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## SPRING SPORTS

### PARENT MEETING SCHEDULED

Winter Sports Parent Meeting is on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria.

The link for the physical form is:

<https://drive.google.com/a/tps501.org/file/d/0B5UqcFuWLw7pckc3djRaYIR6Mlk/view>

The link for the concussion form is:

<https://drive.google.com/a/tps501.org/file/d/0B5UqcFuWLw7peHFWNnNhdmVtbU0/view>

## HOME GAME DATES

### FOR TWHS BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Fri., Feb. 01**

**Tues., Feb. 05**

**Fri., Feb. 15**

# GO CHARGERS!

## **Topeka West Mission Statement**

Topeka West is...  
**Working** toward career and college readiness,  
**Engaging** students in quality learning,  
**Sustaining** a culture of respect and a  
**Tradition** of excellence

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# TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL CHARGER NEWS

*From the Desk of Dustin Dick, Principal*

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Wed., Feb. 20th (School in Session) and Thurs., Feb. 21st (No School for Students)**

Wednesday and Thursday evenings are walk in conferences to be held in the North Gym. Thursday from either 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM are scheduled conferences which will be held in the staff member's classroom.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM - LOCATION: NORTH GYM**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST: 7:30 AM - 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM - LOCATION: CLASSROOM**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST: 3:30 PM - 7:30 PM - LOCATION: NORTH GYM**



**CTE: CELEBRATE TODAY, OWN TOMORROW!**






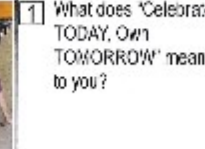
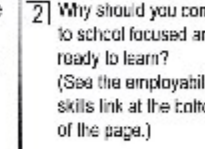


February 2019

**National Career And Technical Education Month**



**TCALC**

TOPEKA CENTER FOR ADVANCED LEARNING & CAREERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
3] What is your favorite school subject? List jobs using that subject.	4] List the 16 Career Clusters. Name 3 careers in each cluster.	5] Review online job sites. Select an interesting job and research it.	6] With a family member, use Career Cruising to research careers.	7] Create a picture or poster of a career that you would like to pursue.	8] List three goals you want to accomplish this school year.	9] Start a journal and record your dreams, plans and steps toward your future.
10] Do you plan to go to college or a technical school? Use Career Cruising to research your options.	11] Explain how communication skills and teamwork are used at home school and work.	12] Arrange to go to work with a family member or friend who has a job you would enjoy.	13] Research the cost of college using Career Cruising. Discuss your findings with a guidance counselor.	14] <b>*Valentine's Day*</b> List as many careers as you can that start with the letters in the word HEART.	15] What is a volunteer? Where can you volunteer? Why is volunteering important?	16] What are extracurricular activities? List the job skills that you can learn from them.
17] Make a list of your strengths and talents. Would an employer want to hire you? Why?	18] <b>*Presidents' Day*</b> Read a storybook about a president. Write about him and tell why you admire him.	19] Interview a person in a career field that interests you. Afterwards, write him/her a thank you letter.	20] <b>*ACT*</b> What is the test? Why is it important?	21] <b>*Progress Report*</b> Are you doing your best? How can you improve?	22] Using Career Cruising, create a resume or update your current one.	23] Discuss rules at school and how they might be the same in the workplace.
24] What should you do, if you disagree with someone on your school in workplace?	25] Develop a plan for a group of people to work together on a project.	26] With your family, visit a place you enjoy. Then, make a list of careers that are represented.	27] Research summer opportunities that can help prepare you for the future.	28] When it's time to ask for a recommendation, what do you want people to say about you?		
Dr. Tiffany Anderson Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tim Murrell Principal, TCALC & CTE Coordinator			Employability Skills Link: <a href="http://cte.ed.gov/employabilityskills">http://cte.ed.gov/employabilityskills</a>		Mrs. Billie Zabokrtsky-Wallace Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning Ms. Melissa Seacat Associate Principal, TCALC	

# FEBRUARY, 2019 TWHS EVENTS CALENDAR

Fri, February 1	Basketball vs. Highland Park, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30—TWHS Main and South Gyms
Sat., February 2	Snow Ball Dance - 7pm, South Gymnasium
Thursday, February 7 until Saturday, February 9 – PIPPIN Musical– 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM Auditorium Sunday, February 10 – PIPPIN Musical – 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM - Auditorium	
Tues., February 5	Basketball vs. Shawnee Heights, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30—TWHS Main and South Gyms
Fri., February 15	Basketball vs. Junction City, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30—TWHS Main and South Gyms
Sat., February 16	JROTC Smith Cotton Drill Meet - Sedalia, MO
Sun., February 17	Westiders Dance and Desserts - Auditorium, 12:00-4:00 PM
Wed., February 20	ACT Test - South Gym, 7:30am - 12:00pm
Wed., February 20	Planning Ahead Sophomore/Junior Parent Meeting - 6:00, Sophomores, 7:00 Juniors - Auditorium
Wed., February 20 until Thurs., February 21 - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - See Page 2 for details	
Thurs., February 21	Spring Sports Parent Meeting - 7pm - Cafeteria
Thurs., February 21 - NO SCHOOL - STUDENTS      Fri., February 22 - NO SCHOOL - STAFF/STUDENTS	
Fri., February 23	Basketball vs. Seaman, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30 - TWHS Main and South Gyms
Mon., February 25	SPRING SPORTS PRACTICES START
Thurs., February 28	Rose and Rime - A Building, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH, 2019 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fri., March 1	Players Production - Auditorium, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sat., March 2	JROTC Cadet Ball - Location, TBA
March 4-6	Choir, Orchestra, Band Concerts - Auditorium, 7:00 PM
March 4-5	2019-2020 Westsider Tryout Clinic, South Gym - 3:15 PM

