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# From the Desk of the Superintendent

	Dr. Aaron Plas	
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There is a lot of educational news regarding the shortage of teachers throughout the state of Nebraska and the country. This year 402 public and nonpublic school districts and Educational Service Units responded to a survey from the Nebraska Department of Education to provide data on the topic. The survey provided the following data about Nebraska:

- The number of unfilled positions, positions that were either left vacant or filled by someone other than a fully qualified teacher, was up significantly from 482 in 2021 to 768 positions in 2022.
- The number of positions left vacant also rose from 68 in 2021 to 208 in 2022.
- This means there were 976 teaching positions that were not able to be filled this school year by fully certificated teachers.

Like all schools, Lakeview Community Schools has begun to see smaller pools of candidates over the last ten years, but we continue to have strong applicants. Lakeview is lucky to have an incredible reputation in the community and the region! This reputation has been due to the positive light cast by our patrons, parents, staff, and students when speaking with others around the area. In addition, the optimistic social media shout-outs and media coverage has allowed the district to be portrayed in the encouraging way it deserves. Because of this reputation, we have been able to recruit and retain an incredible teaching staff, and we currently do not have any unfilled or vacant positions in the district.

We are so thankful to have high-quality teachers and a caring support staff to help educate our world-class students. Lakeview is a special place!



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# In & Around Lakeview Jr/Sr High

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## Lakeview Apparel!

The Lakeview Booster Club will have a rack of Lakeview apparel set up in the High School office. Come shop countless styles and sizes!



## Yearbooks on sale!

2022-2023 Yearbooks are on sale March 1! Every student should have a copy of this awesome keepsake to archive this year! The yearbook includes all students in grades 7-12. Students have access to an order form to bring home, or you can get one in the office. You can also order directly online at [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Don't miss out and order yours for a discounted price of \$50 TODAY! Price goes up to \$55 on April 1!



# Viking Way Student of the Month

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## Lizbette Cabanas

Congratulations to Lizbette Cabanas for being selected as a Viking Way Student of the Month for January! Lizbette is a kind, caring, respectful, and responsible student. She works hard in her classes and she is always willing to help her teachers and fellow students! Awesome job Lizbette !



## Hadley Osten

Congratulations to Hadley Osten for being selected as the Viking Way Student of the Month for January! Hadley is a good student who is a hard worker. She is responsible, dependable and always has a bright smile to brighten your day! Great job Hadley!



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# In & Around Shell Creek

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## Preschool Fun!

Do all balls bounce and roll? What makes a ball move? What are balls made of? We answered all of these questions through different experiments using water, ramps, and our bodies. We just finished up our ball study; next up is the building study. We can't wait to see what we can build and then use crazy ways to knock it down! During our studies we have so many hands-on discoveries that we would love to share. Preschool registration is now open, come join us to see what we learn next year!



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# In & Around Shell Creek

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## 100 Days of School!

**By: Bethany Wilke - Kindergarten**

The 100th day of school marks a huge milestone for our kindergarten students. One hundred days of learning classroom rules, learning new concepts and making new friends! We celebrated in style this year by asking our kindergarten friends to dress up like they were one hundred years old. We read many wonderful 100th day books, found 100 kisses around the room, explored different stations, made a list of 100 things, and estimated which containers contained 100 of something. The highlight of the day was sharing our collection of 100 things to our friends.





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# In & Around Shell Creek

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## 5th Grade Happenings

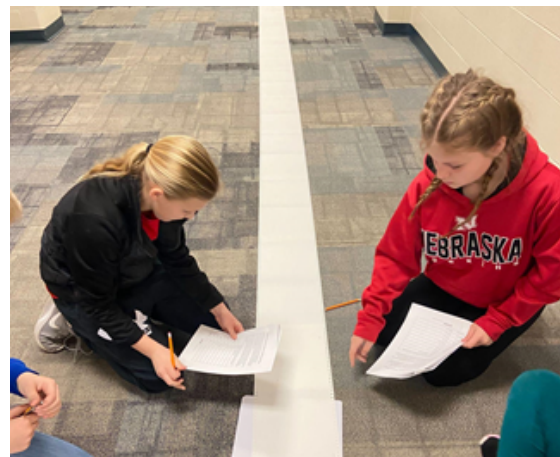
S.S. – 5th graders spent the week of February 6th learning about Nebraska Agriculture and participating in a poster contest for students across NE. We just barely scratched the surface of what all NE Ag provides but students learned it isn't just about cows and corn.....it also includes pigs, chickens, sheep, soybeans, potatoes, sugar beats, and so much more! Poster winners will be announced during National Agriculture Week (March 19-25) -- so good luck to all the entries!



