

Senior Scoop

Well, Seniors and parents, you have finally reached your final year at Galena High School. After twelve years of school, you only have about nine months left. But, the next nine months may be the busiest you'll ever have. You'll be busy taking classes (some of them a head start for college), taking the ACT, applying for scholarships and financial aid, applying to colleges, going on the Senior trip, etc. You'll be making many decisions this year that will affect the rest of your life.

Just a reminder, you're not in this alone – teachers, parents, Mr. Krouse, Mrs. Botkin, etc. - are willing to help you to have a successful Senior year. Make sure you use all of your available resources so you can enjoy yourself along the way!!!

Senior Trip Options

The Senior trip is scheduled for May 3-4, 2019. Seniors will be voting on their trip destination soon. Each trip will cost approximately \$300-\$350. The following trip packages have been developed for consideration and approved by the USD #499 school board:

Branson - breakfast at Hemingway's in Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, Silver Dollar City, Whitewater, Shepherd of the Hills evening performance, wax museum

Dallas – 6th Floor JFK Museum, DFW World Aquarium, Hard Rock Café, Holocaust Museum, Six Flags,

Rangers vs. Toronto Blue Jays game, or Medieval times Dinner Theater

Kansas City – College Basketball Experience, National World War I Museum, shopping at Legends, dinner theater or other activity, and Worlds of Fun – **NO GAMES IN TOWN**

St. Louis – St. Louis Zoo, Hard Rock Café, the Arch, Union Station shopping, Family Fun Center, and Six Flags - **NO GAMES IN TOWN**

San Antonio – Alamo, Six Flags or Sea World-San Antonio, Riverwalk dinner cruise, Ultimate Mirror Maze, lunch at Hard Rock Café

Chicago – Shedd's Aquarium, shopping at Navy Pier, and Six Flags Great America, other activities TBA –

Cubs vs. St. Louis Cardinals or White Sox vs. Boston Red Sox.

Students planning to go on the Senior trip will be voting on the trip options on Friday, September 14. As soon as the destination is chosen, Mrs. Simmons will begin making arrangements for the trip.

Just a reminder – students are not required to go on the Senior trip.

Senior Account Balances

Students that worked the concession stand during their freshman and sophomore years, as well as juniors that helped decorate for the prom, earned money toward payment for their senior trip. An account balance is enclosed with this newsletter. Just because a student has a zero balance in their account does not mean they cannot go on the senior trip. The trip itself can be paid outright and/or the student can work at Brewno's Coffee Shop to help cover the cost of the trip.

The amount each student still owes for the trip will be divided up into three payments with the 1st payment being due on Nov. 16. The second trip payment should be due around January 25, and the final payment will be due prior to the trip after all final arrangements have been made. The trip may be paid in full at anytime. If an overpayment is made, that money will be given to the student as spending money on the trip. All checks should be made out to Galena High School.

If your son/daughter does not plan on going on the trip, he/she will need to contact Mrs. Simmons about giving the money earned to another student that is going on the trip.

Fall Senior Night

The Fall Sports Senior Night will be held on Friday, October 12 prior to the Galena-Columbus football game.



This Senior night is for those seniors involved in fall sports, cheer, dance, choir, and band. At 6:20 PM, parents/guardians and their Senior need to meet at the SOUTHWEST end of the track where the 100

Meter dash starts (at the numbers) to line up. Seniors and their parents will be announced in alphabetical order beginning at 6:30 PM. Individual and group pictures will be taken and will be available through the school.