**2018-2019 TWHS CALENDAR ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE:**

<https://sites.google.com/a/tps501.org/topeka-west-high-school-google/>

***NOTE: CALENDAR DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.***

## VOLLEYBALL WORKOUTS

MARCH 4TH, 3:30-4:30 IN THE GYM & WEIGHT ROOM

PLEASE SEE COACH NASH IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



# Topeka West Choir and Orchestra Concert



**The 2019 Early Spring Choir, Orchestra, and Band  
Concerts will take place March 4, 5, 6 at 7:00 PM**

**Douglas P. Goheen Auditorium**

# GO CHARGERS!

## 2019 Graduation Reminders

<b>December-May</b>	Scholarship Assistance - Mrs. Steinkuehler - North Alcove, Cafeteria
<b>DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED</b>	Pick up Cap/Gown/Announcements - TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED
	Any Cap/Gown/Announcements Not Picked Up - Division Office
<b>Sat., April 27</b>	Prom - 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm @ Capitol Plaza
	Post Prom - 11:00 pm until 2:00 am - TWHS Gyms
<b>Tues., May 14</b>	Seniors Last Day
<b>Fri., May 17</b>	Graduation Rehearsal - TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED - Expocentre
<b>Sat., May 18</b>	Graduation 10:30 am, Expocentre (BE THERE BY 9:45)

# PIPPIN

Musical - February 7, 8, 9 at 7:00 pm, February 10 at 2:00 pm

We've got magic to do! Just for you...and your friends...and your family!

Join the cast, orchestra, and crew of over 70 students for the classic American musical, *Pippin*!

Winner of four 2013 Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival, *Pippin* continues to captivate and appeal to the young at heart throughout the world. With an unforgettable score from Grammy and Oscar winner responsible for *Wicked*, Stephen Schwartz, *Pippin* is the story of one young man's journey to be extraordinary. The young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, temptations, and the intrigues of political power. In the end, though, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors, but rather in the

unextraordinary moments that happen every day. Pippin's message is universal and will connect with audiences across the age spectrum.

(Music Theatre International)

All tickets are for open seating and may be purchased with cash or check from any cast member, at the door, or online with a credit card and additional fee at

<https://topekawest.booktix.com/>. Adults \$10. Students \$5.

## Topeka West Theatre Thespian Troupe #3061 Brings Home Gold

Kansas Thespian Festival is a three day festival open to Thespian troupes from all across the state of Kansas. Over 1500 students come to Wichita to perform, participate in workshops, compete and qualify for the International Thespian Festival, and audition for various scholarships. This was an exceptional year for the 13 students who represented the entire theatre department.

Gold Honor Troupe - Topeka West Theatre students participation in shows throughout the year earned Topeka West Theatre Gold Troupe Honor status for the second year in a row. This is the highest honor an individual theatre troupe can attain, and Topeka West is the only troupe in the Topeka area to achieve Gold status for both 2017 and 2018.

One Act Performances - *The Adventure of a Lifetime*, written by student Maria Rupp and directed by student Kevin Coffman was performed at the festival and well received by audiences.

### Individual Events -

- Kaya Beitz received superior rating and perfect score in the Musical Solo category, qualified for International Festival, and represented Topeka West at the Individual Events Showcase of the Top 12 Individual Events at the festival.
- Maria Rupp received a superior rating in the Acting Solo category and qualified for International Festival
- Kaylee Free and Erin Watts received excellent ratings in the Duet Acting category.
- Malissa Newcome received an excellent rating on her Musical Solo Performance.

### College Auditions -

- Braden Chaffin and Erin Watts were invited to talk to over 30 different schools after their auditions for regional schools.

### Improv Competition -

- Alexys Carreno, Hugo Gonzalez, Maria Rupp, Zoe Tippetts, and Braden Chaffin competed well in the Improv Competition.

### Speed Charades -

- Kaya Beitz, Malissa Newcome, Gabriella Dominguez, Taylor Province, and Kaylee Free took 2nd Place in the Speed Charades competition.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE 2018 YEAR IN TOPEKA WEST THEATRE!

## TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM

**WHAT IS POST PROM?** In the not-so-distant past, prom-goers found ways to celebrate until sunrise. Unfortunately, much of what they did during those pre-dawn hours was dangerous, even deadly. In an effort to reduce reckless behavior, including drinking and driving, Topeka West created Post-Prom to give kids a safe, chaperoned alternative.

