

# Cat Chat



Cashion High School

Dec/Jan 2010-2011

## Words for Wildcats

By: Mrs. Oard

January is School Board Recognition Month throughout the state of Oklahoma. It is celebrated by 535 local and 29 Career Tech school districts. Over 2700 elected school board members volunteer their time to develop policies and make tough decisions on educational issues that impact their students and communities. This is a wonderful opportunity to let each of our board members know how much we appreciate their service. I believe each of our board members has a strong commitment to service with the realization that public education affects the present and future lives of our students and our community. School board members in Cashion and across the state voluntarily take on the enormous task of governing school districts while preserving the core of our democratic values.

The hours these individuals spend in meetings are just a small portion of the time members of the board of education spend leading our district. Board members attend training sessions and workshops to remain current on the trends in education. Our board members spend many hours at the schools and at extracurricular events. In Cashion, our school board members have a passion for the school and all things maroon and gold.

January 10, 2011 at 6:00 PM is the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cashion Board of Education. I would like to invite each of you to come salute the work of our school board members. If you can't make the meeting, take a moment or two to shake hands with them at a school event and share how much you appreciate their commitment to the students of Cashion. I'm sure a telephone call, email, or a holiday card expressing your thanks for their service and commitment would mean a great deal to each of them. Member of the Cashion Board of Education are as follows:

Steve Andrews – President  
Amy Broadbent – Vice President  
Anita Robison – Clerk  
Sharon Kadavy – Member  
Jay Evans – Member

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

-Gandhi

## STUCO NEWS

The Student Body Officers were able to attend the Student Council State Convention in Yukon, November 6-8. They had a good time and were able to hear some excellent speakers and get new ideas.

The school held a food drive and the freshmen brought the most canned goods and were able to get 100 class points. Thank you for supporting a community food pantry.

The Winter Formal was re-scheduled and will be held on Saturday, February 12. The junior high dance will be from 6 – 8:00 p.m. and the high school dance will be from 8:30 – 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 per student or \$12/couple.

STUCO and FCCLA will be selling Valentines Day suckers and delivering “hugs and kisses” and/or “crush” sodas for Valentines Day. Orders will be taken from January 18 to February 4.

## Valentines Day

Order your Valentine a sucker (\$1.00)

Give some “Hugs and Kisses” or a  
“Crush” for your friend or valentine  
(\$2.00)

Orders to be taken

January 18 through February 4  
See Mrs. Chandler

# Secondary News

By: Mr. Vandruff  
H.S. Principal

Happy Holidays! The calendar pages are turning rather quickly making it hard to believe we are getting ready to wrap up our first semester. In regards to testing, we have posted the semester test schedule online and put it on the official school calendar. Please make every effort to have your student here for these important exams.

It really has been an exciting time at Cashion High School where our focus is to provide your student with a challenging environment and the right tools to help them reach their goals as an individual, whether that is college, job after high school or a technical school. Our staff will do what is necessary to provide students with interventions to attain their goals.

We have had some pretty neat things going on throughout the school. This past month we had Chad Cargill come to our school and provide a four-hour class on how to improve ACT scores. If your student wasn't able to sign up for the class, I would suggest that you look up Mr. Cargill's schedule online and find a time to get him/her into this workshop. Students who attended really thought it was well worth their time. I was able to stay for the first session and was really impressed with the amount of information given and how he was able to apply it to our students.

Right before the break we had Carla Jenkins come to our school and provide training for our junior high students on cyber-bullying and bullying in general. She gave some great information that I believe will make our school safer for students to learn. I would also ask that if your children are expressing to you that they are being harassed, urge them to report the behavior to a teacher, counselor or principal. In the main office, we have forms for students to fill out and outline exactly what is going on. It is our desire at Cashion that our school is a safe place for all students. If they don't feel comfortable coming to the office then they also have the options of talking with their parents, or even calling the safe schools hotline (1-877-723-3225, Extension 651) which is an anonymous hotline through the State Department. This hotline can be used when

you have knowledge of drugs, weapons or violent acts in our schools or other schools. The call is completely anonymous. We simply receive a fax in our office and are required to take action on the information we are given. Remember: if we don't know about the behaviors, it is hard to correct the problem. Parents please help us make our campus a safe place where we can educate all students. We need to be proactive as parents, educators and students to eliminate any kind of bullying behavior.

