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Douglas County West High School

Board Report
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As we approach the end of the school year, many important events are either happening or are on the horizon at the high school. We recently finished administering the state-required Nebraska ACT on April 7th. Eighty out of eighty-one juniors arrived on time and ready to test that morning - an accomplishment in itself. The student that was absent is set to make up the test on April 21st. Thanks go out to our ACT team of Dr. Dawn Marten, Katie Richards, Nikki Billedeaux, Matt Caldwell, Brant Loewe, Heather Cox, Kristi Eggen, Kim LaChapelle, Mike Troy, Randy Donner, Garrett Hoffman, Peggy Cooper, Kim Loofe, Kristen Phillips, Rachel Smith, and Shawna Younghans. The amount of time this group spent organizing and administering the test according to strict ACT standards is definitely appreciated. We should receive preliminary ACT results before the end of the school year.

Prom is coming up on Saturday, April 11 at the Countryside Venue, northwest of Valley on West Reichmuth Road. This is the first time we have had prom at this beautiful, local venue. The theme is "A Night in Las Vegas" and is open to all DC West juniors and seniors, as well as their individual guests. The dance is from 7:00-10:00 PM with the coronation at 8:00. The post-prom, sponsored by the junior parents, will be held at the high school from 11:00 PM to 3:00 AM. I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to our Prom sponsors, Mrs. Boardman and Ms. Dailey, as well as Mrs. Finck, Deputy Johnson, the Countryside Venue staff, and the junior parents for helping to put on a great event for our students.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SENIOR DATES:

*May 1 – Senior Scholarship Breakfast 7:00 AM

*May 4-5 – Senior Final Exams

*May 6 – Senior's Last Day / Graduation Practice 8:00-12:00

*May 10 – Graduation 2:00 PM