

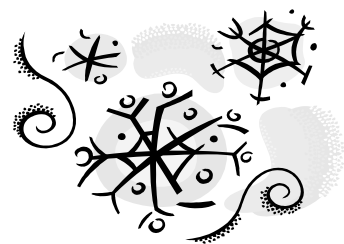
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2011-2012 ACT TEST DATES

December 10, 2011

Deadline: November 4, 2011

February 11, 2012

Deadline: January 13, 2012

April 14, 2012

Deadline: March 9, 2012

June 09, 2012

Deadline: May 4, 2012

See your ETS II Advisor for an ACT Fee Waiver!!

Check out www.mineralarea.edu/ets2 to find ETS 2 upcoming events, scholarship deadlines, field trip photos, and college information!

Upcoming Events

December 3, 2010– (9th - 12th)

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown

Watch for upcoming trips during the Spring Semester!!

Happy Holidays From ETS II!

From the Director's Desk

Happy Holidays! I think it is very fitting that the holiday season begins with Thanksgiving. It's easy to focus on Christmas because everyone loves to get gifts and it's easy to forget the importance of being thankful.

ETS and Upward Bound just ended a shoe drive for the Shoeman Project. If you haven't heard about the Shoeman Project, it's a drive to collect used shoes. The shoes are then sold, refurbished and sold in third world countries. The shoes are sometimes bought for a small amount of money, but often barter is accepted. Can you imagine living in an environment where it is normal not to have shoes? But the value of our shoe donation doesn't stop there, the money received from the sale of the shoes goes to drill wells in those same third world countries. Saturday, ETS 7th and 8th graders were given the opportunity to watch a presentation by the Shoeman Project. The slides showed people in Kenya standing around watching the well being drilled. Their expressions were very joyful!! It was a great reminder to everyone watching the presentation that we have so many things (like shoes and water) to be thankful for. After all, I doubt any of us stand at our kitchen faucets with a joyful expression because we have water.

Personally, I realize that I'm guilty of not appreciating the things I have, including the people in my life. It's human nature. I encourage everyone to take time this holiday season to focus on being thankful. I know you'll be reading this after Thanksgiving is over, but there's never a wrong time to be thankful. Take a few moments and think about not just the things you have but the people that have affected your life. If you want to really focus on being thankful, commit to 30 days of focusing on being thankful or, better yet, start a gratitude journal for the year.

Cindy Burnett

Would You Rather...

Be a lawyer or a barrister? Actually, they are the same thing. Lawyers, also known as attorneys, act as advocates for their clients and advise them on legal matters. Litigation attorneys "represent clients regarding legal disputes." Transactional attorneys "advise clients in connection with a transaction." A lawyer's job varies based on their work environment and field of specialization. Lawyers may practice and specialize in areas such as criminal or civil law, private industry/corporations, education or the judiciary system. All lawyers are required to attain a minimum seven years of post-secondary education-a bachelor's degree and three years of law school and must pass the state bar exam. There is not a required pre-law degree major. However, future lawyers must acquire strong oral and written communication and analytical skills. Recommended courses include English, public speaking, government, mathematics, and technology. Students are also encouraged to take courses in their specialized field of interest. For example, those interested in working in banking or as a tax attorney are encouraged to take business and accounting courses; students interested in working in the growing health industry should take courses in the medical field. Although there are numerous universities where you can obtain a bachelor's degree in pre-law, only two accredited law schools are in the state of Missouri: University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC), School of Law and University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Law. Getting into law school and practicing law are both challenging and rewarding endeavors. Competition is intense, so work hard!

Citations: <http://legalcareers.about.com>; <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm>

College Spotlight: Ozark Technical College

Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) is located in Springfield, Missouri, the third largest city in the U.S. state of Missouri. OTC is a regionally accredited, coed, community and technical college. This two year institution offers Certification and Associate degrees with a large variety of academic courses to help students succeed to the next level of higher education.