As we transition from football season to basketball season, I would like to remind students, parents and patrons that last summer we adopted a Sportsmanship Pledge. If you are a supporter of our programs, please read this pledge and make sure you are compliant with this policy. Our students are held accountable for proper behavior at games and extra-curricular events. As role models for these students we need to model those same behaviors at games. I also ask that you let the coaches coach and please don't be derogatory to the officials. We need to treat everyone with respect and let our coaches debate with the officials. Let's cheer our students on to victory and support our student-athletes. I have included a copy of our Spectators' Code of Conduct.

The Anatomy/Physiology  
Skeleton Contest produced a  
winner by a mere 4 points----  
Congratulations  
Mrs. Simmons' 3rd hour!

*Happy*

*Holidays!*

## **Spectator Code of Conduct**

### **Athletics Program**

The following code of conduct for spectators should serve as a model for sports fans at all school-sponsored athletic events:

**BELIEVING THAT** sportsmanship is a by-product of a spirit of tolerance and good will and the centering of attention on the good qualities involved, and

**BELIEVING THAT** my conduct is an important part of the school's athletic program,

**I PLEDGE** to act in accordance with these principles.

As an athletic spectator, I will:

1. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership so as to be a worthy example.
2. Maintain and exhibit poise and self-discipline during and after the contest.
3. Conduct myself in such a manner that attention is not drawn to me, but to the participants playing the game.
4. Regulate my actions at all times so that I will be a credit to the team I support, knowing the school gets the praise or blame for my conduct because I represent the school, as well as the athletes.
5. Support all reasonable moves to improve good sportsmanship.
6. Treat a visiting team and spectators as guests, being courteous and fair.
7. Avoid actions that will offend the individual athlete.
8. Accept the judgment of the coach.
9. Honor the rights of the visitors in a manner in which I would like to be treated.
10. Respect the property of the school.
11. Display good sportsmanship by being modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
12. Pay respect to both teams as they enter for competition.
13. Appreciate the good plays by both teams.
14. Show sympathy for an injured player.
15. Regard the officials as guests and treat them as such.
16. Direct my energy to encouraging my team rather than booing the officials.
17. Believe that officials are fair and accept their decisions as final.
18. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a more intelligent fan.
19. Consider it a privilege and a duty to encourage everyone to live up to the spirit of the rules of fair play and sportsmanship.
20. Realize that privileges are invariably associated with great responsibilities and that spectators have great responsibility.
21. Realize that obscene cheers, littering throwing of objects, and verbal indignities directed toward athletes, spectators, or officials have no place in

## **Where the WILD Things Are!**

**Cashion Elementary School**

**Principal Lisa Hudson**

Happy holidays, Cashion patrons! I am so excited about the festive mood at Cashion Elementary School during this season of giving. Taking up the call to lend a helping hand with our adopt a family program, “Socks for Soldiers” project, and “Pennies for Pups” fundraiser, our students have once again outdone themselves with a show of generosity to the larger community. Thanks to all students who have participated in these outstanding community service projects!

Not only are we wild about service at Cashion Elementary, we are wild about learning. Our students have been working diligently all quarter reading as many books as possible to meet their Accelerated Reading goals, and I’m proud to announce that a majority of our students achieved or exceeded their reading goals. In celebration, we will be taking a field trip to the movies next week! Cashion Elementary students certainly are wild about reading!

