

# 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 eight months left. But, the next eight 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 Destination



The Senior trip is scheduled for May 1-2, 2020. Seniors have already voted on their trip destination and the winner is Dallas. While at Dallas, we will be

participating in some of the following activities: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor JFK Museum, DFW World Aquarium, Fort Worth or Dallas Zoo, Holocaust Museum, Six Flags, and the Medieval Times dinner theater. The trip will cost approximately \$300-\$350.

## Fall Senior Night

The Fall Sports Senior Night will be held on Friday, October 25 prior to the Galena-Parsons 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 Senior Events

- Oct. 25 – Fall Senior Night for seniors participating in Fall Activities
- Nov. 20 – Josten's Cap & Gown Meeting Date
- Dec. 4 – Josten's Cap & Gown Ordering Date

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> payment being due on Nov. 15. The second trip payment should be due on Feb. 19, 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.

Some students have already decided NOT to go on the trip. If your son/daughter chose this option, there will not be an account balance paper enclosed with this newsletter.

## Congratulations to our Senior Officers

**President:** Logan Henderson  
**Vice President:** Briley Krouse  
**Secretary:** Lindsay Hussong  
**Utility Officer:** Haley Pence

## 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](mailto:lsimmons@galena499.org).

## Jostens Cap & Gown Meeting

Jostens will be here on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> to meet with Seniors about caps & gowns, graduation announcements, and other senior items. Students are only required to purchase a cap & gown package (including stole). Announcements and other items may be purchased from vendors. The ordering date will be December 4.

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## Important FAFSA Info

Seniors that are planning to attend college during the 2020-21 school year may begin filling out their FAFSA as early as October 1, 2019. When filling out the FAFSA for the 2020-21 school year, you will use your tax income information that was submitted to the IRS in 2018.



## 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 2018  
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

### October

- Search and apply for national scholarships.
- Some colleges require incoming freshman to be admitted by November 1 for scholarship consideration
- Military Service: Talk to recruiters.
- World of Work: Begin researching careers you are interested in.
- World of Work: Ask counselor to set up job shadow.

## 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 posted in Spring, 2020.

- Oct. 31 – Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship deadline
- Nov. 5 – Elks Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship deadline
- Nov. 15 – Hagan Scholarship deadline
- Dec. 2 – K-State Civic Leadership Scholarship deadline
- Dec. 15 – AXA Achievement Scholarship deadline

A good source for parents and students to match scholarships and learn more about financial aid is [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).

All Seniors need to bring 3 Baby Pictures for the Senior Video to Mrs. Daniel ASAP – the pictures will be scanned and returned to you

## Future Purchase Opportunities

Yearbook - \$50

Baby Ads - \$50 - will use same baby pictures as video, but need a non school senior picture - must be 30 words or less

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

See Mrs. Daniel for more info

