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**School Hours:**

M-Th. 7:30—2:35

Friday 7:55—2:35

10:30 Dismissal Dec. 19 and 20. Winter Break Dec. 21—Jan.6. School resumes Monday Jan. 7

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# DECEMBER 2012

*Standard of Excellence in Reading and Math 2010, 2011, 2012*

### I.S.A.

#### Individual Student Assistance

Time has been set up for the fall semester. This is an excellent opportunity for students to receive extra assistance, enrichment, etc. I.S.A. is held on Friday late start mornings from 7:10am—7:50am. Please encourage your child to utilize this time throughout the semester.

Fall Semester Individual Student Assistance Dates:

**Dec. 7**

**Dec. 14**

### First Semester Wrap Up

The first semester comes to a close. Piper High School students have elevated their performance in the classroom and outside the classroom to an all-time high. Students are being challenged by outstanding instruction within the classroom, outstanding opportunities, enhanced resources and support. Fall participation in student organizations, athletics has been outstanding. Our athletes enjoyed a successful fall season with the foundation established for several continued successful seasons to come.

As we begin to look at the new year and new semester, we begin to focus on what we have accomplished and what remains to be accomplished. New classes, new challenges, new opportunities exist for the spring semester. We will continue to build on our success from first semester in all areas represented by Piper High School students! We ARE Piper!

### NASCAR GIANT COMES TO PIPER

Dale Earnhardt Jr. paid a special visit to Piper High School on November 8. Mr. Earnhardt met with 30 special guests from the Piper community for an autograph/picture session then exclusively with 100 Piper High School students in addition to an all-school assembly in the gym where he answered questions and talked to the student body.



#### State Reading

#### Assessment

#### Results:

Preliminary reading assessment results for the junior class: 99.4% of the class scored proficient!

The goal was 98% or better!

This is the third consecutive year of 97+%. Job well done!



**Consistent attendance is a significant key to student academic success. Unless your child is running a fever, or has had one within 24 hours, it is important that your child is at school. With block scheduling, missing one class is the same as missing 2 classes. If your child is going to be absent or late to school, please contact the attendance line at 913.721.9034.**

Did you know....

According to KSHSAA the fall activities (athletic and non-athletic) with the most student involvement in the state are as follows:

1. Vocal music—19,500 participants
2. Band—16,700 participants
3. Football—13,900 participants
4. Volleyball—8,800 participants
5. Student Council—7,400 participants
6. Cross Country—6,700 participants
7. Debate—4,900 participants
8. Soccer—4,200 participants
9. Girls tennis—2,000 participants
10. Girls golf—1,031 participants

**Looking way ahead.....**

**The first semester ends on December 20.**

**Finals will be December 18—Purple Classes.**

**December 19—White Blocks 1,2**

**December 20—White Blocks 3,4**

**Dismissal on December 19 and 20 will be at 10:30**

**A Huge Thank You....**

To those who have stepped up and have organized various activities to support our students! Organizing spirit activities, contributions of time, money and energy! Your help, pride, enthusiasm is noticed and greatly appreciated! What you do is huge in making our students successful! You know who you are...and so do we! Give yourself three.....one, two, three!

## **Counselors Information:**

Mrs. Darcy Lucas – A-L – [dlucas@piperschools.com](mailto:dlucas@piperschools.com)

Mrs. Marge Eckard – M-Z – [meckard@piperschools.com](mailto:meckard@piperschools.com)

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date information!!!!



### **Upcoming test dates**

**December 1, 2012 – SAT test**

**December 8, 2012 – ACT test**

### **Scholarships**

*Any seniors wishing to apply for Booster Club and PTA scholarships in the spring MUST be members of those organizations. To be eligible to apply for the PTA scholarship, students must also work at two PTA events during the 2012-2013 school year. Contact Mike Orel for Booster Club or Theresa Fisette for PTA membership information.*

*Be sure to visit the counseling web site to see an updated list of scholarships! We update the list of available scholarships as we receive them. Click on General Scholarships for a current list of scholarships we have received through our office. The Local Scholarships page will not have scholarships available until February 2013.*

***SENIORS** applying for admission to colleges this fall need to check scholarship deadlines for their respective schools. Be proactive in researching this information so you don't miss any important deadlines!!!*

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – SENIORS ONLY**

*Parents – get your taxes done early if you plan to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)). The information will be required on the application.*

*Save the date for College Goal Sunday ([www.collegegoal.org](http://www.collegegoal.org))! From 2-4 on Sunday, February 24 at KCKCC, get assistance completing the FAFSA.*

*To quicken the process of completing the FAFSA, go online now to request your PIN to apply for federal aid by going to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).*

*[www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) – This web site will estimate the financial aid that you would qualify for.*

**Enrollment for college classes for Spring 2013**

*Enrollment for college classes for the spring semester is almost complete. Students that have turned in their enrollment forms will receive information on how to pay for the course.*

**Class of 2014 early graduation**

*Mrs. Eckard and Mrs. Lucas spoke with the junior class about early graduation. Current juniors that are interested in graduating at semester of their senior year need to obtain an application from their counselor in order to be considered for early graduation. Applications are due Friday, November 30th to their counselor.*

**Other**

*Do you have what it takes to go to college? This is a question you need to start answering as early as your freshman year in high school. Check out [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov) & <http://www.knowhow2go.org/> for useful information that will help to “engage, inform and inspire” you about college. Go to the “College Information” page on the high school counseling web site and click on “Kansas College Entrance Requirements” to learn the requirements to go to a college in Kansas.*