

STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JANUARY 2016

SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Mr. Knippelmeyer

Can you believe it's January, 2016? The start of 2nd semester is here, the winter sports season is full speed ahead, and for our seniors, the remainder of the school year will go by quickly! From all of our teachers and staff at Sterling Public Schools, we hope you had a very merry holiday season and a great start to 2016!

AQuESTT: Accountability for a Quality Education System, Today and Tomorrow – Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, a new program at the state level will be implemented, called AQuESTT. This program was developed by the Nebraska Department of Education and will be used as the state's accountability system. AQuESTT will replace the current system, NePAS (Nebraska Performance Accountability System) which has been in place for the past five years.

AQuESTT is a more than a test-based method for measuring student achievement, which is what NePAS was. There will no longer be the PLAS (persistently lowest achieving schools) list and ranking schools from 1 to 249. AQuESTT considers the broader educational experience and success of each student, not just student performance on mandated state tests. Student growth and improvement over time are just as important and taken into consideration under the AQuESTT system. This system is built on six key tenants: 1) Positive partnerships, relationships, and student success, 2) transitions, 3) educational opportunities and access, 4) college and career readiness, 5) assessment, and 6) educator effectiveness. Success in these areas will result in better outcomes for all students and schools.

The AQuESTT system will classify schools into four categories; Excellent, Great, Good, and Needs Improvement. Three schools in the Needs Improvement area will be identified by the state as priority schools and will receive additional assistance from the state level, similar to what was used in the previous PLAS system. Under the AQuESTT system, we will continue to administer state assessments and that data will be used within the AQuESTT formula, along with the other five tenants. As a school and district, we will use this information as a part of our School Improvement Plan on a yearly basis. More information about AQuESTT can be found on the Nebraska Department of Education website.

For the 2014-15 school year, Sterling Public Schools has been classified as a GREAT School. We are pleased with that classification, but not satisfied. We will continue to work to provide our students the best possible education and work to become a school classified in the EXCELLENT category!



Wednesday Early Out Days: Jan 6 - Feb 3 - March 2 - April 6

STUDENTS OF THE
MONTH: NOVEMBER
AUSTIN BUSS &
TORIE TUCKER

ACT TEST DATES 2015-16

| Date | Registration Deadline | Late Fee Required |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| February 6, 2016 | January 8, 2016 | January 9-15, 2016 |
| April 9, 2016 | March 4, 2016 | March 5-18, 2016 |
| June 11, 2016 | May 6, 2016 | May 7-20, 2016 |

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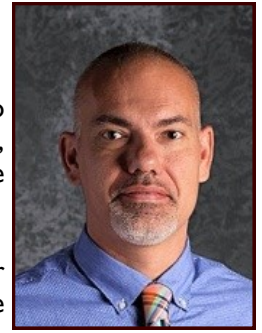
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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL by Mr. Theobald



Welcome Back!!! My best hope is that by the time you are reading this article, we are very close to being back in the gym. It has been a huge inconvenience to not have this facility for PE classes, recess, and athletic practices, but for the most part, we have survived. Our teachers, students, and staff have been great at being flexible over the past several weeks, so that has made things much easier.

Missoula Children's Theater. We will once again be hosting the Missoula Children's Theater for students in grades K-8. The week long residency will begin on Monday, March 14th and will conclude with a public performance on Friday, March 18th. Our students will be performing a rendition of Pinocchio. One of the requirements for hosting MCT is that that we provide housing for the MCT actors. If you would be willing to host one or both of the MCT actors, please feel free to contact the school. Your hospitality would be greatly appreciated.

Attendance. Our student attendance rate for the first semester of this school year has been excellent. In fact, when you look at our student body as a whole, the total number of absences are as low as they have ever been in the past five years. This means that our students are doing their part to take full advantage of the learning opportunities that we can provide. With that being said, please remember to send any notes from medical appointments to school, as this helps with monitoring student attendance.

January Dates. Just a reminder that we will dismiss school at 1:37 p.m. on January 6th for our monthly staff inservice time. We will also not have school on January 18th for elementary students as we will be hosting the Pioneer Conference Instrumental Clinic.

