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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we get into the 2nd semester, I hope everyone's 2022 is off to a great start. It is always nice to have the break and catch your breath before we head into the back part of the winter sports/activity season. Between Youth, Junior High, C Team, Junior Varsity, and Varsity contests and then Speech meets during the months of January and February, it really keeps everyone hopping. All of this doesn't include dealing with the weather, postponements and rescheduling of activities.

As we get into the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, I just want to give everyone a quick reminder about keeping safe with the viruses that have been affecting our lives this past two years. With the new Omicron variant now giving us three different versions of COVID virus to navigate, I do want to remind people of our protocol if a family member is tested for COVID. Once a family member is tested, we have the students stay home for one day to watch symptoms before they come back into school. If the test comes back negative then the mask comes off, if the test is positive the students will have to wear a mask for a period of time. If a student tests positive, the doctor usually gives us a return date telling us when student can to return to school, depending on when they first had symptoms.

I truly understand that people don't like wearing masks and many don't want their children to have to wear masks at school, but for us to be able to remain open and keep not only our students safe but also our teachers, paras, etc. safe from the virus we might have to. We have put a lot of extra work and pressure on our teachers and paras this first semester with the lack of substitute teachers and anything we can do to keep everyone healthy second semester would be beneficial for student learning.

It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy time with their families and celebrate the Holidays! Now onto the 2nd semester and the 2022 school year. As always, things happen faster and faster and this school year is no exception.

The winter sports season is in full swing and our Patriot athletes will have some holiday competitions over the winter break and will start up early in January. If you haven't yet, I hope everyone tries to make time to come out and support our athletes on the court or on the mat. They put in a lot of work and do a great job of representing our schools!

Keep an eye out as February rolls around because we are looking at having a few changes in some of the testing that we do, specifically MAP testing. You will be hearing more as we get closer to the date. Also, a friendly reminder that if your child isn't feeling well, please keep them home and notify the school of their illness. GO PATS!

Math News

By Tony Horacek

We had a hectic finish before Christmas break. We had to tie things up and prepare for and take finals while navigating a schedule full of activities. The students had to be on their toes. With a busy finish to the semester, Christmas break is always looked forward to and enjoyed. As we begin the new year hopefully the students will be glad to return so we can pick up where we left off.

In Algebra I, we will be moving from working with linear equations to working with linear inequalities. Geometry will continue to work with different types of triangle congruence and other triangle relationships. Algebra II will be working with polynomials and polynomial functions, and Pre-Calculus will be working with polynomial functions, rational functions and nonlinear inequalities.

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The 6th graders and I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all students, staff, parents, and The Clarkson Bakery for supporting their donut hole sales! Everyone was pleasantly surprised by the success of our fundraiser. We ended up taking almost 750 total orders in just eight days! We delivered over 2,200 Clarkson Bakery donut holes! The Clarkson Bakery donated the donut holes. We purchased and wrapped Christmas presents to make Christmas a little brighter for others. We are truly grateful for everyone's support, donations, and time given to making it such a great success! We look forward to doing it again next year!

Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Sayers and The Clarkson 6th Graders



Spanish News

By Vicky Miller

¡Hola! Spanish 1 recently finished a *cumpleaños* (birthdays) unit. We explored a little bit about talking about age and birthdays, sending a birthday message, reading invitations, giving our opinion of gifts, and decorations. The highlight of the unit was making and decorating some piñatas of our own!

Spanish 2 finished up a unit about *hogares* (homes). We looked at the wide variety of homes around the world, gave our opinions of them, described the before and after on HGTV-style renovation shows in Spanish, checked out *azulejos* and designed our own, and looked at housing problems and some possible solutions.

Spanish 3/4 took a couple weeks to explore *felices fiestas* (happy holidays) traditions. Some of our activities included reading holiday cards and making our own holiday messages. Senior Faith Indra delivered them to some of the Spanish-speaking residents at the nursing home where she works in Columbus. We also talked about Christmas gifts we like to give and receive, looked at winter/Christmas characters from other countries around the world and attempted to sing along with popular hispanic Christmas carols.

¡Feliz navidad y prospero año nuevo! I look forward to seeing the students after break. It's fun to dig into a new year together when everyone feels refreshed and reenergized after the holidays!

Kindergarten News

By Wes Pokorny

I hope that you all had a healthy and happy holiday season. I would like to take this time to thank everyone for the nice gifts that I have received this Christmas season. Even more importantly I want to thank the parents for a smooth first half of the year. Time sure does fly when things are running smoothly. Half of the school year is under our belt and some solid improvement has been made in all areas of the students' education. At this half time, I like to reflect upon what we are doing well and what we need to tighten up as we move forward.

As I lay out the course for the next semester, I try to include a nice blend of academic activities along with opportunities for physical and emotional growth. Providing students the tools to self-regulate and show empathy towards their peers is vital to building strong relationships. Providing ample opportunities for undirected play gives students chances to practice their newfound skills with very little interference from adults. I feel like our students' lives are getting more and more scheduled with adults determining what kids do from the moment they arise in the morning till they go to sleep at night. By providing free play students get a slice of time where they are the boss and they determine how and with who they spend their time. Things do not always go smoothly and that is where the teacher who acts as a facilitator reminds the students of ways they might solve their problems. Play will always be an important part of the Kindergarten curriculum as long as I get a say!