Upcoming ACT Test Dates

| Test Date | Registration Date |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Oct. 27 | Sept. 28 |
| Dec. 8 | Nov. 2 |
| Feb. 9 | Jan. 11 |
| Apr. 13 | Mar. 8 |
| June 8 | May 3 |

**GHS ACT code:
171-050**

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

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Upcoming Senior Events

- Oct. 3 – Sr. Parent Meeting w/Mr. Krouse
- Oct. 12 - – Fall Senior Night for seniors participating in Fall Activities
- Oct. 24 – Josten’s Cap & Gown Meeting Date
- Oct. 31 – Josten’s Cap & Gown Ordering Date

Congratulations to our Senior Officers

President: Weston Ward
Vice President: Kooper Lawson
Secretary: Davin Downey
Utility Officer: J.C. Shelton

Important FAFSA Info

Seniors that are planning to attend college during the 2019-20 school year may begin filling out their FAFSA as early as October 1, 2018. When filling out the FAFSA for the 2019-20 school year, you will use your tax income information that was submitted to the IRS in 2017.

If you would like more information about this change, go to the following website:

<https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/learn/fafsa/updates.jsp>



Start gathering this information for your FAFSA - you can fill it out starting now

Social Security Number
Driver’s License
Parent’s Income Tax Return for 2017
Bank Statements
Investment Records
U.S. Department of Education PIN
Number for student & parent

Get your FAFSA pin at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Both students and parents must have a FAFSA pin before the FAFSA can be submitted online.

Senior Year Check List

September

- Meet with college admissions reps scheduled at GHS
- Visit colleges you are interested in attending – see a school counselor about scheduling these appointments
- Begin application process – some colleges have early application deadlines
- See a school counselor about sending a GHS transcript to the colleges where you apply

Helpful Websites

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 posted in Spring, 2019.

A good source for parents and students to match scholarships and learn more about financial aid is www.fastweb.com.

Senior Parent Meeting

Mr. Krouse will be having a meeting for all Senior parents to discuss College & Career Readiness Information. This meeting will be on Wednesday, October 3 at 6:00 in the GHS cafeteria.

Future Purchase Opportunities

Baby Ads - \$50 - will start selling around Christmas

Senior Video - \$10 - will start selling at the end of the school year

See Mrs. Daniel for more info

Senior Scoop Info

The Senior Scoop will tentatively be published every 4-6 weeks. If you listed an email address during enrollment, we will be sending this newsletter to your email address beginning with the next newsletter. You will not receive a hard copy unless you request one by emailing Mrs. Simmons at lsimmons@galena499.org.

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Important College INFO

Taking the ACT in October? 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

www.actstudent.org

www.collegeboard.com

www.testprepreview.com

www.number2.com

<http://www.studyguidezone.com/sattest.htm>

www.testanxietytips.com

www.free-test-online.com

<http://www.sparknotes.com/testprep/>

ATHLETES/CHEERLEADERS: Don't forget **October 17th** is the deadline to complete your application for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award at <https://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com>

State winners receive a \$1,000 scholarship and national winners receive a \$10,000 scholarship. **ELIGIBILITY:**

Must be a senior

Must have a 3.0 GPA

Must participate in an approved sport(s)

The first 1,000 students to complete an application win a \$10 Wendy's gift card!

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

Are you a student who's making a difference through volunteering? Nominate yourself for this award! You could win a cash prize and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May. Apply online at <http://spirit.prudential.com>

DEADLINE to complete the online application:
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

UNIVERSITY of KANSAS - DEADLINES YOU NEED TO KNOW:

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

November 1: Priority deadline for freshmen scholarship consideration, must have a complete admissions file

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! **Priority deadline: NOVEMBER 1st** * Take the ACT if needed; **OCTOBER** is the **LAST** test date for your score to be considered for priority scholarships!

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/>

October 5th and 20th

November 3rd and 16th

February 9th and 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>

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY WALLACE INVITATIONAL for SCHOLARSHIPS in ENGINEERING (WISE) COMPETITION

AMOUNT: ten high school seniors will be awarded a \$20,000 Wallace Scholarship

WHEN: November 16, 2018

CRITERIA: * must have earned a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 OR * must have earned a minimum ACT composite score of 27 OR * rank in the top 10% of the class * must be admitted to WSU by October 15th * must declare a major in engineering * must submit the WISE application by November 1st Additional information and the WISE application can be found at www.wichita.edu/WISE