

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

At this time of year, we are always planning ahead and beginning preparations for the upcoming school year. This includes working on class schedules, calendars, and any potential changes to our day-to-day school operations. Our school calendar will be released later this year, as we are coordinating timelines with BD Construction.

February is an extremely busy month for our students. Basketball and wrestling teams are entering the pressure-filled period of conference tournaments and district competition. In addition, February is a major month for the speech team, as their season is in full swing. Students are missing school for meets, competing on Saturdays, and participating in morning and evening practices. When combined with students who also hold jobs outside of school, this creates a demanding schedule filled with evenings and weekends that can sometimes feel overwhelming.

Adding to this busy time, many high school families also have students involved in junior high and youth activities. These teams are wrapping up their seasons with final practices and tournaments, making this a particularly hectic period for students and families alike.

With so many commitments, we ask that parents please remind their children of the importance of getting adequate rest and proper nutrition to support their active schedules and maintain their academic responsibilities.

These busy winter months are also the reason students are always hoping for a snow day!

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Notes from the Principal

By Dr. Lee Schneider

As we move through the winter months, it's important that we all remain focused, resilient, and connected. Despite the challenges that winter can bring, our students and staff have maintained a positive mindset and strong sense of community, supporting one another each day!! It is what really helps as we work towards spring and a new beginning!

Winter sports are in full swing, and our student-athletes are representing Clarkson with pride through their hard work, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We appreciate the continued support from families and community members who help build school spirit by attending events and cheering on our teams. We are very proud of the effort and successes our student-athletes are making.

Also, please make sure your child is wearing plenty of warm clothes, as we will still have many cold days in February! We are also still in the cold and flu season. If your child has a fever, please keep them home until the fever has subsided. Thank you.

ACT Prep

Juniors have been getting ready for the ACT this spring. They are participating in the OnToCollege test prep program in their core classes. This is a free offering to students. Juniors will be taking the ACT as a group on **Tuesday, March 24th**. According to Crimson Education (2026) "Taking the ACT offers benefits beyond college admissions. While a strong ACT can improve acceptance chances, it also assists with academic planning, entrance into specific programs of study, and vocational exploration.

High scores can qualify students for merit-based scholarships, honors programs, and competitive extracurricular opportunities. Even in a test-optional landscape, strategically taking the ACT can enhance applications, support personal growth, and open doors to scholarships, programs, and future career paths.

Central Community College
Spring 2026

February 17 – March 24
7:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m.

Cost \$50

Students can attend in-person on the Grand Island Campus (room 101) or from home via WebEx (similar to Zoom).

ACT Prep Course

Prep Better, Score Higher

Central Community College is offering an ACT prep course that will cover all sections of the ACT including English, reading, math and science as well as incorporating test-taking strategies.

Six class sessions will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m. starting February 17. The last class session will be held on March 24, just before the April ACT Test. Classes are taught by two experienced instructors who have taught the ACT prep courses.



ACT Prep Course Registration Form (25/1NC AVOR 9700)

Last Name: _____

First: _____

MI: _____

CCC Student ID #: _____

OR Social Security #: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone # Home/Cell: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

High School: _____ Email Address: _____

Check which Central Community College site you plan to attend.

Grand Island Campus (CGE13)
 Home via WebEx (CGE14)

Payment: **\$50**

Check Cash

Credit Card # _____ 3-Digit Code: _____
Expiration Date: _____
Card Holder's Signature: _____



Setting the Standard: How Clarkson's Career Readiness Program Sets Students Apart By: Clarkson CTE Team

Clarkson Public Schools is proud to offer a Career Readiness Program that gives juniors and seniors opportunities few high school students ever experience. Through innovative job shadowing and paid internship opportunities, Clarkson juniors and seniors are gaining real-world experience that prepares them for life after graduation in powerful, meaningful ways. This program goes beyond learning *about* work, it's about learning *through* work.

Our students are doing things most high schoolers don't get the chance to do. This year, our seniors have participated in meaningful experiences across a wide range of career fields. Students have responded to emergency calls with Norfolk Fire & Rescue, worked hands-on as teacher's aides, gone out on job sites with utility linemen, worked side by side with local mechanics, assisted in veterinary operations, and earned pay as trusted interns.