**WHEN IS POST PROM?** An after Prom event held from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am. Once students enter they may not leave and re-enter. There are USD 501 and Topeka Police present as a deterrent to any undesirable attendees or student behavior. Students must have bought a ticket in advance (\$7) and present their student ID to enter. They do not have to attend prom to attend post-prom.

**WHAT WILL STUDENTS DO ALL NIGHT?** Have lots of fun! There will be music, good food, fun activities, and great prizes!

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** We need parent volunteers at our fundraiser events. We are also in need volunteers to help plan Post Prom. We need parent volunteers the evening before prom to help with decorating and set-up. And of course, we need parent volunteers for the actual event.

**MEETING LOCATION/DATES:** Mon. February 4 - Media Center at 7:00 p.m. *All parents welcome, please join us!* 3/4/19, 4/1/19

# GO CHARGERS!

## BOYS TENNIS TEAM MEETING

THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL BOYS INTERESTED IN PLAYING TENNIS THIS SPRING  
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH AT 3:05 PM IN ROOM S501.

Topeka West High School

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***Feb. 1-May 1 - \$60***

Please call 438-4134 or email [jmiller3@tps501.org](mailto:jmiller3@tps501.org) if you have any questions.

## **TWHS MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**GO TO: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)**

**SEARCH: Topeka West Television Vid**

**SELECT CHANNEL BOX: TWTV (Purple and Gray)**



@TPSTwest is the official twitter account for Topeka West High School



WE ARE TRYING TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL. THERE IS A LOT OF PERTINENT INFORMATION POSTED TO BOTH ACCOUNTS. "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS HERE AT TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL. WE ALSO HAVE A SPORTS CHANNEL (NFHS NETWORK) AND OUR VERY OWN TWHS MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS ON YOUTUBE.

### **FACEBOOK**

[www.facebook.com/TopekaWest501](http://www.facebook.com/TopekaWest501) is the schools official Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/pages/Westside-Pride-Topeka-West-Booster-Club](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Westside-Pride-Topeka-West-Booster-Club)

is the Westside Pride official Facebook page

@TopekaWestAthle is the official twitter account for the athletic department

@TWWestsidePride is the official twitter account for the Westside Pride Booster Club



# CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIP



TPS Sergeant Donnie Kennedy (785.438.4002)

TPS Officer Jack Reynolds (785.438.4058)

## FEBRUARY IS SEAT BELT AWARENESS MONTH!

### SEAT BELTS & CHILD SAFETY SEATS

#### CHILD PASSENGERS

A driver can be stopped and issued a citation when a law enforcement officer observes an unrestrained child riding in a vehicle. Violations of the Child Passenger Safety Act will cost you a \$60 fine, plus court costs.

The Kansas Child Passenger Safety Act was amended during the 2006 Legislative Session to require children ages 4, 5, 6, and 7 to be in secured booster seats. For more information, visit the [Give Your Child a Boost link](#).

To ensure your child is properly secured in his/her safety seat, you may make an appointment with a certified child safety seat technician. The Highway Patrol offers free safety seat check-ups and installations by certified technicians at each troop's headquarters. Please call your nearest headquarters office to make an appointment.

The safest place for child passengers is in the back seat. Airbags may cause additional harm to a child's small body, if the child is riding in the front seat.

Seat belts are made to fit adults and do not protect small children properly. Booster seats work by raising the child up so the lap and shoulder belts are positioned properly across the child's chest and hips. Tucking the seat belt under the child's arm or behind their back also may cause more serious injuries during a crash.

Booster seats reduce the risk of injury by 59%, compared to using only a seat belt.

#### ADULT PASSENGERS

Air bags, combined with lap and shoulder safety belts, offer the most effective safety protection available today for adult passengers. All front seat passengers of motor vehicles designed to carry 10 or less passengers must wear safety belts. This includes pickup trucks registered for 12,000 pounds and farm trucks registered for 16,000 pounds.

In June of 2010, enforcement of the adult safety belt law became a Primary law. The Kansas law enables police officers to stop and ticket the driver of any passenger vehicle if either the driver or front seat passenger is observed not wearing a seat belt. This law also applies to anyone under age 18. Passengers in the back seat may be cited only when there is another citable offense at the time.

Under Kansas law, all vehicle manufacturers are required to carry full warranties on safety belts for 10 years.

To read the Child Passenger Safety Act and Kansas statutes pertaining to seat belts, visit the [Kansas Legislature's website](#).

<http://www.kansashighwaypatrol.org/200/Seat-Belts-Child-Safety-Seats>



# Westside PRIDE Booster Club

*The Topeka West High School Parent Organization*

**WHAT** does Westside **PRIDE** do for the Students, Teachers and Staff at Topeka West? Last year Westside Pride was able to contribute \$15,450 to requests from the science department to the band to the athletic teams. 100% of the money raised by Westside Pride goes to the school.

