

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

by Rich Lemburg

As the month of August arrives, it is the time of year, we start to look at the upcoming 2025-2026 school year for Clarkson Public Schools. The start of the school year is always unique and fun. With the addition of new staff and students, along with students moving up the school food chain it brings a different feel to the school year. It is always a great time of year and all of the memories it will bring us.

This year brings additional excitement as we start our building project. The building project will start this fall with the elementary addition and then the new lobby addition, slated to start a couple of months after the elementary building construction starts. The CTE wing will begin after completion of the elementary building next summer. I will continue to keep everyone updated on the progress as the project goes along.

We will be hosting our annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 12th from 6:00-7:00 pm. If parents wish they could bring in their child's school supplies to Open House so they don't have to worry about it on the first day of school.

We officially kick off the school year on Friday, August 15th with a 1:00 dismissal day and then start with full days on Monday, August 18th. Our first day for the Pre-School students will be on Wednesday, August 20th.

As the school year starts, please remember you can keep up to date on the school year and all of the Patriot activities by checking out our school website at <http://www.clarksonpublicschools.org> You can also download and use the Clarkson Public Schools app for your convenience. Amy Gurnsey does a great job of keeping the calendar updated. There are also pictures and videos on student life and activities on the Clarkson Public Schools Facebook page.

As the school year goes along and you have any questions, comments, or concerns please email me at rlemburg@clarkson.esu7.org or call me at the school.

It is a great day to be a Patriot!

News from the Principal

by Dr. Lee Schneider

Happy August and welcome to the start of the 2025–2026 school year! We're excited to kick off another year full of learning, growth, and opportunities. Fall sports are underway, and it's important that all athletes, especially those in grades 7–12, have completed and submitted their physicals to the office before participating in any practices. High school athletes need to submit them by Monday, August 11th. JH needs them in by Monday, August 18th. As we settle back into our routines, please make sure all necessary paperwork has been turned in. Staying on top of these details helps us all start the year on the right foot.

This year's "Back to School Night" will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. We encourage all families to attend this important event. It's a valuable opportunity to meet teachers, visit classrooms, and learn about what's ahead—including an overview of our Clarkson Career Prep programs and enrollment expectations. Whether you're new to our district or returning, this evening will help ensure a smooth transition into the school year.

One of the most exciting developments this year is the beginning of construction on our new school building. This project marks a major milestone in the continued growth and future of Clarkson Public Schools, and we're grateful for the support that made it possible! As the year unfolds, please stay up to date with changes and additions to the school calendar, particularly as activities and weather may lead to last-minute adjustments. As always, if you have questions or concerns, I welcome your calls or emails. Thank you for your continued support—let's make it a great year! Go Pats!!

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Parents and students are invited to attend the Clarkson Public School Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 12th from 6:00-7:00 pm. Please enter at the lobby.

The Open House is an opportunity for parents to visit their child's classrooms, meet their child's teacher or teachers, fill out the back to school paperwork and open up communication lines for the upcoming school year.

We are encouraging parents to fill out the back to school paperwork online at the Open House (or ahead of time if you have your parent login information for JMC) - less papers you'll have to take home!!! Just make sure you sign into the year 2025-2026.

We will be completing the 7th-12th grade laptop user agreements and collecting computer user fees. Families may also wish to make lunch payments to begin the year with a positive lunch balance.

Elementary students are encouraged to bring in their school supplies and drop those items off in their classrooms or lockers. There will also be a parent's informational meeting for Career Academy students. We're looking forward to a great school year!

Picture Day

The photographer from Digital Solutions will be at Clarkson on Friday, August 29th. Students will each receive a packet with two proof pictures for parents to choose from when ordering. Each student and staff member will have pictures taken. Fall Sports pictures will be on Friday, September 12th. Picture retakes will be held on Monday, September 29th. More information will be handed out to students before picture day.



School begins AUGUST 15th!!

Classes for grades K-12 will commence at **8:05 a.m.** on Friday, August 15th. High school students should report to the new gym at 8:05 a.m. for orientation. Elementary students report to the multipurpose room. **The first day of school will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. with buses running.** A normal school day will run from 8:05 a.m. to 3:37 p.m., this includes kindergarten.



Grades 7th – 12th -
Reminder to please get your child's Sports Physical to their coach or into the office before August 11th. Thank you.



