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Hello, Counselors - Happy Valentine's Day!

School counselors spread the love every day! Thank you for all you do for our children. Don't forget to register for the Counselors Only Conference. We already have over 280 counselors registered. See you there! *Tommi*



March 4, 2014 - Counselors Only Conference – University of Central Oklahoma

Registration and agenda here: [Counselors Only Conference 2014 - Registration](#)

Here is some important information about the Counselors Only Conference:

- The Counselors Only Conference is a FREE conference.
- The conference will be held at the **University of Central Oklahoma in the Nigh Conference Center**.
- When you register, **please print your ticket and bring it with you** to registration.
- When you enter the parking lot take a parking ticket. If you leave the parking lot for lunch, **tell the attendant you are with the Counselors Conference and keep your parking ticket**. Re-enter the parking lot and you will pay \$3.00 at the end of the day.
- Lunch options will be available on campus (there are several options) and at many restaurants nearby.

☀ **If you attended GuidanceFest last fall you heard the following information. However, we are asking that you spread the word by sharing this information with your teachers.**

SB 559 (passed in 2013) – Alternate Tests – Creates certain statutory exemptions to ACE graduation requirements:

If a student scores:

- **10% above cut scores** on ACT and SAT – they are exempt from taking EOIs in Algebra II, English III, Geometry, US History
- **Equal to or above the cut scores** on AP exams, WorkKeys exams, CLEP, IB – they are exempt from taking EOIs in Algebra II, English III, Geometry, US History

Note: There will be a process to ensure that the exempted test scores will be calculated for teachers in regards to TLE and for schools for reporting on the A-F Report Card. The link to the SDE document for the calculations is here:

http://ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/documents/files/ACE_16_Resources_Alt_List_JB.pdf

The Selling of Attention Deficit Disorder - http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/15/health/the-selling-of-attention-deficit-disorder.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0



A great video to share with your students: Anonymous Extraordinaries

<http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2014/01/natalie-warne-being-young-and-making.html>

Self-image (for counselors as well as students!): <http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2014/01/dove-real-beauty-sketches.html>

Found on Twitter:

- ✿ **Avoid 4 common scams aimed at students:** http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/the-scholarship-coach/2014/01/02/avoid-4-common-scams-aimed-at-students?src=usn_tw
- ✿ **One person changing the world...inspirational!**
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/01/07/sundara-soap_n_4537849.html?ncid=edlinkusaolp00000003
- ✿ **The most stressful jobs of 2014** – from the Huffington Post <http://huff.to/1cW3Yjm>

From High School Counselor Week:

- ✿ [College Tips: Parents, get ready to tackle the FAFSA](#) - NJ.com
The college application process is often emotional, with students sizing up their choices based on their gut feelings. But there's an important financial side to the decision: How are we going to pay for it?...
- ✿ [Parents Worry Schools Overlook Girls Who Aren't College-Bound](#) - NPR.org
Kyrah Whatley, 17, is a bright student with pretty good grades. But the thought of spending two to four more years in a college classroom is depressing, she says.....
- ✿ [5 Must-Have Tech Skills for College Students](#) - US News
It may not seem immediately apparent, but possessing a solid foundation in using daily technology can greatly smooth a student's transition to college academics. In order to be successful, there are a few technical skills students should develop long before reaching college.....

From The Middle School Counselor:

- ✿ **Suicide assessment: Do you have the right tools?**
<http://www.themiddleschoolcounselor.com/2013/10/suicide-assessment-do-you-have-right.html>
- ✿ **Sharing notes of kindness:** <http://www.themiddleschoolcounselor.com/2014/01/sharing-notes-of-kindness-from-lunch.html>

And just for you...

Something to think about... <http://counselingvideos.blogspot.com/2014/01/michael-norton-how-to-buy-happiness.html>

We would all be wiser if we just listened to children...

A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today."

The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said... "How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'l' and add 'es'."

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