

# “The Bronc Briefs”

February 2012

## Principal's Piece

Notes from Mr. Ron Overeem

Once again, it is hard to believe that January is over and February is already here. There are plenty of events, activities and school related matters to take care of this month. Mr. White and I will attempt to get the underclass students enrolled for the next school year. Your student will be making decisions of what classes to take for the next school year (2012-2013). This process is done on line and the students will pick the classes that they want to take and are required by the state for graduation. It is our intention to send information home regarding what your student is enrolling in for your viewing and discussion with your student. It is also important that parents/guardians understand what is required by the state and Lakin High School for graduation. Lakin High School requires 26 credits for graduation. Out of those 26 credits the Kansas Board of Education has set 15 required credits. Those credits that are set by the Department of Education are:

Language Arts	4 credits
Laboratory Science	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Physical Ed./Health	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit

The 11 credits necessary to fill the remaining amount is the student's choice. It is also important to note that the above requirements are for the general diploma. Lakin High School does offer the Regency Diploma which is set by the Board of Regents. This diploma is recommended, but not required, for students pursuing a post secondary education. It is important to note that this is not required and students can and have been successful in college even if they did not obtain the Regency Diploma. The Regency Diploma is considered a college course curriculum that demands more academic requirements.

For example, the Regency Diploma does require the following:

- Two years of a foreign language which has to be in the same language. (2 Credits)
- Science classes that must include biology, chemistry and physics (3 Credits)
- Mathematic classes that must be Algebra I and above (4 Credits)

As you can see there are a few more requirements that are necessary to fulfill beyond the general diploma. The rest of the requirements will remain the same as the general diploma. More information on requirements and classes can be found in the student handbook which each student was given at the beginning of the year or when they enrolled. I hope that this is useful information for you and your student. Please feel free to contact me if you need any questions answered or concerns addressed.

## Secretary's Scoop

Kay Riedl & Kori Schreibvogel

Everything seems to be going along smoothly here in the office. Just a few upcoming events you may want to put on the calendar: Basketball Homecoming is February 11<sup>th</sup>, Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> and the first day of practice for spring sports will be February 27<sup>th</sup>. Have a Happy Valentine's Day! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office, 355-6411.



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## White's Words

Mr. Blain White

This time of year seems to be a time that many students struggle with grades. Absentees due to school activities, illness, dr. appointments, college visits, etc. are a major contributor to these low grades. Students should be reminded that it is **their** responsibility to approach the teacher to find out what assignments they missed while they were gone and to find out exactly when those assignments are due. They should make arrangements before and after school when necessary to make up tests and other assignments. Parents can keep up with the grades of their children by going to [www.usd215.org](http://www.usd215.org) and clicking on the "Power School" link at the top of the page. If you don't know your username and password to gain access to Power School, the building secretaries can assist you with that.

The next ACT administration will be February 11 for the students that have signed up for it. We will be administering the ACT in Lakin on April 14 and the deadline for registering is March 9. Seniors, if you haven't taken the ACT and are going to college, the April 14 test will be one of the last dates you will have a chance to take the ACT. I also recommend that any junior who hasn't already taken the test but plans on going to a college or university after they graduate high school take the ACT during the April test administration. There is also an administration in June for those that miss the aforementioned deadlines. Registration can be completed at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Seniors and their parents who are interested in obtaining Federal financial aid will need to fill out the FAFSA. I have had two financial aid meetings where FAFSA has been addressed. There will also be an opportunity to get help filling out the FAFSA at an event called "College Goal Sunday" that will be held at Garden City High School from 2-4 p.m. on February 12. For more information on College Goal Sunday go to <http://www.collegegoal.org>. For more information on the FAFSA you can visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m., a representative from Kansas State University will be here to visit with students interested in attending KSU. Fort Hays State University will have a representative here on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Garden City Community College will have a representative in Lakin on February 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for students interested in attending GCCC. Students who want to visit a campus should call the institution to schedule a visit. If students are going on a college visit, parents should call the LHS office to excuse their absence. Get homework from classes you will miss before you go when possible.

We will be pre enrolling students for the 2011-2012 school year at the end of February or the beginning of March. Later this month, we will be sending enrollment information home with students so that you can go over the classes with them. Visit with your child about classes they want to take and classes they should take and the pre enrollment process will go much smoother.

## Activity Director's Angle

Ms. Kim Lohman

Tournaments! Tournaments!! Tournaments!!! Seems like that is all I have been doing lately – organizing, running, and hosting tournaments.

We successfully hosted the first two days of the HPL basketball tournament, and both our girls and boys' teams boosted a 3-1 record during the tournament and both won 5<sup>th</sup> place. Our only losses were to the eventual league champions. The JV girls' team tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in our annual JV tournament, but lost in the tie-breaker due to having a lower made free throw percentage.

We hosted the first day of the HPEA (middle school) basketball tournament on February 1. There were 22 games played in 4 gyms. Lakin had three out of our four teams make it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the tournament. Congratulations Colts!!

We will host the HPL Wrestling Classic on Thursday, February 9. Matches begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be in the high school gym. We will also host Regional Wrestling on Friday and Saturday, February 17 & 18. We will hold this HUGE event in the middle school gym. The matches begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, and the matches begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

We will host a forensics tournament on Saturday, February 25. We are looking for people to volunteer as judges. If interested, please contact Coach Hermes Perez. I had the pleasure of judging last year and truly enjoyed the experience. I think you will, too. Please volunteer your time and let Coach Perez know.

Scholars Bowl finished its season at Regionals in Hays on February 2. We tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the pool play – but did not get to go on to the final round robin because of the tie-breaking procedure. We missed it by only 5 points! Great job Coach Tim Blackburn and the entire team.

Some more big events for February in Lakin are as follows: February 10 – Lakin vs. Elkhart basketball. This night, we are having a reunion of the 2002 State Basketball Championship Team at half-time of the boys' game. Please come out and support the Broncs and meet and greet the 2002 team. February 11 – Lakin vs. Deerfield basketball. This is our homecoming. February 24 – Lakin vs. Hugoton basketball – this will be senior recognition night.

AS ALWAYS - be sure to come out, support, and cheer on the BRONCS!! REMEMBER – It's always a great day to be a BRONC!!!