Back to School "Spirit Night"

On Friday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Patriot Booster Club will be hosting "Spirit Night" in the Clarkson City Park (inclement weather location Clarkson Public School cafeteria) to kick off the new school year. Follow the school website and Facebook for more information to come.

We want to give a huge Thank You to the coaches and community supporters! 100% of the money we receive in donations and memberships goes back into your community through local purchases for Spirit Night, Burger Bashes, scholarships & various donations to our students and school activities. Without your help, we would not have a successful year.

If you have any questions about Patriot Booster Club please feel free to call Julie McMullin 1-402-750-0564.



Bus Service

Buses will arrive at the school after 7:50 a.m. Parents are asked not to bring children before that time. Buses will leave school at 3:42 p.m. (5 minutes after classes are dismissed).

Drivers will contact parents concerning times prior to August 12th. Exact routes will be sent home with your child. Contact the Jeremy Indra (1-402-750-9121) for any needed clarification.

If you wish to have bus transportation and haven't previously had children riding the bus, or if your children will not be riding the bus this year, please notify Jeremy Indra as soon as possible (1-402-750-9121).

Student Absences

If you know in advance that your child(ren) will not be in school because of an appointment, funeral, or other upcoming event, send a note with your child several days before so he/she has a chance to get assignments from teachers. Please keep us informed! Call us by 8:20 a.m. if your child(ren) will be late or absent. We take attendance and lunch count first thing every morning. It is MANDATORY that the student brings a note to the office explaining the reason for the absence.

Season Activity Passes

For the 2025-2026 school year, admission to East Husker Conference athletic events will be adults \$6.00 and students \$5.00. Clarkson and Leigh students will receive FREE admission into games, excluding tournaments and NSAA playoff games.

We are offering individual fall sports, winter sports, or yearly sports passes. Each pass will be good for all home athletic games, excluding tournaments and NSAA playoff games.

Individual fall - \$25.00

Individual winter - \$25.00

Individual year - \$45.00

These passes can be purchased at the high school office (892-3454) after August 15th.

Free Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for sporting events for those who qualify (65 years of age or older). These passes may be picked up at the high school office during school hours. If you have a Senior Citizen pass from last year it will still be honored. There is no need to get a new one.

Don't Forget Your JAG Consent Form!

By Tiffiny Baumert

All students enrolled in a JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) class at any time this school year are required to have a signed consent form on file. Both the student and a parent or guardian must complete and sign the form. This form will be included in the packet of back-to-school items sent home and it is a longer form with multiple pages, so please read carefully and ensure all sections are filled out. The completed form must be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday, August 20th. Thank you for helping us get the year started smoothly!

JMC Messaging

Clarkson Public Schools will be using the JMC Messaging Program to notify parents, students and staff of school information such as school cancellations, postponements, early dismissals, calendar changes and other pertinent school information. A database will be developed to get this information out to parents, students and staff. Parents will be able to fill out the information at the open house on August 12th. We would like you to provide us with the telephone numbers and email you would like to be used for notification. This program will call or text the number(s) you have listed with a message from the school. If you do not answer, a message will be left. The system will not be able to leave a message on your cell phone if you have to type in a mailbox number to get to your voicemail. You can list your email address, home number, cell phone number, and any other number(s) you want called or texted. The number that will show on your caller ID will be the school's number. If you have any questions regarding this please give the school a call.

Sexual Harassment Policy

It shall be the policy of the Clarkson Public School District to prohibit sexual harassment of employees, applicants for employment, and students on any work premises where the District has total control of the premises or can otherwise lawfully exert its jurisdiction. For further information contact Superintendent, Rich Lemburg, Human Rights Officer of the District (892-3454).



Cafeteria News

Welcome Back!!!

Breakfast will be available on the 1st day of school. Just a friendly reminder that on late start days there WILL NOT be breakfast served. Serving times will be 7:30-8:00 am. All students are welcome every day!

Remember to fill out the Free/Reduced Price Meal Application. This application actually serves 2 purposes. 1) It helps the school to determine if your family qualifies for full-price, reduced-price or free school meals. 2) The application is also used to determine how much state funding our school receives for supplies, classroom furniture and other school resources. It is important that all families complete and return this application to the school!

Just a friendly reminder for the school year that any student/family with charges of \$30.00 or more will not be able to charge for extras and will be on a cash only basis for the extras. Please talk to your child/children so they know if they are able to charge or not, as we will not keep track. It will be their responsibility to know. Also, please keep a running tab in your account at all times. You will be able to monitor your account through your JMC account.

