

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

Welcome to the short month of February, which in the educational world is known as “hitting the wall month”. As we start the second semester, everyone is always refreshed from the holiday break and spending time with their families and friends. Then the rest of January and February students have jammed packed schedules with all different activities along with dealing with the cold weather. Even with February being a short month, it is the time of the year where life gets extremely hectic as school and activities are in maximum overdrive.

Basketball and wrestling teams are going through the pressure filled time of conference tournaments and district competition. To add to it, February is a big month for the Speech Team, their season is in full swing and kids are missing school for meets or having meets on Saturday, along with morning and evening practices. Students also have FCCLA, FBLA and FFA contests to prepare and compete for to round out their already busy schedules.

All of these activities, along with those who have a job outside of school, add a lot of Saturdays and evenings to the student's schedule which can sometimes be overwhelming for the them. To add to all of this chaos, some high school families also have students who are involved Jr. Hi and Youth activities. Those teams are winding up their seasons with their final practices and tournaments. It is a very busy time for students and families to say the least.

With the students having such busy schedules please remind your children to make sure they are getting the rest and nutrition they need to keep busy with their active lives and keeping up on their grades.

These busy months are why students are always praying for snow days!!!

It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

Notes from the Principal

By Dr. Lee Schneider

What a fast January it has been! I'm so glad we've been able to get back on track after the holiday break and keep moving forward. THANK YOU to our students and parents for making this happen, especially as we navigate the cold months of January and February.

Speaking of cold, please ensure your child is dressed warmly with gloves, hats, coats, and other appropriate clothing for the weather. Whether walking to school or playing outside, staying bundled up is essential for their comfort and safety during these colder weeks.

Our winter sports seasons are quickly approaching conference and district competitions, so if you haven't had an opportunity to come out and support our student-athletes, please do! This is not only for athletics but also because our speech team is in full competition mode. We will also host the EHC Speech Meet and the EHC Quiz Bowl this year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at the school. Also, put on your radar that we will host the EHC Art Show again this year in April and will have viewing hours for community members to see the fantastic art created here at Clarkson and the entire conference!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions! My door is always open!!

GO PATS!!!!

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Clarkson FFA Chapter

By Anna Ready

Throughout January, students practiced and competed in the District 2 Career Development Event Contests. Additionally, 9 students participated in the Battle Creek Livestock Judging Invitational where the 8th Grade team of Jace Prinz, Taelyn Baumert, Mason Faltys, and Bella Podany brought home Runner-Up! Jacklyn Koehn, Hayley Podany, Beau Baumert, Mackenna Kudera, and Cash Fehringer were also competing. Our Career Development Events were:

Ag Mechanics - Jacob Koehn, Levi Gall, Wyatt Crosley, and Grant Hanel

Floriculture - Reagan Harrison, Ella Olson, MaKenna Hake, Rylee Balzer, Emma Gall, Teagan Baumert, Ava Baumert, and Ella Baumert

Natural Resources - Jackson Greene and Cash Fehringer

Agronomy - Josh Eisenmann, Justin Eisemann, Cole Vodehnal, Owen Schnoor, and Logan Stodola

Food Science - Maizie Stoklasa, Chelsy Matthies, Graicee Sortino, and Chloe Indra

Livestock Management - Cash Fehringer, Levi Gall, Hayley Podany, Claire Holoubek, and Mackenna Kudera

I am immensely proud of these FFA members for their time and dedication to these contests! They compete against 25 other teams to have a chance at qualifying for state. February is a busy month for our chapter. On February 5th students will compete with their Proficiency Applications from their Supervised Agricultural Experiences. These experiences are a component of the three-circle model of Agricultural Education and provide students with real-world experiences in their chosen field. Additionally, four seniors will be applying for their Nebraska FFA State Degree. This is the highest honor the state can bestow on its members. Students must have invested or earned over \$1000 and completed 25 hours of community service, among other requirements, throughout their FFA Career. Finally, FFA Week is February 16-22. We will kick off the week with everyone's favorite, Pajama Day! On Tuesday, FFA Members who wear official dress will earn a donut and Junior High Members can participate by wearing their FFA t-shirt. Wednesday is another fantastic day with Drive Your Tractor to School Day and also wear your favorite tractor brand. Thursday is Patriot Day, to show our school spirit! Friday is career day, dress up like your dream career! The Clarkson FFA Officers want to be sure we extend our invitation to the Labor Auction and Dinner on February 22nd, 2025 at the Opera House. Students have chosen services such as farm work, lawn care, auto maintenance, pet sitting, and housekeeping. The sale bill will be posted soon with details. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the auction to follow. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Clarkson FCCLA District Star Results

