



Today:
 Mostly sunny.
 Breezy.
 High 61°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 27°.
Wednesday:
 Partly sunny.
 High 70°.

Tuesday NOW is brought to you by SDSU

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Happening NOW

- Track:** Varsity triangular meet 4 p.m. at Roosevelt
- Girls Golf:** JV City Meet 4 p.m. at Elmwood
- Boys Tennis:** Varsity/JV vs. Brookings 4 p.m. at WHS
- Baseball:** Varsity doubleheader vs. Lincoln 5 p.m. at Harmodon Complex Field 2
- Showcase Concert:** 7 p.m. at Washington Pavilion

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Barbecue ribbette sandwich
- A la carte lines:** Steak fingers, spaghetti, chef salad, taco hot pocket
- Wednesday:** Chicken nuggets
- Representatives visiting WHS:**
 Today Northern State U.-Aberdeen

Group Meetings

- Polar Plunge:** Participants will meet during their lunch period Wednesday in the counseling conference room.
- Peer Helpers:** Will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday in A-251.

Beach Bash Week

Beach Bash week continues today and concludes with HonorFest Friday.

- Today's Dress:** Biker Day
 •No bandanas, chains, etc.
- Wednesday's Dress:** Dress like your favorite teacher/staff person
- HonorFest:** Will be held Friday, variety show and dance Friday night

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Music students show off their efforts tonight

Showcase Concert set for Washington Pavilion

By **Ryan Jans and Sydney Schuknecht**

The WHS Concert Choir, Symphonic Band and Orchestra will be in action together tonight during the Showcase Concert at the Washington Pavilion.

The event at the building that served as WHS until 1992 will begin at 7 p.m. tonight and is open to the public.

The evening will consist of each music group performing their own concert followed by the combined piece "Dresden."

The groups have been practicing their songs for the last few weeks and performed some of their songs during the recent Concert Choir trip to California.

Senior Chelsey Wahlstrom

said she is excited to perform.

"I think we are ready to put on an awesome concert," Wahlstrom said. "Everyone is excited to perform the combined piece."

Tickets for tonight's concert cost \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and are available at the door.

Senior Nick Heitkamp said he is ready to show off what they have been working on.

"We have been practicing these songs for a couple of months and are ready to show people what we can do," Heitkamp said. "This concert is extra special because we get to perform with so many different musical talents."

After tonight, the next concert will be the Spring Choral Concert May 9.

If you're going...

What:
Showcase Concert featuring Concert Choir, Symphonic Band and Orchestra

When:
 7 p.m. tonight

Where:
 Washington Pavilion Great Hall

Tickets:
\$10 for adults and \$8 for students at the Pavilion tonight.

EMT course available this summer

By **Erik Ordal**

This summer, the Sioux Falls School District and Avera McKennan Hospital will provide a new way for students to earn credit over the summer months off from school.

Fifteen-20 high school students will be given the chance to take an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course and also earn one graduation credit.

The cost of the course is normally upwards of \$500, but for high school students who register through the program, it will only cost \$205, including a book.

Students would also be able to take the national certification exam, which would certify them as an actual EMT if they pass.

Class time would accumulate to 140 hours of lectures, practical skills and hospital emergency department or ambulance service observation.

Cheryl O'Brien, High School Curriculum Coordinator for the Sioux Falls School District, said she really wants students to take advantage of such an opportunity.

"This is a pilot effort between Avera McKennan and

the city schools," O'Brien said. "If it works well, it would be a possible offering through the new CTE Academy in the future."

Students must be at least 17 years old and an enrolled high school student to register for the class and must be at least 18 years old to take the certification exam. The exam may be taken up to 12 months after completion of the EMT course.

Interested students should see science department chair Janet Swier with questions and for registration forms.

We're NOW on-line at whsnow.com!

Advanced Placement students get ready for tests beginning Monday

By Eric Mayer and Corey Backer

As the school year comes to a close at WHS, students begin to plan for summer, but at the same time academic pressure begins to build up.

For all WHS students the end of the year also means semester tests will be taken. But for students in Advanced Placement (AP) classes, semester tests can come a little earlier and take a different form. In the upcoming two weeks students in a variety of AP classes will be taking an AP final exam at the Messiah New Hope Church, located at 5001 E. Madison St.

These exams will prove whether or not the student deserves college credit for the particular class they took part in all year long. The tests each take students at least three hours to complete and finish and are usually much more demanding than the average semester test. For AP students the AP test is usually also a substitute for the semester test, as well.

Beginning on Monday with the AP Government test, all AP tests

will take place ending on May 16 with the Human Geography test.

While the cost of attempting an AP test is \$84, it can be a worthwhile investment. Shelia Flynn, instructor of AP classes in the English department at WHS, said it is the culmination of what her students do all year long and can lead to college credit for students who do well.

"It can actually end up as a cost savings," Flynn said. "It's also just good practice for any college exam. Students can feel like they have really accomplished something—it's what we have prepared for all year."

AP coordinator Becky Kelley said financial aid was also available to help with the cost of the tests, so no one need have been excluded.

"Funds are available from the school to cover the cost of exams so cost should not have been a factor limiting students' access," Kelley said.

Senior Drake Bachmeier, who will take two AP tests soon, said he is ready.

"I am getting their," Bachmeier said. "I am still reviewing."

AP Testing Schedule

Week 1

Monday, May 5

Morning.....Government

Tuesday, May 6

Afternoon.....Statistics

Wednesday, May 7

Morning.....Calculus

Thursday, May 8

Morning.....English Literature

Friday, May 9

Morning.....U.S. History

Week 2

Monday, May 12

Morning.....Biology

Afternoon.....Physics

Tuesday, May 13

Morning.....Environmental Science

Morning.....Chemistry

Wednesday, May 14

Morning.....English Language

Thursday, May 15

Morning.....Macroeconomics

Morning.....World History

Afternoon.....Microeconomics

Friday, May 16

Morning.....Human Geography

Test your knowledge of the beach

McClatchy-Tribune (MCT)

It's Beach Bash week at WHS. What do you know about the seashore? Test your knowledge today.

QUESTIONS:

1.) Last year, the number of kids reported missing at the beach was:

- a. 55
- b. 421
- c. 1,533

2.) In water that is 50° F, a person is likely to survive for:

- a. 2.5 to 3 hours
- b. 6.5 to 10 hours
- c. 24 hours

Trivia Time



3.) The state with the most shark attacks each year is:

- a. California
- b. Florida
- c. Hawaii

4.) The proportion of beachgoers who can't swim is:

- a. 1 out of 3
- b. 1 out of 10
- c. 1 out of 50

5.) The number of pollution-related closings and advisories in the United States in 2005 was approximately:

- a. 200
- b. 2,000
- c. 20,000

ANSWERS:

1.) c. 1,533. Walking away—not drowning—is by far the most common reason for these reports by frantic parents.

2.) a. 2.5-3 hours depending on their body-fat percentage and any protective clothing, as well as the position they take in the water.

3.) b. Most of the attacks happen on Florida's eastern coast.

4.) a. 1 out of 3. Children who are not taught to swim when they are very young tend to avoid swim instruction as they get older.

5.) c. 20,000. The sources of pollution that pose a risk to swimmers exist to some extent in every beach state.

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Summer at SDSU

A few things SDSU students will experience this summer:

- Egyptian pyramids
- Irish castles
- West African savannahs
- Tibetan culture

Whatever your plans are for this summer, be sure to include SDSU in them! Visit us to learn about all the great opportunities we can offer you. Schedule your summer visit by contacting Admissions at (800)952-3541 or www.sdstate.edu (keyword: visiting campus).



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