New Phone System. A new phone system will be installed over Christmas break. This phone system will provide us with more functionality for our staff, as well as being more user friendly for parents and patrons. As with any change we hope that the transition takes place seamlessly, but also understand that it may take some time to get the system set the way we want it. We thank you in advance for your patience and know that in the end this communication upgrade will be a benefit to all stakeholders.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

GO JETS!!!



FROM THE PRESCHOOLERS...

Sterling preschoolers would like to thank their friends and family for attending their Christmas program in December! A special thank you to Stephanie Parde, Addie Heusman, and Tracy Pella for organizing the family night following the program.

We had such a great time!

Sterling Post Prom
is selling
Bakers Chocolates
80Z. Christmas Tree Box - \$7
50Z. Box - \$5.50
Potato Chip Clusters - \$1 each
(We will be selling at home games & will be happy to take orders!)
Thanks for your support!!!



JH SKILLS...

Front Row (l-r): Jessie Klein, Bianca Gonzalez, Derek Buss, Sam Boldt, Treyton Cockerill, & Joel Rathe
Back Row (l-r): Macie Whalen, Ethan Thies, Kaleb Masur, Kelsie Holthus, Tara Walters, & Isabella Haner



ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SHOUT OUTS

FOR THE 2015 FALL SPORTS SEASON

FOOTBALL

The Crow's Nest Crew

Russ Trauernicht, Dave Benson,
Terry Thies, and Ben Carrel

The Chain Gang

Steve Masur, Jon Rathe,
Harold Richardson, DeAnn Richardson,
and Luke Boldt

Officials

Mark Horstman, Jake Saathoff,
Kale Heusman, Andy Saathoff,
Jake Wirthele, and Chris Wenzl

Ticket Takers

DeeDee Phillips, Sharon Heusman, Jill Shea,
and Renae Kinney

Installation of the New Scoreboard

Al Wusk, Mark Wusk, Kenny Wentz,
Terry Thies, Ryun Theobald,
and Ryan Knippelmeyer

VOLLEYBALL

Book Keepers/Libero Trackers

Rachel Goracke, Andrea Heusman,
and Melissa Boldt

Ticket Takers

DeeDee Phillips, Sharon Heusman,
and Jill Shea

Officials/Linespeople/Announcers

Angel Renninger, Megan Boldt,
Becky Williams, Addie Heusman,
Abby Heusman, Sammy Heusman,
and Cheri Wirthele

THANK YOU!

FOOTBALL AWARDS

2015 All-State Honorable Mention

Lincoln Journal Star

Jordan Wenzl, Thomas Tucker, & Mason Gee



2015 All-State Honorable Mention

Omaha World Herald

Jordan Wenzl, Thomas Tucker, Mason Gee, & Josh Masur



VOLLEYBALL AWARDS

2015 All-State Honorable Mention

Lincoln Journal Star

Erika Goracke, Taylor Cockerill, & Hannah Jasa



2015 All-State Honorable Mention

Omaha World Herald

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2015 NSAA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE



Football

Austin Buss & Thomas Tucker

Play

Micah Erickson & Hannah Jasa

Volleyball

Erika Goracke & Hannah Jasa

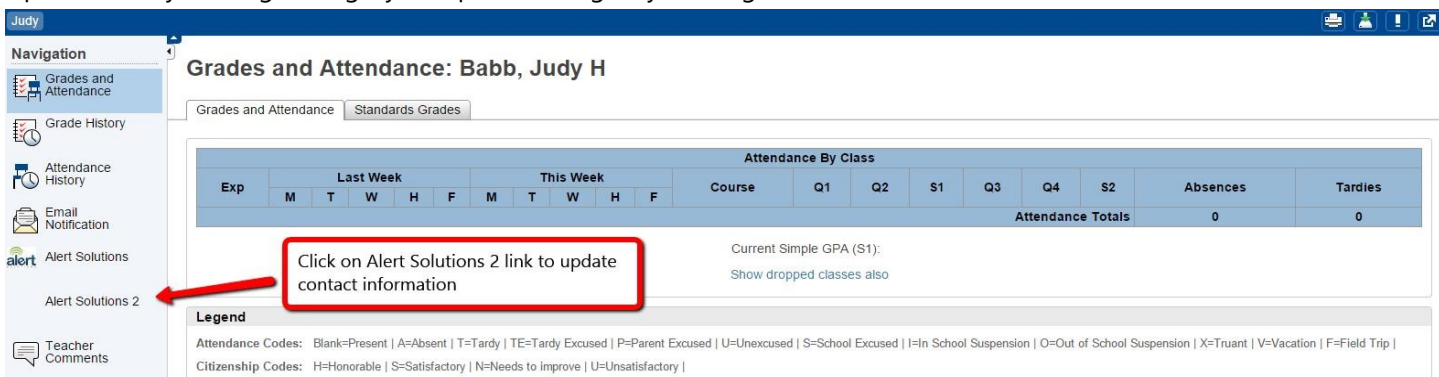


Dear Parent(s),

We have recently implemented a new school notification system called Alert Solutions. This notification system is loaded with new features that will make it easier for us to keep in contact with your family. To guarantee the messaging system is used efficiently, we will need to confirm your contact information is accurate and up-to-date at all times.

Alert Solutions allows our school to send messages using email, voice, and text messaging. Voice calls will be sent with 402-866-4761 as the caller ID number. You may want to add this phone number to your address book to help you recognize incoming calls from the school easily. Text messages will be sent using a caller ID of 95664. You may want to add this phone number to your address book as well. Please note you will not be able to reply to text messages sent from the school.

Alert Solutions is integrated with the existing PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you log-on to the Parent Portal you will now see a new link called "Alert Solutions 2". You will be able to see all the contact information our school has listed for you. Within this section of the Parent Portal, you will also be able to choose your communication preferences based on message category, such as School Closures or Attendance, and message type (email, voice and/or text message). You may opt-out of any message category except for Emergency Messages.



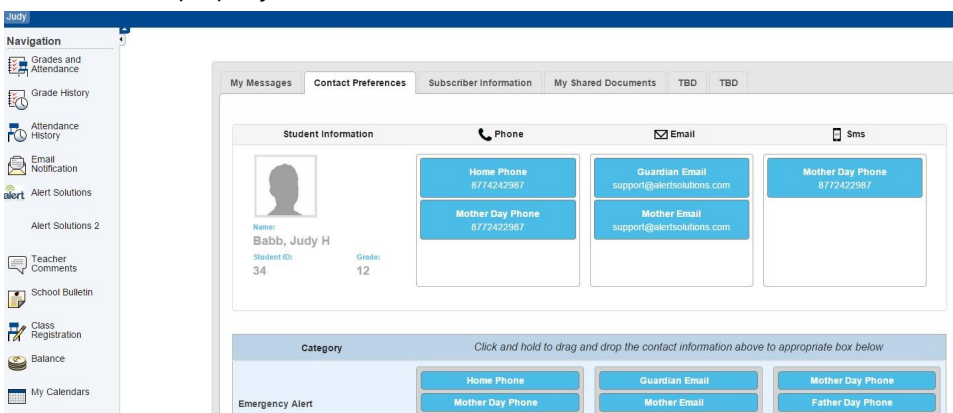
Grades and Attendance: Babb, Judy H

| Exp | Last Week | | | | | This Week | | | | | Course | Q1 | Q2 | S1 | Q3 | Q4 | S2 | Absences | Tardies |
|--------------------------|-----------|---|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|---|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|---------|
| | M | T | W | H | F | M | T | W | H | F | | | | | | | | | |
| Attendance Totals | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 |

Current Simple GPA (S1):
Show dropped classes also

Legend
Attendance Codes: Blank=Present | A=Absent | T=Tardy | TE=Tardy Excused | P=Parent Excused | U=Unexcused | S=School Excused | I=In School Suspension | O=Out of School Suspension | X=Truant | V=Vacation | F=Field Trip |
Citizenship Codes: H=Honorable | S=Satisfactory | N=Needs to improve | U=Unsatisfactory |

Setting up your parent preferences is your responsibility. To receive text messages, you must go to Preferences by Message Type and Click and hold to drag the contact information above to the appropriate boxes below. By default, phone calls and email are chosen. You will receive messages to every contact field shown and every message category that has all three message types chosen. Tolls and charges associated with receipt of messages from the school are your responsibility and not the responsibility of the school. Please be sure to set your unique preferences if there are any numbers or addresses you do not like to be contacted at. *All phone numbers and email addresses must be in a valid format to save properly.*



