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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

I hope everyone's 2018 is off to a great start. I know the students and staff were really looking forward to the Christmas break. I am hoping everyone has a great holiday season with their families and are refreshed and ready to go for the 2nd semester.

As we start the second semester, we turn our attention to major events for our students for the remainder of the school year. One of the major events for Clarkson Public School is our state mandated testing. The state has made some changes to terminology so I want to make sure parents are updated in the changes you will see this year in the area of state testing for our students.

The changes this year are in the name of the tests and the vendor administering the state test. In the past few years we have been taking the NeSA test (Nebraska Student Accountability) administered by DRC eDirect. This year the NeSA test is now called NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) and the new vendor for testing is NWEA, which is the same company that we do our MAPS testing with during the school year. As an administrator I am hoping that this change will give us quicker access to our results and student scores as in the past few years it has taken four months to get our scores and data back from the vendor.

The testing dates for NSCAS this year are March 19-April 27, 2018. Grades 3rd-8th are tested in the areas of English Language Arts and Math with 5th graders and 8th graders also testing in Science. Early in the 2nd semester we will work out a schedule to share with parents to make sure you know when your children will be taking the NSCAS for these different tests so when you are scheduling appointments you are able to avoid certain days.

All Juniors across the state are now required by the State Legislature to take the ACT during their Junior year to check on college and career readiness. With the mandate from the state, the good news is that the Juniors are able now to take the ACT free of charge and no longer have to pay the fee to take the test. Our Juniors will be taking the ACT on Tuesday, April 2nd.

Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

As we are wrapping up the first semester, once again I'm amazed at how fast the time goes by. We got to experience so many great things the first part of the school year and I can only hope that we are able to experience some of the same fun times come second semester!

Our winter sports have hit about mid season and are in full swing. The basketball teams had a long road stretch to start the season, but this January we will get to settle into a nice home game stretch. The girls have been off to a great start and are looking to build on it with a tough holiday tournament in Shelby on Dec. 28th & 29th. Our teams are competing hard this season and are looking to continue making progress throughout the season! The Girl's basketball team have started off to a great start and are looking to build. Our wrestling team have also shown some growth and have had multiple placers and medal winners already!

As we progress into the January portion of the season and we do host more home activities, I do ask that we practice great sportsmanship as we cheer on our Patriot athletes! GO PATS!

We will see everyone back at school when school resumes on Thursday, January 4th. Have a great winter break!

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Health and Human Performance

By Jim Clarkson

Hope everyone had an awesome Holiday Break! As we get rock-n-rolling into 2018 I hope we all find time to get some physical activity in. It is a great way to stay young. Speaking of young we have our elementary getting ready to attack the “Jump Rope for Heart” event. This is something we do each year, I know we all get hit up for all sorts of fundraisers and donations, but this does not require a large donations a couple bucks go a long ways. The elementary kids have done a really good job of this the last few years hopefully we can keep it going. So thank all of you that donate in advance. This is a great cause and is also why I hope everyone out there takes care of themselves and be active. There are some fun activities coming up in the spring semester things like Archery, Badminton, Pickle Ball, Bowling, just to name a few. It will be a blast and can't wait to get after it. Best job in the world. Grind your way through the winter months and good luck out there. Go Pats!!



January 22nd – 26th is Nebraska School Lunch Week. We would like to invite parents, grandparents, and friends to come and join the children for lunch that week. Please let us know if you plan on having lunch by calling the Clarkson High School at 892-3454 by 8:45 the morning you plan to attend. The cost for an adult guest meal is \$3.75 and a child's guest meal is \$2.75. The meals planned for that week are as follows:

Monday - hamburger

Tuesday - chicken fajita

Wednesday – sub sandwich

Thursday – taco salad

Friday - chicken fried steak

We hope to see you there!

Lifetime Activities Spike Ball Champs





English Notes

By Lynn Morfeld

The sophomores recently tried their hand at writing descriptive poetry. Derek Walcott's "36. In the late-afternoon light..." describes the changing light as afternoon turns to dusk in a Caribbean setting. The sophomores were asked to write a poem about dusk during their favorite season. While it was their choice to use a rhyme scheme or to write in free verse, personification (or, giving inanimate objects human characteristics) was to be illustrated in the poem as well. Here are a few of their pieces.

My Favorite Time of Year
By Brittney Urbanek

My favorite time of year
When the combines hum as if they were singing
The tractors whistle while they're taking a load to
the truck
The sunset beautiful as always
Purple, pink, yellow, and blue
Dust and cornstalks fill the bottoms
As the sun slowly sets
My favorite time of year
When all you can smell is diesel burning
And smell the fresh harvest
The cornstalks bend and lean as the snoots pick
them up
You can hear the shredding and trickling
As the kernels fall into the bin of the combine
My favorite time of year
Touching the steering wheel of the combine
And knowing that life is good
Just seeing the red driving through the field
Picking the ears of corn
My favorite time of year...
Almost tasting the dry dirt produced from the
combine
Both smelling and tasting the corn flakes flowing
through the air
My favorite time of year...
Harvest!

