

## From the Superintendent's Desk

By: Rich Lemburg

As we start the month of December, I would like to thank everyone for a great 1st semester. To say this school year has been unique is an understatement. I am proud of our staff, students, and parents on how they have handled the changes we have had to make due to COVID.

As we finish up the first semester of the school year and look ahead to the 2nd semester I want parents and patrons to know, the plan is for Clarkson Public Schools to stay open for the rest of the year with students in the building. The only way we would change this is if we had too many teachers quarantining out of the building or if the state shuts down schools again like last year. It is very important to have the students in the building and having face-to-face learning. That is why all of the help we have received 1st semester with updates on testing with in the families is so important for us.

Last year in the December newsletter I talked about the changes of technology and how technology has greatly changed education, as we know it. Another new trend we are seeing is inquiry-based learning instead of pure memorization and regurgitation of facts and data. In other words, students will be given data and information and then asked to use and analyze the data in answering questions. This is in hope to gain a deeper understanding and have the students apply and show what they have learned. These changes have taken place in the past couple of years with our new state Science standards and now our state Social Studies standards are following this move. This trend will continue as new standards are updated in other curriculums areas.

It is a change for both teachers and students, as you will see more proficiency based grading in school. One major factor that I like about the change is it will cause for a more in-depth and deeper learning. It also helps students to develop an analytic thought process, which will help them as they go through life in problem solving situations.

Please remember to be safe as you go through the holiday season, making good decisions now is essential as we keep kids in our schools and get us through this school year.

Have a great Holiday Season!!!

## Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Hello everyone and Happy Winter! I'm so happy to get the chance to say that and still have our kids in the building. It has been very interesting up to this point, to say the least! I hope that we can finish strong for the semester and then have a nice break to regroup! I want to say, Thank You to everyone for helping do their part as we have to endure Covid.

I would like to remind everyone to please make sure your child has proper clothing, hats, gloves as we get deeper into the winter months. Once the white stuff starts to fly, we need to still protect from other seasonal illnesses.

With the winter sports season starting, our schedules get ramped up again and our student athletes will get very busy. Please, make a note to keep an eye on the website calendar as start times can always adjust as we get into the season as well as location of events.

Kids get tired and wore down and that is when we start to see sickness increase. If your child is going to be gone from school due to illness please call the school and let us know. We appreciate it a lot! Go PATS!

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## SENIOR PARENTS

Senior pictures for the yearbook and newspapers must be submitted to Mrs. Morfeld before **Christmas** break:

- Vertical headshot (yearbook, Colfax County Press, Columbus Telegram)
- Baby picture (yearbook)
- Optional Baby Ad (baby picture, message, & \$20)

Contact Mrs. Morfeld with any questions  
([lmorfeld@clarkson.esu7.org](mailto:lmorfeld@clarkson.esu7.org))

## Bert Perina presented with a Quilt of Honor

After a surprise ice storm, the annual Veteran's Day Program was not rescheduled. However, Clarkson Public School was able to reschedule a portion of the program on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was with great appreciation that 7th - 12th grade students and staff were able to listen to Lambert Perina share a speech about his experience in the United States Marines during World War II and the Korean War. Following his speech, Lambert was surprised with a very special honor, becoming the most recent recipient of a Quilt of Valor. The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization that has presented more than 260,000 quilts in the United States and internationally to current members of our military or veterans. The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 by founder Catherine Roberts. Her son was deployed in Iraq and she had a vivid dream of her son feeling utter despair as a result of his experiences in war and then being wrapped in a quilt, which changed his whole demeanor to one of hope and well-being. Thus began Quilts of Valor, a volunteer organization that provides quilts of healing to those who have been touched by war. Quilt of Valor representative and quilter, Connie Talbott, presented Lambert with a quilt in front of the Clarkson students and staff. The presentation was streamed online through the school and can be watched at the following you tube site: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUsKMKi0--k>. Lambert enlisted with the United States Marines and served as a pilot during World War II. Bert's squadron was responsible for taking photo reconnaissance of enemy territory. Following the war, Bert remained active as a Reservist and was Clarkson High School's Ag teacher. When the Korean War began, Bert was again called to duty and spent another two years flying and doing photo reconnaissance work. It is with much appreciation that we thank Lambert for his service to our country!

To qualify as a Quilt of Valor, specific guidelines must be followed. The quilt must be a quality-made quilt, quilted, not tied, and awarded to its recipient not just passed out. The quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service, sacrifice and valor in serving our nations." More information can be found at [qovf.org](http://qovf.org).



Bert pictured wrapped in his Quilt of Valor.



Quilt of Valor representative and quilter Connie Talbott, Lambert Perina, and niece Penny Janousek.

# EducationQuest Foundation - College Planning Bulletin

What to expect after you submit your FAFSA

The [FAFSA](#) opened October 1, so many of you have already completed and submitted your form.

Here's what happens next:

**Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link.** The SAR tells you that your FAFSA was processed and lets you know if you need to take further action.

**Watch for verification requests.** The college(s) you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the colleges' financial aid office. *The college will not process your financial aid until they receive the documents.*

**Watch for financial aid award notifications.** The colleges you listed on your FAFSA – and were accepted to – will send you financial aid award notifications detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering based on your financial need.