As we prepare for winter break, I’d like to issue to all Cashion students and parents a wild challenge. During times of economic uncertainty and financial anxiety in our community, state and nation, I would like to extended to you the challenge to do as our elementary students have done and lend a helping hand to those in need. Whether that means dropping your spare change in the Salvation Army bucket, donating at your local church, or serving in a soup kitchen, I encourage you to stretch yourself – do something wild – and reach out to your neighbors in need.

Finally, I would like to make a personal announcement. Although most of our students have heard the buzz, I would like to formally announce my plans to be married over the Christmas holiday. Upon returning from break, I will no longer be Ms. Hudson. My new name will be Mrs. Crosslin! Thanks so much for the congratulations and well wishes I’ve already received! ☺

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# **FREE COLLEGE TUITION**

## ***Oklahoma's Promise***

### ***(Formerly OHLAP)*** **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible to enroll in Oklahoma's Promise, a student must meet the following requirements:

- The student must be a resident of the State of Oklahoma.
- The student must be enrolled in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade.  
[Home school students must be age 13, 14, or 15.]
- Student must be enrolled by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The income of the student's parent(s) from taxed and untaxed sources for the most recently completed federal tax year must not exceed \$50,000.
- Meet additional qualifications as stated in the Oklahoma Promise application.
- Visit [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org) to see additional requirements and apply.

### **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT**

High school seniors who meet the eligibility requirements are entitled to receive tuition waivers for up to six hours per semester beginning the summer after their junior year and continuing until high school graduation. **To qualify for enrollment students must have the following:**

**Seniors:** *Oklahoma State University* - Score a 24 ACT or 1090 SAT **OR** have a 3.0 GPA *AND* rank in the top 33 percent of your class. *University of Oklahoma* - Score a 24 ACT or 1090 SAT *AND* have a 3.0 GPA or rank in the top 50 percent of your class **OR** have a 3.0 GPA *AND* rank in the top 30 percent of your class. ***All Other Regional Universities*** - Score a 20 ACT or 940 SAT **OR** have a 3.0 GPA *AND* rank in the top 50 percent of your class. ***Community Colleges*** - Score a 19 ACT or 900 SAT **OR** have a 3.0 GPA.

**Juniors also qualify for concurrent enrollment but do not qualify for tuition waivers from the State of Oklahoma:**

**Juniors:** *Research Universities (OSU and OU)* - Score a 25 ACT or 1130 SAT **OR** have a 3.5 GPA. ***All Other Regional Universities*** - Score a 23 ACT or 1050 SAT **OR** have a 3.5 GPA. ***Community Colleges*** - Score a 21 ACT or 980 SAT **OR** have a 3.5 GPA.

### **Scholarship Deadlines:**

**Oklahoma State University---February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**The University of Oklahoma—February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**The University of Central Oklahoma-February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Southwestern Oklahoma State University-March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Redlands Community College-March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City-March 1<sup>st</sup>**

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**Oklahoma's Promise**  
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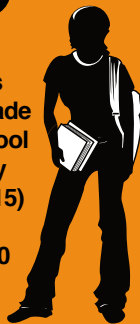
it's **Oklahoma's Promise!**

apply online today!  
[www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org)

## who may apply

Applicants must be:

- Oklahoma residents
- 8th-, 9th- or 10th-grade students (homeschool students must apply while age 13, 14 or 15)
- Students whose parents earn \$50,000 or less per year\*
- Students who promise to meet the requirements of the program



\* Special income provisions apply to certain adopted children and children in the custody of legal guardians.

## the promise

Upon completion of the program's requirements, you will earn:

- Free tuition at an Oklahoma public two-year college or four-year university
- OR a portion of tuition at an accredited Oklahoma private college or university
- OR a portion of tuition for courses at public technology centers that are approved for credit toward an Associate of Applied Science degree at a public college.

The scholarship amount does not cover fees, books, supplies or room and board.



## how to apply

- Online at [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org)
- Get an application from your counselor

## get more info

- [www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org)
- E-mail [okpromise@osrhe.edu](mailto:okpromise@osrhe.edu)
- Call 1-800-858-1840 (225-9152 in OKC)

