 1st and April 12th

Daily campus visits are held Monday-Friday, 10:30 – 2 pm. Set up your visit by calling 620-341-5465 or online at <http://www.emporia.edu/admissions/visitform.html>

## Important College INFO

Taking the ACT in April? The best way to prepare is to do some prep work before taking the test. Use the Method Test Prep provided by the school or go to one of these TEST PREP SITES:

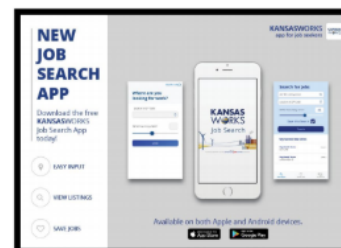
- [www.act.org/academy](http://www.act.org/academy)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.testprepreview.com](http://www.testprepreview.com)
- [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)
- <http://www.studyguidezone.com/sattest.htm>
- [www.testanxietytips.com](http://www.testanxietytips.com)
- [www.free-test-online.com](http://www.free-test-online.com)
- <http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/>

## JOB INFORMATION!!!

**-KANSAS Works has a free mobile job search app. You would have access to jobs and internships in Kansas at your fingertips!**

**-Another great tool on KANSASWORKS is the [Job Search Workbook](#) which has many examples and can provide job search assistance**

-Everyone has skills, but not everyone knows how to market those skills to enhance their career. This workbook will help you define and market your skills, as well as provide helpful information to assist you in your job search.



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## What if you don't plan to go to college, what can you do now??

### Start Working

If you're certain more school isn't the right path for you, or if you're not sure what you want to study, heading off into the working world for a period of time might be the right plan for you.

**Benefits:** If you're still living at home while doing it, you could stockpile cash for when you decide what your next step is. You'll also get work experience and a better sense of what kind of work environment you want.

**\*Downsides:** With just a high school diploma, your options may be limited. You might become bored slinging cappuccinos or hawking cell phone contracts and start gazing longingly at your friends' pictures of campus life on Instagram.

### Start a Business

Who says you have to go to school to build an empire? There are a lot of business owners who learned their trade in the school of experience. Maybe you have a brilliant idea for a new product, or side hustled through high school with your own lawn care business. You can follow your entrepreneurial drive full time after graduation.

**\*Benefits:** You'll get a chance to see if you can make your dreams come true and figure out what you really want to do. You may just love it.

**\*Downsides:** Being an entrepreneur can be harder than a first-year Biology prof. and starting a business could be expensive. Seek advice from experts to help set your business off on the right foot.

### Volunteer

Can't find an internship where you'll be able to get some high quality experience? No problem! You can volunteer your time and still test out a career and rack up hours in an office or other kind of workplace. The best part? You can also help an organization doing good in the world that needs extra hands because they don't have the budget to hire more staff. You might choose to volunteer for a charity around the corner or across the globe depending on your interest.

**\*Benefits:** Make a difference in your community while also testing out a field that interests you and getting work experience.

**\*Downsides:** You won't get paid. If you plan on volunteering abroad, you could have some hefty travel expenses.

### Do an Internship

Testing the waters by doing an internship might be a great way to get experience and find out if the profession you think you would enjoy is right for you.

**\*Benefits:** You get to try a career before you buy it – i.e. spend money on a post-secondary degree. It also gives you experience you can add to your resume.

**\*Downsides:** It might be harder to find an internship without a degree, so you might not be paid well or at all in the position.