My Messages | **Contact Preferences** | Subscriber Information | My Shared Documents | TBD | TBD

Student Information

Name: Babb, Judy H
Student ID: 34
Grade: 12

Phone

- Home Phone: 8774242987
- Mother Day Phone: 8774242987

Email

- Guardian Email: support@alertsolutions.com
- Mother Email: support@alertsolutions.com

Sms

- Mother Day Phone: 8774242987

Category *Click and hold to drag and drop the contact information above to appropriate box below*

- Emergency Alert: Home Phone, Guardian Email, Mother Day Phone, Mother Email, Father Day Phone

Emergency messages are always sent with all three message types (email, text, and voice calls) and to every contact field shown even if you have opted out. We cannot change this. Emergency messages will be labeled as such so you will know it is an actual emergency.

If you do not have access to log into the Parent Portal, you may contact the school directly to request changes.

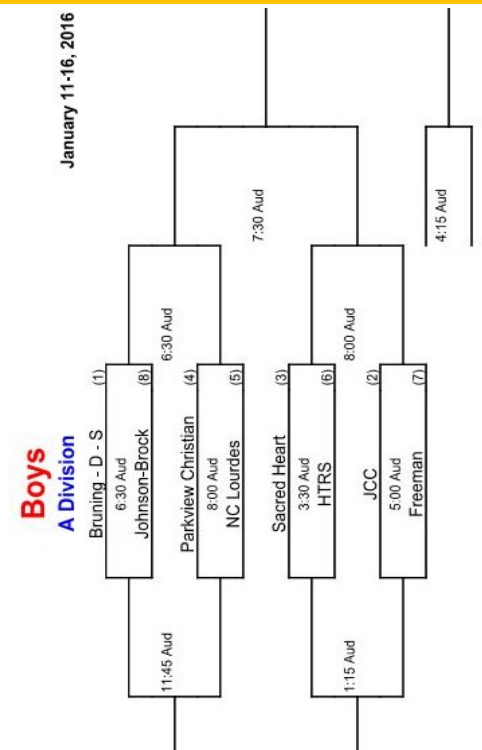
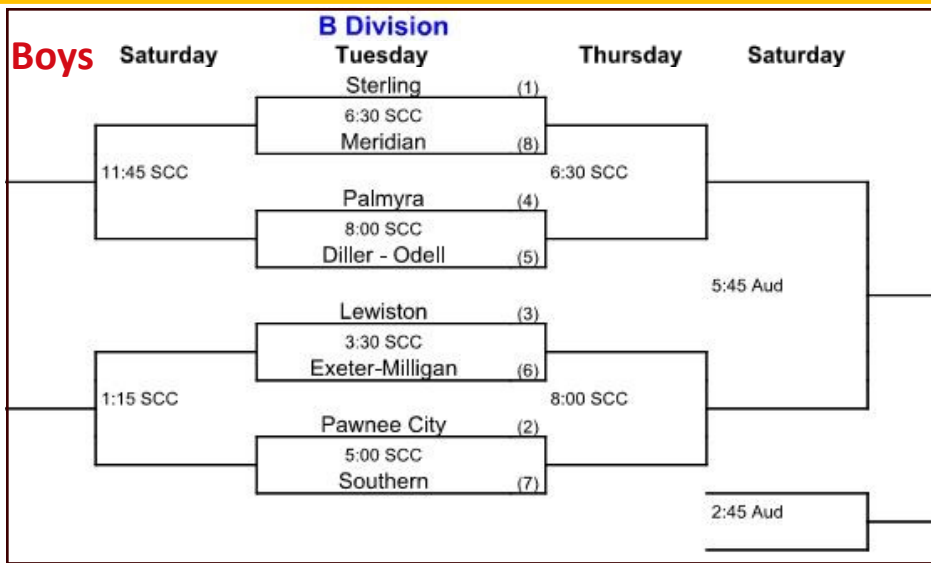
If you have any questions, please contact your child's school. We hope you appreciate this new school notification system and the flexibility it will provide for you as a parent.