Have a great New Year and don't forget to get out and play yourself! Win The Day!

A Czech Day at CPS

By Tami Sayers

Nothing sounds better than hearing an accordion play through the halls at Clarkson Public Schools! Justin Eisenmann, son of Doug and Laura, was a guest speaker for the middle school Patriot Enrichment Period. He was invited to teach others about the history of the accordion, how it works, and to show his talent! Being a 6th grader, the middle schoolers lit up when they saw how well he played! The crowd outside Mrs. Sayers's classroom door led into a parade through the halls. His sister, Kara, was also able to show her playing ability, if only their older brother Josh, and his trumpet, was there to complete the band! But as Apple, Peaches, Pumpkin, Pie was flowing through the hall, students were clapping and polka dancing. It was a great Czech day at Clarkson Public Schools!



Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Wednesday, December 22nd – Tuesday, January 4th – NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

Tuesday, January 4th – HS JV Wrestling tournament at Wisner-Pilger 4:00 pm

Marathon BB vs Aquinas Catholic at Clarkson 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm

Friday, January 7th – HS Wrestling Invite at Burwell 11:30 am

Girls JV/B BB at East Butler 6:00/7:30 pm

Saturday, January 8th – HS Wrestling Invite at Amherst 10:00 am

Speech Meet at Twin River

NE Girls BB Showcase vs Grand Island NW at Kearney High School 12:10 pm

Boys JV/V BB vs Tekamah-Herman at Clarkson 5:00/6:30 pm

Monday, January 10th – HS JV Wrestling Invite at Oakland-Craig 4:00 pm

JH GBB vs Stanton at Leigh 5:30 pm

Boone Central Honor Choir Clinic – Concert at 5:30 pm

Girls & Boys C team BB at David City HS 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 13th – Girls & Boys JH BB at Shelby-RC 4:30 pm

Girls & Boys C team BB at Lakeview 6:30 pm

Friday, January 14th – Marathon BB at Humphrey St. Francis 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

Saturday, January 15th – HS Wrestling Invite at Cross County 9:00 am

JH GBB vs Howells-Dodge at Dodge 9:00 am

JH BBB vs Humphrey-Lindsay HF at Leigh 9:00 am

Marathon BB vs Pender at Clarkson 1:00(JV)/2:00/3:30 pm

Monday, January 17th – JH BBB vs LHNE in Leigh 6:00 pm

C Team Girls & Boys vs Howells-Dodge at Clarkson 6:00/7:15 pm

Tuesday, January 18th – Marathon BB at LHNE 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm

HS Wrestling Double Dual at Clarkson 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 19th – Speech Meet at Howells-Dodge

Thursday, January 20th – JH BBB at Columbus Scotus HS 4:30 pm

Marathon BB vs Twin River at Leigh 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm

Saturday, January 22nd – Speech Meet at North Bend

HS Wrestling Invite at Neligh-Oakdale 10:00 am

Monday, January 24th – Marathon BB vs BRLD at Bancroft 4:00/5:00/6:00/7:30 pm

JH BBB vs Howells-Dodge in Clarkson 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 25th – Marathon BB vs Wisner-Pilger at Clarkson 4:30(JV)/6:00/7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 26th – FCCLA STAR Events in Leigh

Thursday, January 27th – FFA Career Development Event 8:30 pm at NECC

JH BBB vs David City in Clarkson 4:30 pm

Friday, January 28th – Girls BB EHC Tournament, TBD

Saturday, January 29th – HS Wrestling Conference tourney at Leigh 9:00 am

Boys BB EHC Tournament, TBD

Monday, January 31st – Girls BB EHC Tournament, TBD



Menus are subject to change.

	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
January 5	tornado	pizza
January 6	pancakes on a stick	chicken patty
January 7	Clarkson Bakery	cheese quesadilla
January 10	egg, sausage, & cheese on a bakery croissant	cheddar brat
January 11	cereal	sub sandwich
January 12	breakfast pizza	chalupa
January 13	oatmeal	ribique
January 14	homemade breakfast burritos	fish sticks
January 17	pancake & ham	grilled cheese or chicken salad sandwich
January 18	biscuits & gravy	chicken fajita
January 19	yogurt parfait	BBQ pork sandwich
January 20	omelet & sausage	tacos
January 21	egg, ham, & cheese on a bagel	hamburger
January 24	bagel & cream cheese	Oriental chicken
January 25	waffle & sausage	hotdog
January 26	breakfast hot pocket	cheese crunchers
January 27	egg, sausage, & cheese on a biscuit	chili
January 28	P,B,& J	pork steak
January 31	breakfast power bites	spaghetti & meat sauce

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**We will see everyone back at school
when school resumes on Wednesday,
January 5th.
Have a wonderful winter break!**

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