The Orange Ball Hangs from the Sky
By Sawyer Kappel

The orange ball hangs from the sky
Over the receding land it goes
The rhythmic swinging of the dried grasses
Bowing as they sing their gallant song
Glowing bright, but soon to be fading.
The air, lacking moisture, brings thirst
The countryside air is fresh
Like clean water; pure.
Old farms, windmills, trees,
Outlined with perfect symmetry
Only shapes are recognizable
Blues, indigos and violets emerge
As the orange ball falls out of the sky,
Just barely seen over the horizon,
A white ball appears, coating all with lust
No colors but the moon
Soon, the bright marbles follow
Chasing one another and meeting no end.
Nothing is visible but the snowflakes
And the giant snowball
Too warm for snow though
Too nice for rain
Just right for a good night's sleep
And just the same in the morn

Poem
By Ashlynn Novotny

The spark of a match lit the bonfire,
The ashes glowed where they lay,
The smoke swirled higher and higher,
The embers danced toward the sky.

The leaves wrestled along the ground,
The branches crackled beneath our feet,
The wind carried a howling sound,
As we all settled in our seat.

The crisped air tickled our noses,
The roasted marshmallow burnt my lip,
We were thankful each time the flames arose,
The steamy hot chocolate reminded me to only
take a sip.

The once raging fire had almost burned out,
The trees now hid the once bright moon,
Fall, my favorite time of year there is no doubt,
The numbness in our toes reminded us to leave
soon.

It's Sailors' Sunset Tonight
By Quintessence Indra

It's sailors' sunset tonight
With colorful beams of light
They shimmer as they change from pink
To a blood red, soon to a black they will blink.
It's late fall
The last of the green plants stand tall
This season takes only a short time
But during hunting one must mime
The animals stare at the fading sun with beady
eyes
They know that the warm wind is whispering lies
Telling tales of warm weather
Those who know better are the birds of a feather
The red streaks of light stretch their last limbs
across the sky
They will be back tomorrow but so will I.

Summer Nights Are All the Same
By Libby Crecco

Summer nights are all the same
Sitting on the porch at dusk
While the birds and fireflies play their game
The sun waves goodbye
And the North Star boasts and shimmers
High up in the mauve sky
Cliché cotton candy clouds
Roll onward toward purple and then black
And as the last ray of sunshine bowed
I smell the freshly cut grass
And sweet lilac.
I see the green wheat way en masse
To the soft push of the breeze
The same one that whispers in my ear
Of past summer nights
Ones that I hold near and dear
One by one the nights become weeks
Weeks become months
But the summer was hardly bleak
Even though summer nights are all the same.



Business News

By: Matt Murren

Well, one semester is already in the books at CPS and what a great semester it was. The business classes have covered a wide variety of content and time has really been flying in the classroom!

Accounting I just got done finishing the Accounting Period Cycle for a sole proprietorship! They are now able to take an individual's business records and journalize, post, prepare statements, and end of fiscal period activities. It was fun to watch the students complete their semester finals as they had to complete all business operations for a certain business from start to finish and they did an awesome job!

Accounting I/II has been busy getting into the analyzing of businesses. We started completing vertical and horizontal analysis of companies and finding favorable and unfavorable trends. Diving into actual business and tearing apart financial information to determine strategy was interesting.

Multimedia courses have been busy working on all their projects. We completed numerous projects this year from stop motion, silent movies, PSA's, newscast, and commercials! The students really enjoy creating and editing the movies. As always, check out our YouTube channel: clarksonpublicschool on YouTube for all of your newest videos!

Personal Finance started the year learning how to make money. We covered jobs, types of pay, and calculating pay. We then worked on goals for our future and how can we reach these financial goals. The banking section was great for the students to gain an understanding of how banking works. Insurance was covered with health and auto and students gained an intro understanding of insurance. We concluded the semester covering our tax section!

Looking forward for another great semester coming up! As always, It's A Great Day To Be A Patriot!



Class of 2018

Class of 2018 Happenings

By Jennifer Kappel

The class of 2018 recently completed their scholarship project with their English teachers. Each student completed two local scholarship applications and submitted them to be critiqued by Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Morfeld and Mrs. Kappel. Mock winners were chosen for each of the scholarships and instead of being rewarded with money, students were able to enjoy a candy treat! It is hoped that students will take the advice given and help them improve their applications prior to the official submission date. Great job seniors!

Seniors also recently completed a career research project jointly with Mrs. Kappel and Mr. Murren in their Personal Finance class. Students were instructed to select a career they are planning to pursue and develop a presentation for the class. Key information that needed to be researched included: working conditions and tasks, education and training, salary and job outlook. Students also needed to share possible schooling or training needed to achieve the career of their interest and research the estimated cost of schooling. Students were encouraged to use reputable websites for their research such as Nebraska Career Connections and the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Although students have done a good deal of research regarding their future career options prior to this project, they are encouraged to continue to access updated information and further develop their understanding of career opportunities. Seniors can look forward to second semester required job shadowing experiences and budgeting projects in Personal Finance.

Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

Winter break: a good time for college prep!
Take advantage of free time over the holidays to do some prep work for college. Here are a few things you can do!

Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our free FAFSA Tools or call us to make an appointment for free help:
Omaha - 888.357.6300
Lincoln - 800.303.3745.

Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT college entrance exam this spring. Here's a list of resources to help you prepare.

Search for scholarships

Use our free ScholarshipQuest tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

Update your Activities Resume

Our free Activities Resume is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

Volunteer

In addition to giving back to your community, your volunteer work can lead to scholarship opportunities.
Make sure you track your involvement on your Activities Resume.

Juniors:

- Update your Activities Resume.
- Check out ACT prep resources.
- Register by January 12 for the February 10 ACT.
- Register by February 9 for the March 10 SAT.

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Winter Break – NO School – December 25th – January 3rd
School Resumes on Thursday, January 4th
Wednesday, January 3rd – Youth dance camps 12:30 – 3:30
Thursday, January 4th – 7th – 12th grade Winter Music Concert at 7:00 pm in Clarkson
FCCLA meeting 7:00 pm in Clarkson
Saturday, January 6th – Wrestling invite 10:15 at Wisner-Pilger
Marathon BB 2:00 Tekamah-Herman at Clarkson (Game to broadcast on KTIC 107.9 The Bull)
Youth dance camp kids will dance at the halftime of the boy's game.
Monday, January 8th – C team girls BB at David City
JV Wrestling tournament 4:00 at Oakland-Craig
Tuesday, January 9th – FBLA meeting 6:15 in Clarkson
Thursday, January 11th – JH girls BB 6:00 Stanton at Leigh
JH boys BB 6:00 at Shelby-Rising City
C team girls BB 6:00 Columbus Lakeview at Clarkson
Friday, January 12th – Marathon BB 4:30 at Humphrey St. Francis
Saturday, January 13th – Wrestling tournament 8:00 at Cross County High
JH girls BB 9:00 at Dodge High School
JH boys BB 9:00 Humphrey/LHF at Leigh
Monday, January 15th – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16th – Marathon BB 4:00 at Elgin
Wrestling Double Dual 5:30 at Clarkson
Wednesday, January 17th – Speech meet in Dodge
Thursday, January 18th – JH boys BB 4:30 at Columbus Scotus HS
Marathon BB 4:30 Twin River at Clarkson
Friday, January 19th – FCCLA STAR competition at David City
Marathon BB 4:30 Lutheran High NE at Clarkson (Games will broadcast on WJAG radio)
Saturday, January 20th – Wrestling tournament 8:00 at Neligh-Oakdale
Speech meet at North Bend
JH girls BB tournament 9:00 at Bancroft-Rosalie
C team girls BB tournament 9:00 at Wisner-Pilger
Monday, January 22nd – JH boys BB 6:00 Howells-Dodge at Leigh
C team girls BB 6:00 West Point-Beemer at Clarkson
Tuesday, January 23rd – Marathon BB 4:30 Wisner-Pilger at Clarkson
Wednesday, January 24th – Speech meet at Howells-Dodge
Thursday, January 25th – JH boys BB 4:30 Norfolk Catholic at Leigh
Friday, January 26th – Conference BB tournament, TBD
Saturday, January 27th – Conference Wrestling 9:00 at Twin River
Conference BB tournament, TBD
Monday, January 29th – Conference BB tournament, TBD
Tuesday, January 30th – JH boys BB 4:30 Schuyler MS at Leigh
Conference BB tournament, TBD

January 2018

Clarkson Public School

LUNCH



Menus are subject to change.
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Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



Monday

1

Breakfast – pizza bagel
Lunch – meatball sub

8

Breakfast – tornado
Lunch – pork steak

15

Breakfast – muffin
Lunch – hamburgers

22

Breakfast – bkf flatbread
Lunch – chicken tenders

29

Tuesday

2

Breakfast – biscuits & gravy
Lunch – tacos

9

Breakfast – bkf rounds
Lunch – spaghetti

16

Breakfast – ham egg bagel
Lunch – chicken fajita

23

Breakfast – bagel with cream cheese
Lunch – chili

30

Wednesday

3

Breakfast – pancake sausage stick
Lunch – grilled cheese or tuna

10

Breakfast – egg sausage English muffin
Lunch – BBQ pork

17

Breakfast – roller dogs
Lunch – sub sandwich

24

Breakfast – sausage egg biscuit
Lunch – cheeseburger casserole

31

Thursday

4

Breakfast – combos
Lunch – pizza

11

Breakfast – bkf pizza
Lunch – Philly steak sandwich

18

Breakfast – hot pockets
Lunch – taco salad

25

Friday

5

Breakfast – yogurt cup
Lunch – chicken patty

12

Breakfast – ham egg croissant
Lunch – sloppy Joe

19

Breakfast – Clarkson Bakery rolls
Lunch – chicken fried steak

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