Thank you,
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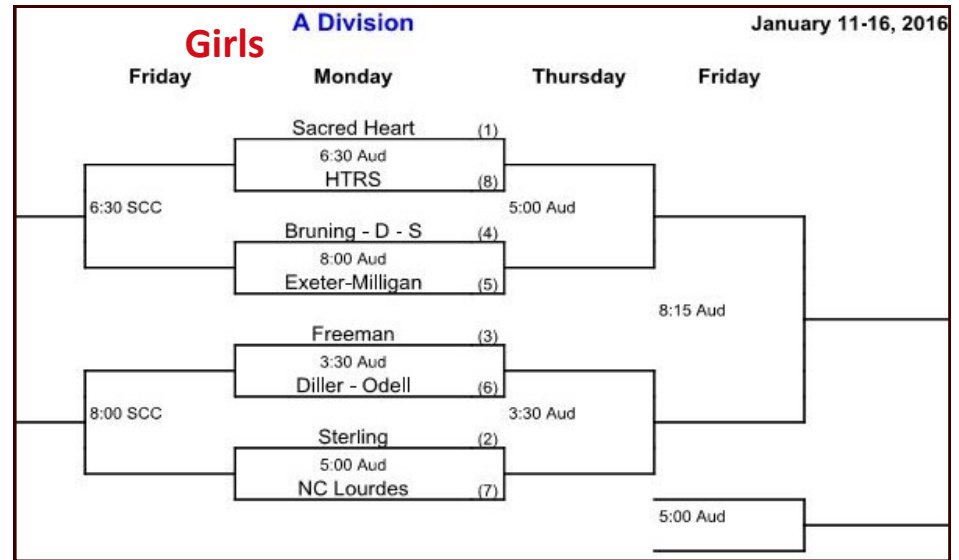
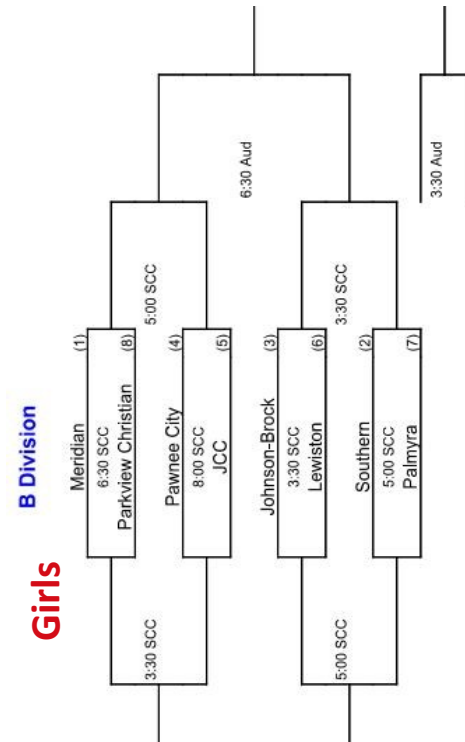
JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>OPPONENT</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Jan 21 | Thursday | FREEMAN TOURNAMENT | AWAY | 4:00 |
| Jan 25 | Monday | Pawnee City | AWAY | 2:00 |
| Jan 27 | Wednesday | Diller-Odell | AWAY | 1:00 |
| Feb 1 | Monday | FCSH | HOME | 4:00 |
| Feb 8 | Monday | LEWISTON TOURNAMENT | AWAY | 5:30 |
| Feb 10 | Wednesday | Freeman | HOME | 1:00 |
| Feb 15 | Monday | Lewiston | AWAY | 1:00 |
| Feb 17 | Wednesday | Nebraska City Lourdes | HOME | 2:30 |
| Feb 25 | Thursday | HTRS | HOME | 2:00 |
| Feb 29 | Monday | JOHNSON-BROCK TOURNAMENT | AWAY | 4:00 |

Schedule is subject to change. Updated Dec 23, 2015.