- **\$150 Super Charger PRIDE Members**

Dan & Debbie Ramberg  
Alan & Shelley Bearman  
Steve & Stephanie Karrer  
David & Connie Jacobson  
Brandon & Amelia Donohue  
John & Tricia Eddy

Joe & Marianne Baumchen  
Doug & Michelle Shima  
Heather Rohr  
Jared & Melissa Maag  
Tony & Jaime Frederick  
Scott & Mary Howard

Sherri & Dave Edmonds  
Mike & Mary Ellrich  
Marilyn Kido & Brian Giesy  
Randy & Colleen Speaker  
Andre & Alison Mehrens

- **\$50 Family Charger PRIDE Members**

Chris & Alishia Bush  
Paula Clanton  
Alissa Gaps & Mike Patrick  
Justin & Teresa Jenkins  
Brian & BJ Mays  
Mason Parkerson Family  
Ron & Alison Schneider  
Ken & Sandy Turner  
Melissa & Jeremy Briggs  
Amanda & Ryan McCoy

Brady & Cindy Chaffin  
Donna & Jim Collie  
Kelli Hegarty & Michael Thurman  
Chris & Shirley Johnson  
Christa & Sean Murphy  
Todd & Donna Reinert  
James & Joni Scott  
Tracy Zelinski & Marvin Lang  
Charles & Christine Steinkuehler  
Paul & Tracy Wagner

Jorge & Holly Chavez  
Barbara Coultis  
Angie Gray  
Jeff & Tammy Johnson  
Tim & Kathy Noonan  
Tracy & Kathy Schnacker  
Michele & Delbert Smith  
Loren & Lori Zook  
Andy & Gloria Keating  
Dustin & Angela Dick

- **\$20 Individual & Staff Charger PRIDE Members**

Jennifer Austin  
Bob & Nancy Rohr

Horsley  
Donneisha & Marlon Smith

Cherylene Lovett  
Kay Usrey

**IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST? WE WANT YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST !!!**

**Don't let your PRIDE go unnoticed .... join WSP now!**

Contact Doug Shima at [shimad@kscourts.org](mailto:shimad@kscourts.org) with questions or to sign up!

WESTSIDE PRIDE MEETINGS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

All meetings begin at 6 pm and are held at the TWHS Library Media Center.



*Please join us in supporting Topeka West High School and check your level of participation:*

**\$150 Super Charger PRIDE Membership** – Charger Yard Sign, name is published, coupon for Purple Pride merchandise, Activity Punch Card for entrance to 10 Topeka West events & your membership dollars support school activities.

**\$50 Family Charger PRIDE Membership** – Charger Yard Sign, name is published, coupon for Purple Pride merchandise & your membership dollars support school activities.

**\$20 Individual Charger & Staff PRIDE Membership** – Charger Yard Sign, name is published & your membership dollars support school activities.

**Volunteer Charger PRIDE Membership** – Donate time and participate in activities sponsored by Westside Pride.

Names will appear in the Activities Programs produced during the year.

**Please provide your contact information:**

Name (as you want printed in publications) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening or Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student(s) & Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (used only for Westside Pride notices) \_\_\_\_\_

Return form and payment to "Westside Pride Booster Club". Return to Westside Pride mailbox in A Office or mail to Douglas T. Shima, 3559 SW Summerwood Rd., Topeka, KS 66614 – Contact [shimad@kscourts.org](mailto:shimad@kscourts.org) or contact Doug Shima to **Pay Dues with Credit Card**



# **WE NEED**

# **YOUR HELP**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO  
HELP IN OUR CONCESSION STAND DURING  
BASKETBALL SEASON.**

**EMAIL DOUG SHIMA AT SHIMAD@KSCOURTS.ORG OR SIGN UP AT  
[HTTP://SIGNUP.COM/CLIENT/INVITATION2/SECURE/2419177/FALSE#/INVITATION](http://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2419177/false#/invitation)**

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

**ENROLLMENT 2019-2020:** Several dates in January were dedicated to enrollment during Charger Time. Contact the division office should you have questions about your student's enrollment for the next school year. Students understand that the classes they are currently selecting will be the classes on next year's schedule. Go to the Topeka West High School home page, click the Guidance tab, and view the Program of Studies and Enrollment tab online.

## DIVISION 1

A-K: 438-4005

## DIVISION 2

L-Z: 438-4004

**WASHBURN TECHNICAL SCHOOL:** Washburn Institute of Technology counselor Rose Cantrell is available to talk to any sophomores or juniors every Thursday that are interested in attending Washburn Institute of Technology (WIT) in August 2019. Students may sign up to see Ms. Cantrell on the Topeka West website under the Guidance Tab and go to the College and Career tab. Students that need to speak to Ms. Cantrell may reach her at 785-217-1269. Students that are interested in attending WIT will need to take the Accuplacer test on the Topeka West Campus. The following days and times are available to students: Feb. 15, 8 AM Media Center, March 21, 8 AM, and April 25, 8 AM Media Center.

On Feb. 21 WIT will be hosting the National Technical Letter of Intent Signing Day 8:00 a.m.— 3 p.m. Students that have been approved to attend WIT in the Fall and their families are welcomed to attend this event.

**COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM:** Seniors and parents should save all letters of notification about winning scholarships. These will be listed in the commencement program upon giving a copy of the letter to Christine Steinkuehler in the North Alcove of the TWHS Cafeteria. Remember you can list all scholarships offered, not just those that were accepted. **Deadline for submission is April 15, 2019.**

## 2018-2019 ACT TESTING INFORMATION

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	(LATE FEE REQUIRED)
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 20, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 24, 2019

(Registration materials are available in the Counseling Center, or students may register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org))

### LOCATION: Topeka West High School - B Building

REPORT BY 7:45 a.m.

If testing location questions - please call Roxana Peraza, Counselor 438-4036

Topeka West High School Code: 172-928

TWHS CENTER CODE: 176190

Students must bring photo I.D., calculator, #2 pencils, and their admission ticket.

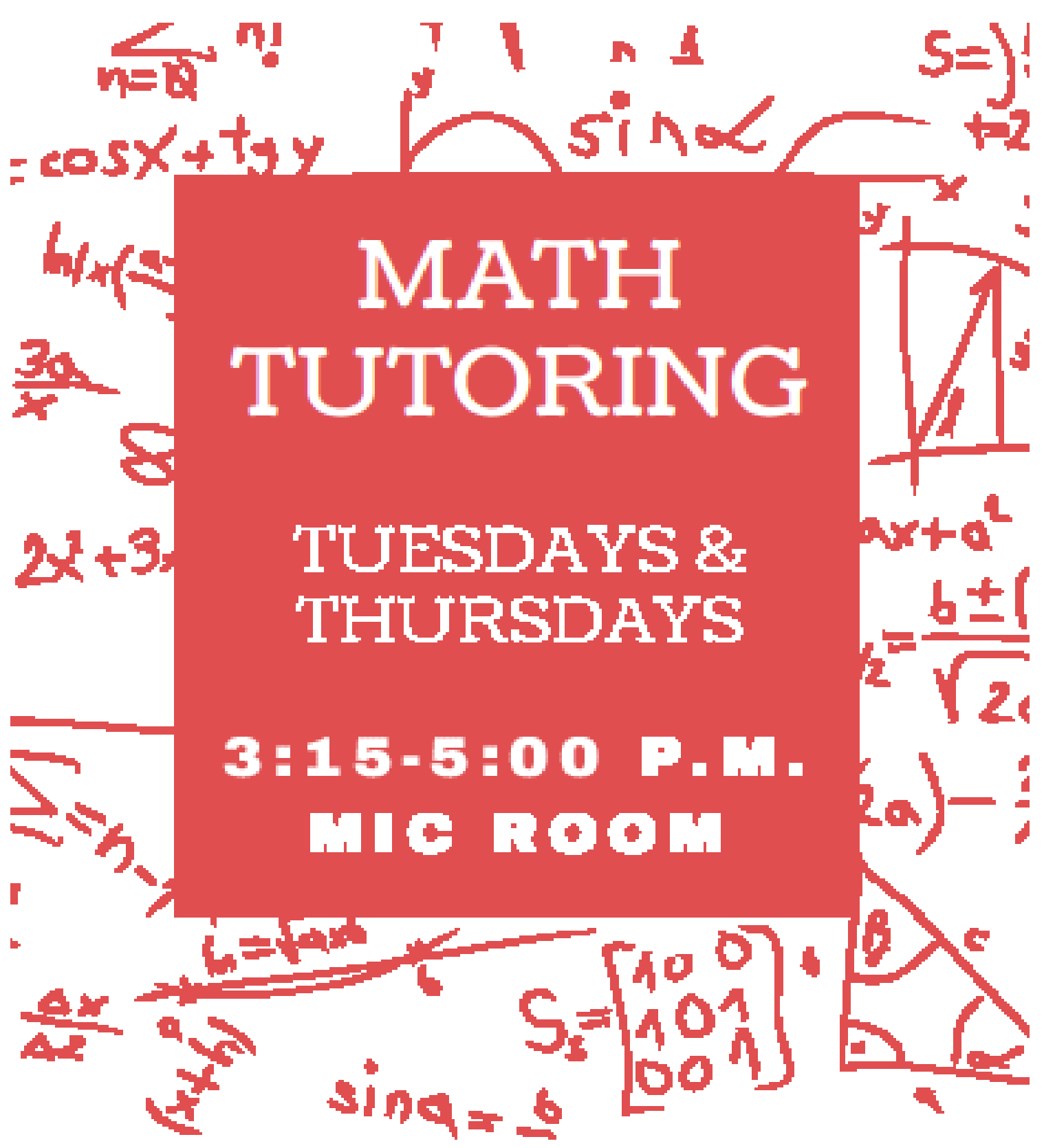
Two weeks prior to test. Students must upload their photo to ACT.org