What truly sets Clarkson apart is the level of trust local employers place in our students. Internship opportunities allow seniors to complete real jobs and take on real responsibilities, because they've earned that trust. Smeal's in Snyder has hired three Clarkson seniors to work in welding, electrical, and engineering. Other students are engaging in paid experiences as vet techs, mechanics, medical clinic aides, and at the West Point sale barn.

Whether that path leads to college, the workforce, or technical training, the Clarkson Career Readiness Program is opening doors, strengthening community partnerships, and giving students a head start toward their futures. Clarkson Public Schools is proud to offer opportunities that are truly making a difference and setting our students up for success!

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, and we invite our community to celebrate alongside us. Be sure to follow the Clarkson Public Schools Facebook page throughout the month to learn more about our students and the incredible opportunities made possible through the Clarkson Career Readiness Program.

To register online go to:
www.cccneb.edu/community/classsearch

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🎉 Clarkson FCCLA District Star Results 🎉

By Caitlin Kubes

Twenty Clarkson FCCLA members attended the District 5 FCCLA STAR Competition in St. Edward. They have been working really hard on their projects for the past few months. Congratulations!

Chapter in Review Display Level 2 ~Chloe Indra & Kanon Clarkson - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Chapter in Review Display Level 3 ~Ava Baumert, Ella Baumert, & Claire Holoubek - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Chapter in Review Portfolio Level 3 ~Sophie Morfeld - 2nd Place Silver- Advancing to State in March

Chapter Service Project Display Level 3 ~Hadley Dlouhy - 3rd Place Bronze

Event Management Level 3 ~Kendall Schneider & Rowan Stodola - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Fashion Construction Level 1 ~Kara Eisenmann - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Focus on Children Level 3 ~Graicee Sortino & Mackenna Kudera - 3rd Place Silver- Advancing to State in March

Food Innovations Level 1 ~Brecklyn Baumert - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Interpersonal Communication Level 3 ~Bella McAtee - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Professional Presentation Level 2 ~Tynzlee Hake & Alaina Sayers - 3rd Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Professional Presentation Level 3 ~Shaleigh McAllister - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Promote and Publicize FCCLA Level 3 ~Hannah Cech & Chelsy Matthies - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Repurpose and Redesign Level 2 ~Tae Baumert - 1st Place Gold- Advancing to State in March

Not pictured: Ava Baumert.



Update from the Social Science Department

By Mr. Bob McEvoy

The 2025-26 school year at Clarkson Public School has been busy and fun so far in the 7-12 Social Studies Room. I hope that you enjoy hearing about some of our highlights:

-8th Grade American History- Begins by looking at our Native American and European roots in North America and how these two cultures interacted early on in U.S. history. Emphasis is given to European exploration, early British Colonies, and the development of our nation from the Revolutionary War with England to the eventual U.S. Civil War. Although they're a quiet group, these students work very hard and are a joy to be around.

-10th Grade American History- Most recently, we've been exploring events and the brave men and women who preserved our American way of life during World War II. The students have now started looking at that "Cold War" with the Soviet Union that followed. We will then move through the conflicts and social change of the late 20th Century that helped shape America into what it is today including the 9/11 Attacks. This group does an amazing job of "question & answer" and being interactive most every day.

-7th Grade Civics/World Studies- This is the group that we try to give 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 U.S. Great focus is also given to the Constitution, the 27 Amendments, and the role of the Three Branches. Once this group got into their Social Studies class routine, they have done a great job!

-American Government- This upper-level course for the Junior Class is taught in conjunction with 7th Grade civics-with a deeper look into the inner-workings of the three branches, the electoral process, and most important: preparation for becoming an informed and responsible member of the American voting population. The class just finished studying the role of the U.S. Congress and is now focusing on the role of the Executive Branch/U.S. President. This is a great group of students and great group of people to work with.

-World Geography- The expectation for this group 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. This is a fun group that work very hard in class and are on the right track.

-Current Issues- These students have spent their grade 7-11 years working up to discussing the modern problems we face and the possible solutions to these issues. Through current events, documentaries, and their own reflections, they continue to work on building a working knowledge of the world around them. This awesome group continues to work on a year-long time capsule project that will include news stories, journal entries, and reflections from this year. In 20 years, the goal is to look back and see what the world was like in the year(s) of 2025-2026.

