

# Cat Chat



Cashion High School

October 2011

## Words for Wildcats

By: Mrs. Oard

Your administrative team is always searching for ways to improve the education of your children and to increase communication with you and other district patrons. Our website has needed some attention for quite some time as well. We have had the opportunity to bring the two areas together by changing our website to a new, more sophisticated product. This site will allow each teacher to have their own site and allow other district personnel to post information in a more timely and organized fashion. As you search for information and materials, the new site should make this easier and more efficient. I expect the site to be accessible shortly; however, district personnel will continue to make additions to it after it is rolled out. Our web address will remain the same as we switch products. We are open to your input for additions to the site and hope you find it an improvement and a positive reflection of our school district.

We hope this will also be an aid to students as teachers learn all the possibilities the website offers. Faculty members will be able to post photos, study guides, sample materials, etc. You will be able to have a greater virtual view of the classrooms your child attends. Teachers will also have the ability to maintain their own calendars with due dates for projects, activities and events. Please be patient as we move through the year and continue our own education in technology!

## Academic Team News

The Cashion High School Academic Team competed in the L.L. Lewis Cup at OSU on Saturday, September 24. Though the team didn't place, they competed well and got valuable playing experience against the best teams in the state.

The team opened conference play in Cashion the following Monday with Watonga and Calumet. Ms. Beck read questions for the triad while Mrs. Simmons

served as judge. Cashion played well and won both games against Watonga and Calumet to bring their conference record to 4-0.

The high school and froshmore teams are scheduled to play a scrimmage against Crossings Christian School on October 8 and the high school team will play Lomega and Chisholm in preparation for the District Seeding Tournament at the end of the month.

This year's high school team is: Austin Hoffman, Austen Evans, Nicolas Rollins, Evan Bird, Tyler Persechino, and Caleb Kimberling. This year's Froshmore team is: Erin Smith, Brianna Kurtz, Tessa Adams, Jason Todd, Lauren Buchalla, Emily Buchalla, Hunter Suntken, Katherine Grimmett.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who is participating in and supporting the **Readers Are Leaders** library fundraiser, which ends Friday, October 7. Proceeds raised will be matched by Modern Woodmen of America up to \$2,500. All funds will be used to buy new books for our school library. Many of the titles will be selected by the students participating in the fundraiser so they can help choose which new books the library acquires. The PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade student and the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student who raise the most money each will win a NOOK Color e-reader. The winners will be announced the morning of Monday, October 10. These wonderful prizes, a \$250 retail value each, have been donated by the Jim and Mary Sowards family in memory of their daughter, Kelli, a dedicated teacher who was passionate about education. They are sure she would have been pleased to see how students today can use technology like this to learn and grow.

At the end of the month, the library will begin hosting the **Scholastic Book Fair** for students PreK-8. The Book Fair will be set up on the stage in the auditorium and will be open to students 8:15 – 3:00 daily, Monday, October 31, through Friday, November 4.

# The PSAT/NMSQT: Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test

## For SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

**OCTOBER 12, 2011**

### Why Your Child Should Take the PSAT/NMSQT

In addition to assessing critical academic skills, the PSAT/NMSQT provides an opportunity for your child to:

- Prepare for the SAT: the test uses similar questions and the same directions.
- Qualify for scholarships (if your child is a junior).
- Compare scores with other college-bound students around the country.
- Forecast SAT scores.
- Get personalized feedback on skill strengths and weaknesses.
- Get free information from colleges and scholarship programs through the Student Search Service®.
- Use My College QuickStart™ to plan ahead for college and a career.

### Preparation

The PSAT/NMSQT evaluates the academic skills your child has developed over time in school. Therefore, taking challenging academic courses and reading widely are the best ways for your child to get ready.

Still, your child can take these steps now, to plan ahead:

### **Test date for 2011 is Wednesday, October 12**

Visit the high school counselor to find out about registering; learn the correct date, time and location of the school's test administration; and pick up a copy of the PSAT/NMSQT *Official Student Guide*.

Read the PSAT/NMSQT *Official Student Guide* and take the full-length practice test inside. Students should review the *Guide* to be sure they understand all the test directions and are familiar with the types of questions asked. They can also [get complete answer explanations online](#) for all the questions on the practice test.

Prepare for the [PSAT/NMSQT online](#) and access test dates, more practice questions and useful tips.

### Test Date

Your child has the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT in October at Cashion High School, the 2011 test is given on Wednesday, October 12 or. To register for the test, your child should speak to the school counselor.

### Score Report Plus

Scores are reported to schools in December. At that time, your child receives Score Report Plus, which

includes not only itemized feedback on test questions but also information about skill strengths and weaknesses.