**SAT: Saturday, March 9, 2019 ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com))**

# MATH TUTORING

TUESDAYS &  
THURSDAYS

3:15-5:00 P.M.  
MIC ROOM



## February College and Career Events



- 2/1 – Deadline to submit application for Washburn Success Institute program
- 2/1 – No classes for Washburn Tech
- 2/1 – Last day to upload photo for February 9 ACT
- 2/7 – K-State visits during C/T (Library)
- 2/9 – ACT at TWHS (deadline to register has passed)
- 2/12 – Emporia State visits TWHS during C/T (Library)
- 2/15 – Credit/No Credit deadline
- 2/15 – Accuplacer given at TWHS – 8:00 AM (Library – see Rose Cantrell)
- 2/19 – ACT prep in auditorium from 9:35-11:10
- 2/20 – District ACT at TWHS (majority of junior class signed up)
- 2/20-2/21 – Parent Teacher conferences at TWHS
- 2/21 – National Letter of Intent signing day at Washburn Tech
- 2/22 – No school
- 2/28 – Field Trip to ESU for Diversity Leadership Summit (see Mr. Anthony for details)

### Washburn Tech Rep visits TWHS:

2/7, 2/14, 2/28

### Scholarships due this month:

Azura Credit Union (2/1), Kansas Kiwanis Foundation (2/1), Topeka Legal Professional (2/8), Hy-Vee Foundation (2/8), Topeka Alumnae Panhellenic Council (2/15), Great Plains Association for College Admissions Counseling (2/15), KSU First Scholar (2/22)

### February is National Career & Technical Education Month

Topeka Public Schools offers some amazing opportunities for students to explore careers and technical education such as TCALC and Washburn Tech classes. If interested in either of those programs, please visit with your counselor!

### FAFSA Completion for class of 2019:

32% of seniors have submitted their FAFSA, if you are college bound you must submit your FAFSA as soon as possible. See your counselor for help completing it.



# AP EXAM INFORMATION 2019

**About:** The AP curriculum prepares students to take the AP examination (for a fee) for college credit. Students whose test scores are considered acceptable on the AP exam usually receive college credit and/or advanced placement in the course for which they tested. Most exams are two to three hours long. The first part of the exam usually consists of multiple-choice questions, while the second part of the exam usually consists of free-response questions that require you to generate your own responses. To see if a college accepts AP exam scores for credit, please use this website:

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies>

**Cost:** The AP Exam is \$94.00\* per exam. Please see Ms. Allen in A-Office with cash or check payment to register. Please make checks payable to Topeka West.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, March 8th, 2019**

<b>Test</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
AP US Government and Politics	Monday, May 6th	8:00am
AP Physics 1	Tuesday, May 7th	12:00pm
AP Literature and Composition	Wednesday, May 8th	8:00am
AP Chemistry	Thursday, May 9th	8:00am
AP US History	Friday, May 10th	8:00am
AP Biology	Monday, May 13th	8:00am
AP Calculus AB	Tuesday, May 14th	8:00am
AP Language and Composition	Wednesday, May 15th	8:00am
AP Music Theory	Friday, May 17th	8:00am

\*The College Board provides a fee reduction for qualifying low-income students.



# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

## February Scholarship News

Here is a list of local and state scholarship applications that are available now. For more information go to Ms. Steinkuehler's webpage at <https://sites.google.com/a/tps501.org/twhs--gifted-education/scholarships>

### **Azura Credit Union**

--\$500

--General, must be a credit union member

--Deadline February 1st

<https://www.azuracu.com/Special-Promotions/Scholarship-Guidelines-and-Requirements.aspx>

### **Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Scholarships**

--Online application, transcript and letter of recommendation from a community member

--\$22,000 in scholarships given away last year

--Deadline February 1st

<http://www.kskiwanis.org/scholarships>

### **Topeka Legal and Professional Scholarship**

--\$200/\$300

--General Scholarship

--Transcript, Two letters of recommendation, autobiographical statement

--Deadline February 8th

--Available in the north alcove

### **Hy-Vee Foundation Scholarship**

-- (40) \$1, 000 scholarships awarded

--Applicants must work for Hy-Vee and have begun working before September 15, 2014

--Transcript, personal statement describing a time when Hy-Vee made a difference in your life, --

--Resume and online application.

--Deadline February 8

--<http://www.hy-vee.com/company/scholarships/default.aspx>

### **Topeka Alumnae Panhellenic Council**

--\$500

--For young women with a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and 22 ACT score who have participated in school/community/employment opportunities

--Resume, short essay, transcript, counselor form

--Deadline February 15th

--<https://topekapanhellenic.weebly.com/about.html>

### **Great Plains Association for College Admissions Counseling**

--Composite ACT score of 21-28 or SAT equivalent

--500 word essay, copy of transcript

--\$1,000 award

--Deadline February 15th

--<http://www.gpacac.net/student-scholarship>

### **KSU First Scholar**

--\$5,000 renewable

--Must be a first-generation college student (neither parent earned more than two years education beyond high school and no post-secondary degree)

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- Demonstrate financial need, completed FAFSA
- Achieve an ACT score between 21-26 and an average cumulative GPA of a 3.0
- Reside in the Living Learning Community for First Scholars® during the freshmen year
- Agree to participate in the program including developing and implementing an Individual Strategic Plan and participating in and attending social, cultural, and academic, leadership, and service opportunities.
- Maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA as a K-State student and complete all program requirements.
- Deadline February 22nd
- <https://www.k-state.edu/firstscholars/>