The main campus of OTC was established in 1990 on 40 acres on the corner of Chestnut Expressway and National Avenue in Springfield, Missouri and now has branched out to Richwood Valley Campus in Ozark, Missouri. There also are four outreach centers, which are Branson Center, Lebanon Center, Waynesville Center and their new location The Gillioz Theatre in downtown Springfield, Missouri.



Some of the highlighted programs at OTC are the dental assisting program, which is the only accredited dental assisting program in the Southwest Missouri region and the surgical technology program prepares students to work in the allied health field. Students planning to enroll as a physical therapist assistant might want to check-out the Richwood Valley Centers program can prepare students to graduate with state requirements to practice as a Physical Therapist in a variety of healthcare fields.

If you need more information about the difference programs Ozarks Technical Community College has to offer, check out their website <http://www.otc.edu> or set up an appointment and take a campus visit.

To The Parents

As a parent, I was always trying to find ways to help my child stay on track with their homework and if you have more than one child, it is a bigger challenge. So I was looking for homework tip ideas. This brings me to my point. Maybe some of you have tried this and it worked or did not work.

However, this homework chart is made with poster board or just uses a cheap white board from Wal-Mart. The homework made easy idea is recommended for children ages 9 to 11. I believe you can adapt it to any students' age. The chart looks something like the following and if you can, try and make it fun by using color markers, stickers, and pencils.

Subject	Mon	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Math					
Science					

Don't forget to hang the chart where everyone can see it. That way everyone in the household can remind the student(s) to do their homework. Students can check or cross off their assignments when they are done for the day or week. If you want more details go the website <http://readyweb.crc.uiuc.edu/virtual-library/1992/succeed/docs/hwmade.html>.

Senior Alerts

If you have questions about college, just ask. Your ETS advisors are great resources. You can also ask your high school counselors and teachers. If you're a fan of Facebook, check out the Journey to College group. The Journey to College group is maintained by the Missouri Department of Higher Education and features blogs and videos about college.

I'm sure this all seems overwhelming. But remember....ETS is here to help you. We are a phone call or email away. We've helped many students navigate the steps to college successfully.

Your senior year is not all about preparing for college. Along the way, enjoy time with your friends and try new things. You will be heading to college before you know it. Take time to do things to preserve the memories such as taking pictures, creating a scrapbook, or keeping a journal. Enjoy your senior year!

The Cost of Christmas

2010 Christmas Price Index

Figures From PNC Wealth Management: 2010 costs (percentage rise from last year).

Partridge in a Pear Tree - \$161.99 (1.3%)
Two Turtle Doves - \$100.00 (78.6%)
Three French Hens - \$150.00 (233.3%)
Four Calling Birds - \$599.96 (0.0%)
Five Golden Rings - \$649.95 (30.0%)
Six Geese-a-Laying - \$150.00 (0.0%)
Seven Swans-a-Swimming - \$5,600.00 (6.7%)
Eight Maids-a-Milking - \$58.00 (0.0%)
Nine Ladies Dancing - \$6,294.03 (15.0%)
Ten Lords-a-Leaping - \$4,766.70 (8.0%)
Eleven Pipers Piping - \$2,356.20 (3.1%)
Twelve Drummers Drumming - \$2,552.55 (3.1%)

Total for the Twelfth Day (all of the above): \$23,439.38 (9.2%)

Total Cost (Adding Up Every Verse of Song): \$96,824.29 (10.8%)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/11/29/business/main7099415.shtml>

Christmas Fun Facts

How many houses must Santa visit on Christmas? **842,000,000**

How fast must he travel to visit all those homes? **4,796,250 Mph**

Percentage of Americans who believe Santa in the off-season drives a sports car: **4%** drives an SUV: **25%**

How many presents would you receive if you were to get every present in "The 12 Days of Christmas"? **364**

Percentage of pet owners who have their dog or cat pose and photographed with Santa Claus: **27%**

Which type of Christmas tree is displayed more during the holiday season, artificial or real?
Artificial trees are the most popular with 40,694,463 on display in comparison to real trees at 34,335,809

<http://www.uberreview.com/2006/12/ten-christmas-facts-that-you-didnt-know.htm>