By Caitlin Kabes

Congratulations to the District STAR participants, who all represented our chapter well. District STAR was held at Schuyler High School on Friday, January 17th.

Claire Holoubek, Chloe Indra- Chapter In Review Display (Level 2) 1st Place Gold - Qualify for State

Ava Baumert, Ella Baumert- Chapter In Review Portfolio (Level 2) 2nd Place Silver - Qualify for State

Hadley Dlouhy, Bella McAtee - Chapter Service Project Display (Level 3) 2nd Place Silver - Qualify for State

Kara Eisenmann- Fashion Construction (Level 1) 1st Place Silver - Qualify for State

Mackenna Kudera, Graicee Sortino- Focus on Children (Level 2) Bronze

Makenna Hake, Shaleigh Mcallister- Focus on Children (Level 3) 1st Place Gold - Qualify for State

Sophia Morfeld, Kendall Schneider, Rowan Stodola - Interior Design (Level 3) 2nd Place Silver - Qualify for State

Tynzlee Hake - Professional Presentation (Level 1) 1st Place Gold - Qualify for State

Taelyn Baumert - Repurpose and Redesign (Level 1) 1st Place Gold - Qualify for State



(Not pictured Kara Eisenmann and Tynzlee Hake)

Watch our FCCLA Facebook and Instagram for our FCCLA Week Celebration! February 10th-14th!



What is JAG Nebraska?

In 2019, Nebraska became one of 39 states affiliated with the national organization Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). Supported by United Way of the Midlands in collaboration with state agencies and participating school districts, JAG Nebraska helps students overcome challenges to achieve personal and career success after high school.

What have JAG students been up to?

-January Highlights-

JAG students kicked off the year with a strong start in the classroom, diving into Unit 5, which focuses on resumes and cover letters. They've been hard at work creating their own resumes or revisiting and updating those from last year, refining both the content and formatting. In addition, students have been exploring the world of advanced manufacturing, researching what it entails and gaining insight into the wide range of careers available in this innovative field. With the JAG Career Development Conference fast approaching, students are dedicating time to perfecting their competition pieces, which will be evaluated in early February. Their commitment to civic engagement continues as they attend local board meetings, gaining valuable experience and insights. They also embraced an exciting employer engagement opportunity with a visit to BuilderTrend in Omaha, where they connected with professionals and learned about career opportunities in the industry. The year is off to a fantastic start for these dedicated students!

BuilderTrend

Clarkson Future Fund



FBLA NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Free Throw Fundraiser ➡ **Friday, January 31st**

CTE Month ➡ **February**

FBLA Week ➡ **Feb 10th - Feb 14th**

Clarkson FBLA is preparing to complete Ribbon Projects for the State Leadership Conference in April! On Thursday, January 9th, our members collected nearly \$90 in our blanket coin toss during the home basketball game! We will add this money to our coin drive which will be held in February during FBLA Week! The money we raise will be donated to The March of Dimes. They are also trying to complete StepUp2Tech where we show how we are utilizing technology and we have 4 members participating in technology objective tests for SLC.



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News and Notes from the Social Science Dept.

By Mr. McEvoy

The 2024-25 school year has been very interesting here in the Social Science Department of Clarkson Public School. Here are a few of our highlights so far this year:

-8th Grade American History- This class begins by looking at our Native American and European roots and how these two cultures interacted early on in U.S. history. Emphasis is given to European exploration, early British Colonies, and the ensuing development of our nation from its' War for Independence from Great Britain and eventual Civil War.

-10th Grade American History- This class has been exploring the events and the brave men and women who preserved our American way of life during WWII. The students will soon understand that the following "Cold War" period may turn out to be the most dangerous period of American History yet. We will then move through the conflicts and social change of the late 20th Century that helped shape America into what it is today.