## **Shawnee County Farm Bureau Scholarships**

- Several \$500 scholarships, which are re-apply able
- Essay and transcript
- Application attached at the bottom of the page
- Deadline March 1st

## **Kansas Grain and Feed Association Scholarship**

- \$1,500 to \$500 scholarships
  - General
  - Transcript, 2 reference letters and application
  - Deadline March 1st
- <https://tmp-m.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019-2020-Kansas-Grain-and-Feed-Association-Scholarship-Application.pdf>

## **TWHS Class of 1962 Scholarship**

- One non-renewable scholarship to be given to a graduating senior of Topeka West High School
  - 2.5 minimum GPA
  - Resume
  - Two letters of reference from high school teachers
  - Completed Family Financial Analysis Form
  - Deadline March 1
- <https://www.topekapublicschools.net/cms/lib/KS02203960/Centricity/Domain/79/TWHS%20Class%20of%201962%20Scholarship%20application%20packet.pdf>

## **Linda Dryer Education**

- \$250/year renewable for 4 years
  - 3.0 GPA
  - Transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, resume, online application
- <https://www.topekapublicschools.net/cms/lib/KS02203960/Centricity/Domain/79/Linda%20Dryer%20Memorial%20Scholarship%20application%20packet.pdf>

## **LULAC Scholarship for Hispanics**

- Three \$500 Awards to Hispanic high school students in Topeka area
- 2.5 minimum GPA, 2 letters of reference, Honors and activities
- Personal statement and essay required
- Transcript
- Deadline March 8th
- Applications available in the north alcove.

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Elementary Meal Prices**  
Breakfast Reduced .30/ \$5.40 Lunch Reduced .40/ \$7.20  
Full Pay \$1.50/ \$27.00 Full Pay \$2.50/ \$45.00

**MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE \* = Pork**

**4** Fresh Donut or New Breakfast Tornado  
Crispitos w/cheese sauce or Shrimp Poppers w/String Cheese Graham Cheeseburger w/Fries  
Cheese Stuffed Crust Pizza w/Dip Veggie Burger w/Fries

**5** Mini Fr. Toast or Yogurt Parfait  
*Celebrate February Birthdays*  
Chili w/Cinnamon Bun Boneless Chicken Bites  
Spicy chicken Strips w/Onion Rings Fiesta Bowl w/Chips  
Apple Slices w/PB Tortilla & Graham

**6** \*BYO Breakfast Bowl  
All Beef Hot Dog  
\*BBQ Sandwich w/Pickles  
Big Daddy's Pizza w/Fries  
Cheese Omelet on a Biscuit  
Black Bean Salsa w/Chips

**7** Cinn. Roll or Breakfast Pizza  
Chicken Nuggets w/Rolls  
Fiestada Pizza  
Country Steak Sandwich w/Fries  
Mac N Cheese w/Roll  
Hummus w/Graham & Pita Chips

**1** Fresh Donut or as a \*Sandwich  
Hamburger Sliders w/Cookie  
\*Assorted Pizza w/Cookie  
CornDog w/Fries  
Pizza Hug Cheese or Veggie Pizza  
Black Bean Burger w/Fries

**11** Donut or New Breakfast Burrito  
Taco Burger  
Meatball Sub  
Cheeseburger w/Fries  
Cheese Stuffed Crust Pizza w/Dip  
Veggie Burger w/Fries

**12** Sausage & Cheese Bagel  
Spicy Chicken Alfredo  
Fish & Cheese Sandwich  
Rodeo Grilled Chicken w/Fries  
Veggie Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Veggie Burger w/Fries

**13** \*BYO Breakfast Burrito  
Fiestada Pizza  
Spicy Chicken Sandwich  
Krisp Krunchy Chicken Strips  
Yogurt w/String Cheese Cheez Its, Graham  
Pintos N Pico w/Tortilla Chips

**14** Cinn. Roll or \*Pancake Party  
Valentine Heart Nuggets  
Burrito w/chips ~Heart Cookie  
Pizza Burger with all-Cheesy Bread Dippers  
Black Beans w/Quinoa Pita chips

**15** Fresh Donut or as a Sandwich  
BBQ Rib Sandwich  
\*Assorted Pizza  
CornDog w/Fries  
Pizza Hut Cheese or Veggie Pizza  
Black Bean Burger w/Fries

**18** Donut or Apple Cinn Toast  
Enchiladas w/Rice & President Cookies  
BBQ Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
Cheeseburger w/Fries  
Cheese Stuffed Crust Pizza w/Sauce  
Veggie Burger w/Fries

**19** Breakfast Pizza or Yogurt Parfait  
Crispitos w/cheese sauce  
Boneless Buffalo Chicken Bites w/Roll or Spicy Chicken Strips w/Onion Rings  
Fiesta Bowl  
Apple Slices w/PB, Cheez Its, Graham

**20** BYO Breakfast Bowl  
Manwich  
Fajita Chicken Hoagie  
Big Daddy's Pizza w/Fries  
Omelet Biscuit Sandwich  
Black Bean Salsa w/Tortilla Chips