Thank you for taking a look into our classes, and here's hoping for continued success in 2026 for all of our students here at Clarkson Public Schools.

100 100th Day of School Celebration

We had an amazing time celebrating the **100th Day of School** with our K-3 students! The morning was filled with fun, movement, and teamwork as students from different grade levels were mixed into groups to celebrate being 100 days smarter together.

Students enjoyed a variety of **100-themed activities**, including fitness challenges, games, and friendly competitions. From running, jumping, and dancing to basketball and jump rope, everyone stayed active and engaged. Classes also participated in hands-on activities like a schoolwide scavenger hunt, parachute games, and even popping balloons to mark this exciting milestone.

The celebration wrapped up with lots of smiles, laughter, and a few well-earned rest breaks. It was a fun way to recognize all the hard work our students have put in during the first 100 days of school. Thank you to our staff for organizing such a memorable day, and to our families for supporting our students every step of the way!



Spanish Class News

By Mrs. Vicky Miller

Hola! We are fully in gear as we start up with classes again in 2026. Keep in mind as you read this article in English about the highlights of our class, the students are completing all of these tasks in Spanish! They hear class activity instructions in Spanish, they watch YouTube videos in Spanish, they read articles in Spanish, and they summarize what they saw or read in Spanish or compare their opinion of it with a classmate in Spanish and so on. We don't just talk about all of these Hispanic people or events in English. They are immersed in the Spanish language during the majority of class time each day while focusing on completing a daily goal such as "I can give basic info about the life and career of Hispanic athletes". They are learning content AND a new language simultaneously!

Spanish 1 is exploring the world of sports. They can talk about sports they like to play or watch and give their opinion about them. They gave their opinion about some extreme sports as well. Students can give basic info about an athlete, such as their sport, team, position or jersey number. Students identified important characteristics for athletes of various sports. After comparing soccer players Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi, students then researched and compared some Hispanic athletes of their own. Students just made and shared their campaigns to promote an athlete for an award. They will wrap up the sports unit this week.

Spanish 2 is in a unit called *Viviendo una vida sana* (Living a healthy life). This is a fun opportunity to look at what it means to live a healthy life, beyond just food and exercise. They are exploring ideas like getting sufficient sleep; identifying stressors, talking about the effect of stress on our minds and bodies, and managing stress; the effect music has on our emotions; good and bad uses of technology; and investigating different ways companies promote healthy habits. Students even tried meditation and yoga and they identified their biggest stresses as keeping up with school work and balancing a busy schedule.

Spanish 3 is delving into sporting events. They can give basic info about a sporting event and tell if they would attend it or not. They can tell what both players and fans would wear to a game, they can describe all sorts of fans, and talk about past winners of an event as well as compare the types of prizes the winners get. They can talk about traditions around certain sports/events and give the history of an event. There are just a few lessons left in this unit. They will be telling about their own experiences attending sporting events and practicing making plans to attend an event. This group also continues to hone their intermediate level grammar skills; they've used the preterite tense quite a bit during this unit to tell what's happened in the past.

Clarkson PTA
Informational
Meeting!

JOIN US!

Clarkson Public School Library

Thursday,
March 16th
6:00 PM

Come learn how you can get involved and make a difference for our school & students!

A representative from the Nebraska State PTA Association will be there!

Get involved and hear about great things to come!

Follow us on Facebook:
Clarkson, NE PTA

CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Check the website calendar for the most up to date information. (clarksonpublicschools.org)

Monday, February 2nd – Girls BB Conference Tournament, TBD

Tuesday, February 3rd – JH Boys BB at Schuyler 4:30 pm

Boys BB Conference Tournament, TBD

Wednesday, February 4th – 10:00 Late Start – Teacher In-service

NHS Blood Drive 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

FFA Proficiency Review and State Degree Interviews

Thursday, February 5th – Girls BB Conference Tournament, TBD

JH Boys BB vs. Wayne at Clarkson 6:00 pm

Friday, February 6th – Boys BB Conference Tournament, TBD

HS Patriot Wrestling invite at Leigh 10:00 am

Saturday, February 7th - Conference Tournament Finals at Stanton

FFA Labor Auction at Opera House 6:30 pm meal, 7:30 pm auction

Monday, February 9th – Conference Honor Band at WSC

JH Boys BB at Humphrey Archangels Catholic 3:30 pm

C team BB vs. Madison at Leigh 6:00 pm

FCCLA Week begins

Tuesday, February 10th – Marathon BB at Fort Calhoun 4:30 pm

Wednesday, February 11th – School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 12th – Marathon BB vs Stanton at Leigh 4:30 pm

