

Portales High School News
Week of October 20 – October 24
From Counseling & Guidance Office

ENMU Recruiter to Visit PHS

Stephanie McClary of Eastern New Mexico University will be on campus Thursday, October 23, to talk with PHS seniors interested in attending ENMU for the fall 2009. Students interested in speaking with Mrs. McClary may sign-up in the counseling and guidance office no later than Wednesday, October 22.

Dual Credit Program Expanding at PHS

Dual credit allows high school students to enroll in college-level courses(s) offered by a public post-secondary institution that may be academic or career technical/vocational, but not remedial or developmental. Students simultaneously earn credit toward high school graduation and a post-secondary degree or certificate. The dual credit program increases the educational opportunities for high school students and enriches the overall quality of instruction and learning available during their high school years. Research also indicates that dual credit programs can lead to better completion rates for both high school and college. Through the implementation of recently passed NM state legislation, all tuition costs for approved dual credit courses are waived. A total of 94 PHS students have registered for 150 courses at ENMU and CCC. This is a significant increase from last year. Many dual core classes are offered on the PHS campus through Eastern New Mexico University. In addition, many students attend Clovis Community College for career technical classes. If you should need additional information, please call PHS Counselors, Dr. Pam Ray, Thomas Tafoya, or Carolyn Van Wettering at 356-7015.

College Entrance Exams

Seniors interested in attending a 4-year university after graduation must take a college entrance exam, either the ACT or the SAT. The next ACT will be given on December 13. Deadline to register is November 7. The next SAT will be given on December 6. The deadline to register is November 5. The late-deadline to register is November 18 in which an additional charge will be required. Seniors should also be deciding which college(s) they intend on applying to as well as obtaining scholarship information.

Scholarships

Available scholarships are posted on the Portales Schools website in the schools section under Portales High School, Counselors Corner. Students can visit the counseling & guidance office for more information about college entrance exams, college admissions, and scholarships. Mr. Thomas Tafoya meets with students whose last names begin with A-L and Dr. Pam Nelson-Ray meets with students whose last names begin with M-Z.