## Haven't completed your FAFSA yet?

No problem! You and a parent can complete the form at [studentaid.gov](#). Before you start, create a Student Aid Account (FSA ID) for you and one for a parent. You'll need them to access and sign the FAFSA.

For *free* help with the FAFSA, watch these brief [FAFSA Demo videos](#), use our [FAFSA Tools](#), or call the EducationQuest location nearest to you to make a virtual appointment:

Omaha – 402.391.4033 or 888.357.6300

Lincoln – 402.475.5222 or 800.303.3745

Kearney – 308.234.6310 or 800.666.3721

Scottsbluff – 308.708.7199 or 800.303.3745, ext. 6654

## Virtual College Fair site will remain open until Dec. 1

EducationQuest held virtual college fairs Sept. 27-30 and on Nov. 17 so that students could meet with college reps and watch live college-prep presentations. Even though the live fairs are over, you may visit the site at [eqf.org/collegefair](#) until **Dec. 1** to visit college booths and watch recorded sessions. *If you visit at least 3 booths, you'll be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship!*

## Winning the scholarship game

Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships:

**Don't ever pay for scholarship searches!** Use *free* resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](#) at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find a list of free national sites that we recommend such as [Chegg](#), [College Board](#), and [Fastweb](#).

**Visit your school counselor** often to learn about local scholarships.

**Focus on local and college-based scholarships** because you're more likely to earn them.

**Update your activities, honors, community service, and paid jobs** using the [Activities Resume](#) at EducationQuest.org.

**Earn the best possible ACT/SAT scores** by taking the exam(s) in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.

**Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach, or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them a specific deadline, and a copy of your Activities Resume.

**Tailor your essay to the scholarship.** Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.

## December "To Do" List

Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college-planning track.

### Seniors:

\_\_\_ If you haven't already, submit [college applications](#) and the [FAFSA](#).

\_\_\_ Continue to apply for [scholarships](#).

\_\_\_ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

### Juniors

\_\_\_ Take an ACT prep course.

\_\_\_ Set up a [ScholarshipQuest](#) profile and start searching for Nebraska-based scholarships.

\_\_\_ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

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# Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

- Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> - JH Wrestling at Battle Creek 3:30 pm  
FBLA Meeting during Patriot Period
- Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – FCCLA Zoom Chapter Meeting during Patriot Period.
- Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – JH Girls BB vs. Wayne at Clarkson 6:00 pm
- Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB at Humphrey-LHF 4:00 pm
- Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – HS Wrestling at Howells 9:30 am  
JH Girls BB at Humphrey-LHF 9:00 am  
Marathon BB vs. Madison at Leigh 2:00 pm
- Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – District 2 FFA Leadership Contest done virtually.  
JH Girls BB vs. Battle Creek at Leigh 4:00 pm  
Girls/Boys C team BB vs. Humphrey-LHF at Clarkson 6:00/7:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB at Oakland-Craig 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Winter Activity pictures with Digital Solutions.
- Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – JH Girls BB at Madison 4:30 pm  
Marathon BB at Winside 4:30 pm
- Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB vs. BRLD at Clarkson 4:30 pm (Parent’s night)
- Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – HS Wrestling at Osceola 8:30 am  
JH Wrestling invite at Centennial 9:00 am  
Girls C team/JV BB tournament at Bancroft 9:00 am
- Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA Family Christmas
- Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - District 2 FFA Leadership Contest done virtually.  
Girls/Boys C team BB at Humphrey St. Francis 6:00/7:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – JH Girls BB at Schuyler 4:30 pm  
HS Wrestling Quad at Clarkson 6:00 pm  
Girls JV/Varsity BB vs. David City at Leigh 6:00/7:00 pm
- Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – JH Girls BB at St. Edward 2:30 pm  
Elementary Winter Concert, TBD
- Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – JH/HS Winter Music Concert, TBD
- Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – HS Wrestling at Wayne 9:00 am  
Marathon BB vs. Howells-Dodge at Clarkson 2:00 pm
- Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – 1:00 Dismissal JH/HS Semester Finals  
JH Girls BB vs. Humphrey St. Francis at Leigh 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – NO Preschool-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
1:00 Dismissal JH/HS Semester Finals  
Varsity Girls/Boys BB at Lakeview 6:15 pm
- Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>-Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – NO School –Winter Break
- Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – Varsity BB Holiday Tournament at Shelby-RC, TBD

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
December 1	egg, sausage, & cheese on a biscuit	fish sticks
December 2	waffles & sausage	hot dog
December 3	breakfast pizza	cavatina
December 4	Clarkson Bakery rolls	breaded chicken sandwich
December 7	breakfast combos	cheddar brat on a bun
December 8	homemade breakfast burrito	Oriental chicken & rice
December 9	cereal	beef sticks
December 10	egg, ham, cheese, & English muffin	sloppy joes
December 11	biscuits & gravy	chicken tenders
December 14	egg, sausage, & cheese on a bagel	chicken fajita
December 15	breakfast sausage	chili
December 16	French toast & sausage	hamburger
December 17	PB&J	Christmas dinner (chicken fried steak)
December 18	oatmeal	hot ham & cheese sandwich
December 21	pancakes & ham patty	taco salad
December 22	muffin	pizza

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**Winter Break**  
**December 23rd thru January 4th**  
**Classes resume on January 5th**

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