JH Boys BB at Madison 4:30 pm

Friday, February 13th – Wrestling Districts at Oakland-Craig 3:00 pm

Saturday, February 14th – Humphrey-Lindsay Speech meet

Wrestling Districts at Oakland-Craig 10:00 am

Youth Basketball tournament, Girls in Clarkson, Boys in Leigh

Monday, February 16th – Girls BB Subdistricts, TBD

FBLA week begins

FFA District CDE's at CCC

Tuesday, February 17th – Girls BB Subdistricts, TBD

Thursday, February 19th – Wrestling Championships in Omaha

Girls BB Subdistricts, TBD

Friday, February 20th - Wrestling Championships in Omaha

Boys BB at David City 6:00 pm

State Dance & Cheer Competition

Saturday, February 21st - Wrestling Championships in Omaha

C team BB tournament at Tekamah-Herman 9:00 am

Battle Creek Speech meet

Monday, February 23rd – Boys BB Subdistricts, TBD

FCCLA Peer Education conference in Kearney

National FFA Week to begin

Tuesday, February 24th – Boys BB Subdistricts, TBD

Wednesday, February 25th – Conference speech meet at Howells-Dodge

Thursday, February 26th – Boys BB Subdistricts, TBD

Friday, February 27th – Girls BB District finals, TBD

Saturday, February 28th – Boys District finals, TBD



February

2nd - 6th
Monday

B- Tornados

L- Hot Dog on a Bun, Fries & Fruit

Tuesday

B- French Toast & Meat

L- Turkey 'n' Gravy over Biscuit, Mixed Veggies & Fruit

Wednesday

B-LATE START NO BREAKFAST

L- BBQ Rib Sandwich, Baked Beans & Fruit

Thursday

B- Breakfast Sandwich

L- Sub Sandwich, Chips w/ Cheese & Salsa & Fruit

Friday

B- Yogurt Parfait

L- Chicken Sandwich, Fries & Fruit



16th - 20th
Monday

B- Combos

L- Deli Sandwich, Potato Chips & Fruit

Tuesday

B- Pancakes & Meat

L- Salisbury Steak, Buttered Potatoes & Fruit

Wednesday

B-Muffin

L- Pizza Crunchers, Broccoli & Fruit

Thursday

B- Breakfast Sandwich

L- Pepperoni Pizza, Vegetable Blend, Cookie & Fruit

Friday

B- Scrambled Eggs & Toast

L- Fish Sticks, Mac 'n' Cheese & Fruit



9th - 13th
Monday

B- Breakfast Round

L- Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes 'n' Gravy & Fruit

Tuesday

B- Waffle & Meat

L- Nacho Fries, Corn, Muffin & Fruit

Wednesday

B-Donut

L- Oriental Chicken, Fried Rice, Crab Ragoons & Fruit

Thursday

B- Breakfast Sandwich

L- Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Dinner Roll & Fruit

Friday

B- Uncrustable

L- Cheese Pizza, Corn, Jello & Fruit



23rd - 27th
Monday

B- Empanada

L- Pulled Pork Flatbread, Peppers & Onion & Fruit

Tuesday

B- French Toast & Meat

L- Hot Ham & Cheese, Fries, Yogurt & Fruit

Wednesday

B-Pizza

L- Soft Taco, Refried Beans, Pretzel & Fruit

Thursday

B- Pastry or Uncrustable

L- Popcorn Chicken Bowl, Corn

Dinner Roll & Fruit

Friday

B- Clarkson Bakery

L- Potato Soup, Tuna Sandwich or

Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Fruit



Milk Served at all meals

Fruit & Vegetable bar served at lunch

Menu subject to change

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