### **My College QuickStart**

Students who take the PSAT/NMSQT receive free access [My College QuickStart](#), a personalized college planning tool that complements the Score Report Plus. Your child can use the code provided on the score report, to access:

My Online Score Report — an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, their answers and the correct answers with answer explanations

My SAT Study Plan — a customized SAT study plan based on students' PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice

My Personality — a detailed personality test that helps students learn about themselves and discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests

My Major & Career Matches — extensive information about majors and careers, including insights about what to expect and what courses to take now

My College Matches — a starter list of colleges based on students' home state and indicated choice of major

Students can access My College QuickStart until they graduate from high school.

Read more about your child's [score report](#).

**\*See Mrs. Angie Cowan in the Counseling Office to register for the PSAT/NMSQT!**



## **College Entrance Exams:**

### **Prepare for the ACT & SAT**

#### **Steve Bowlware's Four-Evening ACT Workshop**

Mr. Bowlware has normally 2-3 sessions of workshops at Edmond Memorial High School before each test. Register to attend by e-mail: [www.steve.bowlware@edmondschools.net](mailto:www.steve.bowlware@edmondschools.net)

**Number2.com** - ACT & SAT Practice Tests

**Princeton Review** - ACT & SAT Practice Tests

# COLLEGE CAMPUS TOURS / "Preview Days" at Specific Colleges

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Cashion HS juniors are allowed one college campus visit (one day total) each year. Seniors are allowed two college campus visits (two days total) per year. These visits are excused and do not count against absences IF the student follows district procedure: Prior to the day of the college campus visit, the student must return to the Counseling Office a Campus College Day Form, complete with basic information (including the date of the campus visit, the name of the college, and the parent's signature). On the day of the actual visit, the student needs to take with him/her the Official College Visit Form. It must be completed on the campus tour, signed by a campus official, and returned to Mrs. Cowan in the Counseling Office the next day. The two forms are available below:

## College Events for 2011-2012

**WELLESLEY MORNINGS** All three mornings feature student-led campus tours, panel discussions, and information sessions with admission and financial aid counselors. If you are crazy about science, the morning of September 24th is especially for you! No need to register for the Wellesley Morning Programs.

- 9-2:30, Saturday, September 24
- 9-12:30, Monday, October 10
- 9-12:30, Saturday, November 12

## WELLESLEY OVERNIGHT PROGRAM

- Noon - Noon, Sunday and Monday, October 16 - 17, 2011. Just for seniors, this includes everything offered in the morning programs + class visits, cultural events, and the bonding experience that is a night in a Wellesley residence hall. To register: [www.wellesley.edu/Admission/discover](http://www.wellesley.edu/Admission/discover) or call 781-283-3297. Space is limited, so register early!
- For a more detailed schedule of Discover Wellesley 2011 events, to go: [www.wellesley.edu/Admission/discover](http://www.wellesley.edu/Admission/discover)
- To arrange a visit for you and your family: [www.wellesley.edu/Admission/visit](http://www.wellesley.edu/Admission/visit)
- Contact Admissions: 781-283-2270 or [admission@wellesley.edu](mailto:admission@wellesley.edu)

## **Saturday, November 5, 2011 - SWOSU Saturday (Campus Preview Day)**

**SOONER SATURDAY, November 19, 2011** The exciting, event-filled day gives high school seniors an opportunity to experience the University of Oklahoma before beginning their first year at OU. Sooner Saturday takes place during the fall semester, and includes information sessions about academic programs, admissions, housing, financial aid, scholarships, and support services. You will be able to tour classrooms, academic areas, lab spaces, housing, and to talk with current OU students, faculty and staff. You will also have an opportunity to tour the National Weather Center! Don't miss this Opportunity! To find



out how to register for SOONER SATURDAY, contact the Office of Prospective Student Services at (405) 325-2151.

**OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER - OPEN HOUSE** OSU will be opening its doors to show you everything academic about OSU: scholarships & financial aid, Greek Life, Institutional diversity, the six academic colleges within OSU, faculty and staff. Campus tours are available. Registration for these events will open in the fall 2011. Click on the OSU link above to go to that web site.

- High School Senior Open House - January 28, 2012
- High School Junior Open House - April 21, 2012

**UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - RED LETTER DAYS**(Senior Open Houses)  
Register online at: [admissions.unl.edu/visit](http://admissions.unl.edu/visit) Deadline: two weeks prior to event date

**Cornhusker Open Houses for all majors:** October 3, October 28, November 1, December 2, January 13, February 20

**Cornhusker Open House for Specific Majors:**

- Engineering: September 26
- Architecture: October 12
- Business Administration: October 24
- Education & Human Sciences: October 7
- Journalism & Mass Communications: October 12
- Pre-Health related majors: October 10

**Special Visit Events at the University of Nebraska**

- American Indian Leadership Symposium: November 7
- Latino Leadership Symposium - November 7
- Black Leadership Symposium - November 30
- Greek Preview - March 31

Big Red Open House: March 12, April 6, April 20