**MUDECAS BB
TOURNAMENT
January 11-12 & 14-16, 2016**



January

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| <p>4 B- WG French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pork Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears</p> | <p>5 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Peaches</p> | <p>6 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Gravy, WG Biscuits/WG Bread, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges</p> | <p>7 B- Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Vegetable Beef Soup, Rom. Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Applesauce</p> | <p>8 B- WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Goulash, Green Beans, WG Dinner Roll w/ Jelly, Mixed Fruit</p> |
| <p>11 B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Calzonette, Peas, Rice, Mandarin Oranges</p> | <p>12 B- Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Shredded Pork BBQ on WG Bun, Corn, Macaroni Salad, Applesauce</p> | <p>13 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&J Sandwich, Lettuce Salad, Peaches</p> | <p>14 B- Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tacos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Mixed Fruit</p> | <p>15 B- Breakfast Burrito OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Pears</p> |
| <p>18 B- Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Pizza, Green Beans, Black Bean Salad, Peaches</p> | <p>19 B- Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Submarines, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Gelatin, Applesauce</p> | <p>20 B- Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears</p> | <p>21 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chili Soup, Rom. Lettuce Salad, WG Cinnamon Roll, Pineapple Tidbits</p> | <p>22 B- Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/Sausage, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- BBQ Rib Sandwich, FF and/or Swt. FF, Peas, Mixed Fruit</p> |
| <p>25 B- WG Waffle, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Patty on WG Bun, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears</p> | <p>26 B- Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Tomato Soup, Rom. Lettuce Salad, Cheese Sandwich, Applesauce</p> | <p>27 B- Oatmeal OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Peaches</p> | <p>28 B- Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Chicken Fajita, Peas, Rice, Mixed Fruit</p> | <p>29 B- WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit/Juice, Milk L- Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Mandarin Oranges</p> |
| | | <p><i>Menus are subject to change without notice.</i></p> <p><i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p> | <p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p> | <p><i>Alternate Entrée: Chef Salad</i></p> <p><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p> |

JANUARY 2016 ACT9V9T9ES

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| December 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | January 1, 2016 | 2 |
| NO SCHOOL until Jan. 4 | | | | NEW YEAR'S EVE | NEW YEAR'S DAY!!! | G/B BB vs. Cedar Bluffs - @ Wilber-Clatonia - 1PM (4 Games) |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | FIRST DAY OF 2ND SEMESTER JV BBB @ Beatrice - 7PM | G/B BB @ Johnson-Brock - 4:30PM (4 Games) | EARLY OUT - 1:37PM | G/B BB vs. Dorchester - @ TBA - 4:30PM (4 Games) | G/B BB @ HTRS - 4PM (4 Games) | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | | | | | NO SCHOOL - PreK | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | MUDECAS BB TOURNAMENT @ BEATRICE NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 7:30PM Pioneer Conference Instrumental - Concert 7PM | | | Freeman JH GBB Tournament - 4PM | G/B BB @ Wymore Southern - 4PM (4 Games) | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | JH GBB @ Pawnee City - 2PM 9/10 G/BBB vs. Johnson-Brock - HOME - 6:30PM | G/B BB vs. Neb. City Lourdes - HOME - 4PM (4 Games) | JH GBB vs. Diller-Odell @ Odell - 1PM | JV BBB @ Falls City - 7PM | G/B BB @ Lewiston - 4PM (4 Games) | MUDECAS Speech Contest @ SCC Beatrice - 9AM |
| 31 | February 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | JH GBB vs. FCSH - HOME - 4PM | | MID QUARTER EARLY OUT - 1:37PM | | | ACT Test Date |
| | | PIONEER CONF. BB TOURNAMENT @ HTRS/LEWISTON | | PIONEER CONF. ART EXHIBIT @ FRIEND | | |
| | | | | PIONEER CONF. BB TOURNAMENT FINALS @ FRIEND | | |

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DON'T FORGET...

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|--------------------------|--|
| January 4 | 1 st Day of 2 nd Semester |
| January 6 | EARLY OUT - 1:37PM |
| January 11-12 & 14-16 | MUDECAS BB Tournament @ Beatrice |
| January 15 | NO SCHOOL - PreK |
| January 18 | NO SCHOOL - ELEMENTARY Pioneer Conference Instrumental Clinic SCHOOL BOARD MEETING |
| January 30 | MUDECAS Speech @ SCC Beatrice |

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