-7th Grade Civics/World Studies- This group has been given an introductory look into our country, our government, and our American way of life in comparison to other regions of the globe. There is an emphasis on patriotism, geography, civic duty, and the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the United States. Great focus is also given to the Constitution, the 27 Amendments, and the role of the Three Branches.

-American Government- This upper-level course is taught in conjunction with 7th Grade civics with a deeper look into the inner-workings of the three branches, the electoral process, and preparation for becoming an informed member of the voting population. The class just finished studying the role of the U.S. Congress and is now focusing on the role the Executive Branch/U.S. President plays in our society.

-World Geography- The expectation is for each student to carry with them a working knowledge of our U.S. Geography in relationship to the World Geography that surrounds us. In the end, we will cover the entire globe---with the goal being that they can compare and contrast our United States geography/way of life to that of the rest of the world.

-Current Issues- The students have spent their year discussing the modern problems we face and the possible solutions to those issues. Through current events, documentaries, and their own reflections on the world we live in, they continue to work on building a working knowledge of the world around them. The class continues to work on a time capsule project that will include all of the news stories, journal entries, and reflections that they've compiled to date. The goal is to someday look back and see what the world was like during their senior year of 2024-2025.

Thank you for taking a look into our corner of the building, and here's hoping for continued success in 2025 for all of our students and activities here at CPS- Go Patriots!!!

Preschooler's Zipper Club

By Steph Rolf

The preschool classes have been working hard at putting on their own coat and zipping it independently! 21 out of 22 students have made the Zipper Club the past two weeks! To make the Zipper Club, they must independently zip their own coats at least 5 times. Once they accomplish that, they earn their own zipper to display for all to see and receive a special treat. I am so proud of how independent our preschool students have become! Their self-confidence is beginning to soar!



Celebrating 100 Days of School!

The 100th day of school is always a milestone worth celebrating. Our Kindergarten through third grade students made it a day to remember! The morning was packed with activities that incorporated movement and fun.

The students got their hearts pumping with 100 seconds of physical challenges, including jogging, walking, planking, jumping jacks, shooting baskets, dribbling, jump rope, and even a mini dance party.

The excitement didn't stop there. One of the highlights of the day was the scavenger hunt for 100 Hershey's Kisses. There were 100 kisses hidden in each of the classrooms. Each class worked together to find all of 100 kisses! The kindergarten class won the race and found all of their first!

In the gym, students used a giant parachute to knock off 100 foam balls, a task that required teamwork and coordination. Later, the loudest cheers came as students popped 100 balloons!

The celebration wrapped up with a photo: students formed the number "100," creating a picture-perfect memory of the celebration. Here's to 100 days smarter! 🎉



Kindergarten News

By Breanna Ruwe

The kindergarten class returned from break full of energy and excitement, ready to dive into new learning adventures! Our reading skills are growing every day, and I'm so proud of the progress everyone is making. The guest readers have also been a great addition to the classroom.

In math, we are also excelling! Our 100th Day of School was a big hit, filled with fun activities that helped us celebrate all we've learned so far. It's amazing to see how much their love of numbers and math has grown! We're excited to keep building on all the progress we've made, and can't wait for what next month will bring!



Physical Education News

By Jim Clarkson

It has been an active 2025 so far in the world of PE. We have come out of the gates strong with some Archery for the Freshmen and some Badminton for the Seniors. Still killing it in the weight room and the elementary did a great job with the Jump rope and are now honing their Basketball skills. In the Freshmen class Jackson Greene locked up the class title with the best average score it was a very tight race as he edged out a victory over Cole Vodehnal and Hunter Gall.

The Seniors have been picking up Badminton well. Caleb Christensen and Rylee Balzer took home the gold in doubles and Caleb also locked up the single title just this week, staving off a Cinderella run by underdog Otto Crecco. We are looking forward to some new adventures in the coming weeks. Bowling and PickleBall are up next.



CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Saturday, February 1st – HS Wrestling Conference tourney at Lyons-Decatur 9:00 am

Boys BB Conference tourney, TBD

Speech meet at Logan View

Monday, February 3rd – Girls BB Conference tourney, TBD

Tuesday, February 4th – JH Boys BB vs Schuyler at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Boys BB Conference tourney, TBD

Wednesday, February 5th – 10:00 late start, teacher in-service

Thursday, February 6th – JH Boys BB at Wayne 4:30 pm

Girls BB Conference tourney, TBD

Friday, February 7th – NO classes for grades 7-12, Elementary will still have class.

HS Wrestling Patriot Invite at Clarkson 10:00 am

Girls BB Conference tourney, TBD

Saturday, February 8th – ACT test date

FFA Proficiency Review/State Degree Interviews

Conference BB tourney Finals, TBD

Monday, February 10th – JH Boys BB vs. Humphrey Archangels at Leigh 3:30 pm

C Team Boys BB at Madison 6:00 pm

C Team Girls BB at Tekamah-Herman 6:00 pm

FCCLA week begins

Tuesday, February 11th – Marathon BB at Pierce 4:30 pm

Wednesday, February 12th – NHS Blood Drive 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 13th – Marathon BB at Stanton 4:30 pm

JH Boys BB vs Madison at Leigh 4:30 pm

Friday, February 14th – JH/HS Winter Concert 6:30 pm

Wrestling Districts, TBD

Saturday, February 15th – Wrestling District, TBD

Speech meet at Humphrey

Youth BB tourney at Clarkson and Leigh

Monday, February 17th – Girls BB Subdistricts, TBD

FFA Week begins

Tuesday, February 18th – 8th grade Career Exploration Day

Girls BB Subdistricts, TBD

Thursday, February 20th – Wrestling State Championships in Omaha

Girls BB Subdistrict, TBD

State Cheer & Dance Competition in Grand Island

JAG Career Day

Friday, February 21st – Boys BB vs. David City in Leigh 6:00 pm

Wrestling State Championships in Omaha

State Cheer & Dance Competition in Grand Island

Saturday, February 22nd – Speech meet at Battle Creek

Boys C team tournament at Tekamah, TBD

Wrestling State Championships in Omaha

State Cheer & Dance Competition in Grand Island

FFA Dinner & Labor Auction 6:00 pm

Monday, February 24th – FCCLA Peer Ed Conference in Kearney

Boys BB Subdistricts, TBD

Tuesday, February 25th - Boys BB Subdistricts, TBD

Wednesday, February 26th – NO School – teacher in-service day

Conference Speech Meet in Clarkson 8:00 am

Thursday, February 27th - Boys BB Subdistricts, TBD

Friday, February 28th – Girls BB District Finals, TBD



Breakfast

February 3rd sausage patty & scrambled eggs
February 4th breakfast empanada
February 5th NO BREAKFAST – LATE START
February 6th breakfast round
February 7th sausage & gravy pizza

February 10th tri tater & ham patty
February 11th cereal bar
February 12th ham combos
February 13th breakfast sandwich
February 14th pancake on a stick

February 17th bagel & cream cheese
February 18th breakfast sandwich
February 19th muffin
February 20th yogurt parfait
February 21st French toast & ham

February 24th breakfast bar
February 25th Uncrustable
February 26th NO SCHOOL
February 27th breakfast round
February 28th Clarkson Bakery rolls

Lunch

salisbury steak
walking tacos
deli wrap
chili or cheddar broccoli soup
bosco sticks with marinara sauce

beef & bean burrito
brat on a bun
chicken fajita tacos
popcorn chicken bowl
grilled cheese & tomato soup

corn dog
hamburger on a bun
Italian pasta bake
chicken patty sandwich
pizza crunchers

BBQ pork sandwich
breakfast for lunch, sausage sandwich

scalloped potatoes & ham
fish sticks, mac & cheese

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Speech team's public performance

The GFWC Clarkson Woman's Club wishes to **INVITE** the Public, fellow students, family members and the Clarkson community to share in watching the Clarkson Public School Speech Team perform under the direction of Tiffany Baumert. If you are unable to attend a Speech meet this is a great opportunity. The Women's Club will hold their meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at the Clarkson Fire Station, at 7:00 p.m.

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