The cafeteria looks forward to a great 2025-2026 school year!

Sarah Koliha skoliha@clarkson.esu7.org

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Puzzled by All the Forms??

We are encouraging parents to fill out the Back To School paperwork online at the Back to School Night (or ahead of time if you have your parent login information for JMC) - less papers you'll have to take home!

If you choose not to do the paperwork online your children will receive numerous forms on the first day of school. The following instructions will help you speedily process this important information.

1) Each family should receive a JMC Messaging form with your family's username and password.

2) The oldest child in each family should receive a Student Assurance Services insurance application form and cover letter with waiver form.

If you decide to insure your child through this insurance plan you need to:

- 1) complete the application form,
- 2) enclose a check made out to Student Assurance Services, Inc. and

If you do not intend to purchase Student Assurance Services insurance:

1) indicate on the waiver form (or the insurance application form) that you do not plan on purchasing this insurance,

It is acceptable to return only one waiver form per family provided all students in your family are listed on the form.

3) We will be placing the student handbook online.

4) If you have a child(ren) in grades 7-12, you will have to fill out the 1:1 Computer Usage Agreement and

pay the laptop user fee. Please read with you child(ren) and fill out the paperwork.

5) The oldest child in each family should receive a Free/Reduced Lunch Application packet. If interested, please complete the application and return it to the office by Friday, September 26th.

We will also have the forms available during the Open House so you can get them done before school starts. If you do not receive any of the above forms contact Amy. **The deadline for returning all of the above forms is: Friday, August 22nd.**

Annual Asbestos Notice

Current Federal Regulations require all schools to identify and manage asbestos containing materials (ACM) and develop a management plan to identify and control ACM in their buildings.

The presence of asbestos in a building does not mean that the health of the building occupants is necessarily endangered. As long as asbestos-containing material (ACM) remains in good condition and is not disturbed, exposure is unlikely. When building maintenance, repair, renovation, or other activities disturb ACM, or if it is damaged, asbestos fibers are released creating a potential hazard to building occupants.

The plan is now available for inspection to the general public, or any school personnel at the office. For further information, contact Rich Lemburg, 892-3454. The school may charge for copies of the plan. The plan for the Clarkson Public School has also been submitted to the Nebraska Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health and Housing Surveillance, in accordance with current federal regulations.

Clarkson School District

Seeks Children with Special Needs

The Clarkson School District is looking for unidentified children with special needs as it participates in "Nebraska Childfind." This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved children with disabilities, birth through age 21.

Children who would benefit from special education services may not be receiving them because parents may not know of available programs or because they do not recognize the handicapping condition of their children.

Special programs are available through public schools for children with disabilities, which may pose restrictions on learning. These areas may include: speech/language; hearing/vision; learning disabilities; mentally handicapped; behavioral disorders; physical, severe, or multiple handicaps. Nebraska law guarantees a free appropriate public education to children.

Parents who feel their children should be receiving special education services are asked to contact Superintendent Rich Lemburg, at the Clarkson Public School, 892-3454. Nebraska Childfind provides information also through their toll free number 800-742-7594.

Discrimination Statement

The Clarkson School Board believes that each student and employee should be treated fairly. If you feel you have been treated unfairly because you are a member of a certain race, you are a boy or girl, you speak English as your second language, you are from a country other than the United States, or you have a disability - please tell us! Talk to Rich Lemburg, Superintendent, 892-3454, 649 Cherry St., Clarkson, NE.

This person will help you and is in charge of our schools compliance with these laws to protect you:

*Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments

*Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Any person may also contact the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, regarding this school's compliance with these laws: Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504.

Title I Welcomes You to a New School Year

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The goal of Title I is a high-quality education for every child, so the program provides extra help to students who need it most. These are children who are the furthest from meeting the standards the state has set for all children.

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I. States send the money to school districts based on the numbers of low-income families. The local school district identifies eligible schools and provides Title I resources.

Our school identifies students most in need of educational help (students do not have to be from low-income families to receive help). Goals are set for student improvement, we measure progress made each year, and welcome parent involvement.

To meet the student improvement goals Title I offer smaller classes, additional teachers and assistants, extra time for instruction, and a variety of teaching methods and materials. Title I teachers and classroom teachers work closely together.

Clarkson Public School receives Title I money. Clarkson Public School has employed certified teachers and paraeducators. They are highly qualified and meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind and Nebraska's Rule 10 expectations. You may request information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and teachers. This information can be reviewed in our District's Administration Office. Because research and common sense tell us that quality teaching is the single most important factor in helping students learn and achieve, we are committed to recruiting and keeping caring, competent school staff.

August Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				15th B-Donut L-Deli Sandwich Potato Chips Fruit
18th B-Combos L-Hot Dogs French Fries Fruit	19th B-Pancakes & Meat L-Salisbury Steak Baker Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit	20th B-Muffins L-Chicken Patty Sandwich Baked Beans Fruit	21st B-Breakfast Sandwich L-Flat Bread Pepperoni Pizza Vegetable Blend Jello Fruit	22nd B-Scrambled Eggs & Meat L-Hamburgers French Fries Fruit
25th B-Empanadas L-Hot Ham & Cheese Fries Fruit	26th B-French Toast Sticks & Meat L-Pizza Crunchers w/ Sauce Broccoli Fruit	27th B-Breakfast Pizza L-Soft Tacos Refried Beans Cinnamon Roll Fruit	28th B-Breakfast Sandwich L-Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Dinner Roll Fruit	29th B-Bagels L-Sub Sandwich Chips & Cheese Fruit

*Milk served at all Meals

* Fruit & Vegetable bar served at Lunch

*This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

Questions/Comments: skoliha@clarkson.esu7.org

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Tuesday, August 5th – JH/HS Band Camp 1:00-2:30 pm
Wednesday, August 6th – JH FB Camp 4:00-5:30 pm at Clarkson
Thursday, August 7th – JH/HS Band Camp 1:00-2:30 pm
JH FB Camp 4:00-5:30 pm at Clarkson
Monday, August 11th – Start of Fall Sports Practices
Teacher In-Service Day
Tuesday, August 12th – Teacher In-Service Day
Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 13th – Teacher In-Service Day
School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm
Thursday, August 14th – Teacher In-Service Day
Friday, August 15th – 1st Day of School for grades K-12
(School to begin at 8:05 am and will dismiss at 1:00 pm)
Saturday, August 16th – FB Scrimmage 8:00-9:30 am
Wednesday, August 20th – 1st Day of Preschool
Thursday, August 21st – JV/V SB at Cross County 5:00/6:30 pm
Varsity VB Jamboree at Pierce 6:00 pm
Friday, August 22nd – Spirit Night at the Clarkson City Park 6:00 pm
Saturday, August 23rd – Girls Golf Scramble at Schuyler 9:00 am
Monday, August 25th – SB vs Boone Central at Leigh 5:00 pm
Tuesday, August 26th – SB at Pierce 5:00 pm
Thursday, August 28th – C/JV/Var. VB at Columbus Lakeview 5:00 pm
Friday, August 29th – Fall Pictures for students and staff
Var. FB at Exeter/Milligan/Friend 7:00 pm
Saturday, August 30th – Var. VB tournament at Centennial 9:00 am
SB tournament at Wisner-Pilger 10:00 am
Monday, September 1st – No School – Labor Day
Tuesday, September 2nd – Girls Golf Triangular at Leigh 1:30 pm
JH VB at Wisner-Pilger 4:30 pm
SB at David City 5:00 pm
JV FB vs Lyons-Decatur NE at Leigh 5:00 pm
JV/Var. VB vs. Howells Dodge at Howells 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 4th – Girls Golf Invite at Stanton 9:00 am
SB vs LVSS at Leigh 5:00 pm
JV/Var VB triangular at Leigh 5:30 pm
Friday, September 5th – Var FB at Howells-Dodge 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 6th – Patriot Youth VB tournament 8:00 am
Monday, September 8th – JH/JV FB at Stanton 4:30/6:00 pm
JV/Var SB at Ponca 5:00/6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 9th – JH VB vs. Madison at Clarkson 4:30 pm
C/JV/Var VB quad at Wisner 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 10th – School Board meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 11th – Girls Golf triangular at Leigh 1:30 pm
SB vs Twin River at Leigh 5:00 pm
C/JV/Var VB vs Pender at Leigh 5:00 pm
Friday, September 12th – Fall Sports pictures
Var FB vs Pender at Clarkson 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 13th – JV VB tournament at Wisner 8:00 am
JH VB tournament at Leigh 9:00 am
SB tournament at Columbus Lakeview 9:00 am
Monday, September 15th – Girls Golf invite at Battle Creek 9:00 am
JV VB double dual at Clarkson 4:30 pm
JH/JV FB vs GACC at Leigh 4:30/6:00 pm
JH VB at Humphrey 6:00 pm
Thursday, September 18th – JV/Var SB at Wisner 5:00/6:30 pm
C/JV/Var VB vs Humphrey-Lindsay at Leigh 5:00 pm
Friday, September 19th – Var FB vs Twin River at Leigh 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 20th – C team VB tourney at Wisner 8:00 am
Var. VB tournament at Stanton 9:00 am
SB tournament at Arlington 9:00 am
Girls Golf invite at Albion 10:00 am
Monday, September 22nd – Girls Golf quad at Oakland 4:00 pm
JH VB vs Columbus Lakeview at Leigh 4:30 pm
JH/JV FB vs Shelby-RC at Leigh 4:30/6:00 pm
SB vs North Bend Central at Dodge 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 23rd – Girls Golf at Humphrey 1:30 pm
SB vs Aquinas at Dodge 5:00 pm
C/JV/Var VB at Wakefield 5:00 pm
Wednesday, September 24th – Hwy 91 Career Fair in Howells
Thursday, September 25th – JH VB vs T.R. at Silver Creek 4:30 pm
JV/V SB at O'Neill 5:00/6:30 pm
C/JV/Var VB vs Lincoln Lutheran at Clarkson 5:00 pm
Friday, September 26th – Girls Golf tournament in Leigh 9:00 am
Var. FB at Madison 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 27th – SB tournament at Tekamah 9:00 am
Var. VB tournament at David City 9:00 am
Monday, September 29th – Fall picture RETAKES
JH/JV FB at Madison 4:30/6:00 pm
C/JV VB at David City Aquinas 5:00 pm
Tuesday, September 30th – SB triangular at Central City 3:30 pm
C/JV/Var. VB at Fremont Bergan 5:00 pm