**21** NO SCHOOL

**22** NO SCHOOL

**25** Fresh Donut or \*Pancake Party  
Krisp N Krunchy Chicken Wrap  
Walking Taco  
Cheeseburger w/Fries  
Omelet, Tortilla, & Graham  
Hummus, Naked Pita Chip & Goldfish

**26** Pancakes w/\*Saus. Or Yogurt Parfait  
Chicken Rings w/ Chortles & Roll  
BBQ Rib Sandwich  
Rodeo Grilled Chicken w/Fries  
Veggie Stuffed Crust Pizza  
Veggie Burger w/Fries

**27** \*BYO Breakfast Burrito  
Pizza Dipper, String Cheese, Saus.  
B. Potato w/chili & cheese, & Rolls  
Krisp N Krunchy Chicken Strips  
Yogurt w/String Ch, Cheez Its, Graham  
Pintos N Pico w/Tortilla Chips

**28** Cinn Roll or Chicken N Waffle  
Chicken Noodles w/Roll  
Oriental Chicken w/Rice & Eggroll  
Pizza Burger w/Fries  
Cheesy Bread Dippers  
Black Beans w/Quinoa & Graham

**Nutrition Tip:** Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.

Pay for meals online @  
**myPaymentsPlus**

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**With MyPaymentsPlus.com, you can:**

- View your child's account balance online, anytime
- Quickly make payments toward your student's meals (auto-pay also available)
- See what your child is purchasing in the cafeteria
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Once you complete your free registration, enter your login information below:

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# **2019-2020 Topeka West High School Westiders Dance Team Auditions**

**Mandatory Parent & Dancer Informational Meeting, TWHS Cafeteria:**

**Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 - 6:00 PM**

**or**

**Monday, February 25th, 2019 - 6:00 PM**

**All Clinics & Auditions will be held in the TWHS South Gym. Please enter through the Southwest doors.**

**Clinic 1: Monday, March 4th, 2019 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM,**

**Clinic 2: Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Auditions: Thursday, March 7th, 2019 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**The 2019-2020 Westiders Dance Team will be announced at 3 PM on Friday, March 8th, 2019.**

**Questions? E-Mail Coach Sydney Ho at [sho@tps501.org](mailto:sho@tps501.org)**



**Do you need to replace a bed in your home?**

**NOW IS THE TIME!**

The Topeka West Charger Band is hosting a one day Mattress Sale at Topeka West High School on Saturday, March 30th from 10AM-5PM in the small gym.

There will be 28 floor models on display for you to try from name brand companies like Simmons Beautyrest. All beds are brand new, available in all sizes, and come with factory warranties! There will also be pillows, mattress protectors, frames and even adjustable bases available as well!

Best of all, prices are less than retail stores! Mention this announcement and receive free delivery with any mattress purchase!

**GO CHARGERS!**

This February, 42 English language learners (ELs) at Topeka West will join thousands more across Kansas in taking the KELPA - the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment. This state assessment is a federally required test to show that ELs are growing in their English skills and moving toward grade-level proficiency. It counts as one of the major factors in our KSDE report card, along with KAP state assessment and our graduation rate.

The KELPA tests four language domains: reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Scores range from 1 to 5, with level 4 marking proficiency. The state expects students to make progress in at least two domains each year. When students score at least a 4 in every domain, they pass the KELPA and move to monitor status.

In 2018, eight ELs at Topeka West completely passed the KELPA and were reclassified to monitor status. Topeka West also led the district in listening score growth. This year we are looking forward to even greater success. Students, staff, and community members join in encouraging our ELs to do their best on this upcoming test. We are proud of you and the bilingual strengths you bring to our school!

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Este febrero, 42 estudiantes de inglés (EL) en Topeka West se unirán a miles más en todo Kansas para tomar el KELPA, la Evaluación de Dominio del Idioma Inglés de Kansas. Esta evaluación del estado es una prueba requerida por el gobierno federal para mostrar que los estudiantes de ELL están creciendo en sus habilidades de inglés y avanzan hacia la aptitud del nivel de su grado. Cuenta como uno de los factores principales en nuestra boleta de calificaciones de KSDE, junto con la evaluación del estado KAP y nuestra tasa de graduación.

KELPA evalúa cuatro dominios de lenguaje: leer, escribir, escuchar y hablar. Los puntajes varían de 1 a 5, con un nivel de competencia de calificación de nivel 4. El estado espera que los estudiantes progresen en al menos dos dominios cada año. Cuando los estudiantes obtienen al menos un 4 en cada dominio, pasan el KELPA y son movidos al estatus de ser monitoreados.

En 2018, ocho ELs en Topeka West pasaron por completo el KELPA y fueron reclasificados al estatus de ser monitoreados. Topeka West salió por delante en el distrito en el crecimiento de la puntuación del dominio de escuchar. Este año esperamos un éxito aún mayor. Los estudiantes, el personal y los miembros de la comunidad se unen para alentar a nuestros estudiantes EL para que hagan lo mejor en esta próxima evaluación. ¡Estamos orgullosos de ustedes y de las fuerzas bilingües que traen a nuestra escuela!