School Supply List 2025-2026

We request that you provide the following for your student.
(Due to LB 249 we cannot require that you provide it.)

Preschool

- Bookbag
- 1 large box of Kleenex- morning class
- 1 roll of paper towels- afternoon class
- 1 extra change of clothes

Kindergarten

- Bookbag
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- PE shoes – non marking
- Water bottle

1st Grade

- Bookbag
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 large container of Clorox wipes
- Headphone (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- PE shoes – non marking
- Water bottle

2nd Grade

- Bookbag
- Pencil box/case
- 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex
- Headphone (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- 1 spiral notebook – wide rule
- PE shoes – non marking

3rd Grade

- Bookbag
- 1 Spiral Notebook (College Rule)
- 3 Paper Mate Pink Erasers
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- 3 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- PE shoes – non marking

4th-6th Grade

- Bookbag
- 20 pencils (20 more at the semester)
- 3 red pens
- Pencil bag
- 2 Pack of 8 dry erase markers (math)
- 2 Composition notebooks (Science & Writing)
- 2 folders with pockets (math, reading)
- Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 spiral notebooks for reading
- Basic calculator
- 2-3 highlighters
- Deodorant (stick only, no sprays)
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle

7th Grade

- Bookbag
- 20 Pencils #2
- Pens
- Scientific Calculator
- 1 – 5 Subject Notebooks (math)
- 1 Jumbo book cover
- Folders w/ pockets
- 1 Composition notebook (Science)
- 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex
- Deodorant (stick only, no sprays)
- Headphones
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle
- 50 Index Cards (Civics)

8th Grade

- Bookbag
- 3 ring binder (math)
- 20 Pencils #2
- Pens
- Scientific Calculator
- 1 – 5 Subject Notebooks (math)
- 1 Jumbo book cover
- Folders w/ pockets
- 1 Composition notebook (Science)
- 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex
- Deodorant (stick only, no sprays)
- Headphones
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle
- 180 index cards (a storage container for cards optional) (Reading)
- 100 Index Cards (American History)

9th - 12th Grade

- Bookbag
- 3 ring binder
- 20 Pencils #2
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Folders w/ pockets
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle
- 100 Index Cards (10th Am. Hist/11th Am. Govt)
- **9th Grade English** - 180 index cards (a storage container for cards - optional)
- **9th-12th Grade English** - book cover, folder, writing utensils, notebook
- **9-10 Social Studies**- 180 Index Cards
- **Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3 & Spanish 4** students all need a set of highlighters with these colors: blue, green, yellow, orange, pink.
- **HS Art:** 8.5 x 11 Sketchbook
- **9-12 Science:** 3" 3 Ring Binder

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