Science – 5th graders have been researching and learning about all things space! So far we have discussed how fast the Earth really spins, how the idea of a clock came about, how the sun can tell us the seasons, constellations and how the constellations we see at night change with the seasons, and the different moon phases and why the moon changes shape.



Students are currently researching all the planets and working on a planet project in small groups. In their groups they are learning how far each planet is away from the sun and each other, and the varying sizes of each planet. We will also be learning about the levels of gravity on different planets. 5th graders will also be identifying if it would be possible to live on any other planet based on the amount of light each receives, the level of gravity, the amount of oxygen each has for life to grow, and if water exists on each planet.



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# In & Around Platte Center

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Platte Center Elementary celebrated our January birthdays at the Birthday Assembly on January 27th.



At the Birthday Assembly, the top AR readers were recognized. Lizzy Loseke was the top reader with Karla Espiritu Emigdio coming in 2nd, Bennett Wilson was 3rd, Kaylee Bello-Solis was 4th, and Keeshen Killham came in 5th. Great job!

Platte Center Elementary's top Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, Carter Wemhoff, was also recognized at our Birthday Assembly



A friendly challenge of "Rock, Paper, Scissor" determined who the School Mission Challenge winner was for this month since there was a tie between Tony Jimenez Vargas and Kash Killham. Kash came out the winner, and did a wonderful job reciting the Hammer portion of the School Mission.





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# In & Around Platte Center

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Finally, Mrs. Plemons 2nd grade class showed off their dance moves to become the new Pipe Puppy and Traveling Pineapple winners.



Platte Center took part in "The Great Kindness Challenge". Students participated in daily challenges, watched videos, and enjoyed fun activities with prizes from the counselor, Mrs. Rambour. Students were encouraged to wear kindness shirts on Friday.

Platte Center Elementary Kindergarten students spent the day celebrating the 100th day of school with several fun and silly activities.



Hip Hip Hooray for 100 days! We started the day off making 100th day hats and glasses, and throughout our busy day we squeezed in more fun when we could. Other fun 100th day activities included: finding and ordering 120 Hershey Kisses, stacking 100 cups, playing with 100 balloons, and enjoying yummy snacks. We had the best day in first grade!!!



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# In & Around Platte Center

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3rd grade hunted for 100 Hershey Kisses to celebrate the 100th day of school. They didn't quite beat the ten minute time limit, but after a few extra attempts all the kisses were found. We practiced some division to determine how many kisses each student got to take home.



Platte Center 4th graders had fun dressing up and taking silly pictures for the 100th Day of School celebration.



The whole school participated in dancing at the end of the school day to celebrate the 100th Day of School.



The 4th graders at Platte Center enjoyed some time with Ms. Shelia from the 4H extension office working on OzBot Robotics. They programmed and executed plans for their Ozbot to follow. OzBot robot is a robot that can follow a line and be programmed with just markers and graph paper! The students explored and engineered a unique maze to pass through.



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# In & Around Christ Lutheran School

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Lutheran Schools' Week was a week full of celebrating our school. The week kicked off with our 50th Annual Pancake Feed which had a record attendance. We thank everyone who came and supported our school with their donations. Each day began with a whole school opening devotion in the gym. Students enjoyed showing off their silly outfits each day. Teachers incorporated fun Reading, Writing, and Math skills throughout the week. Everyone learned so much about India from the online mission trip which was viewed each afternoon. We thank God for all the blessings we have through our Lutheran school!

Preschool continues learning their ABC's, numbers, shapes, and colors. They have been learning all about how to forgive their friends and how to make good independent choices. They enjoyed playing Battleship with the big kids and loved climbing the snow mountain.

The 1-2 Graders enjoyed celebrating 100 Days of school on Feb. 3! Students chose to dress up with a fun 100th Day shirt or as a 100-year-old. Some of the special activities that were sprinkled throughout the day were writing 100 words, sorting collections into ten groups of ten, graphing 100 Froot Loops by color, racing to 100 using dice, and completing 100 piece puzzles. They also had fun finding 100 Hershey kisses, drawing themselves at age 100, and stacking 100 cups. Special 100 day cookies made by Mrs. Belitz were enjoyed. What a fun day celebrating 100 days smarter!!

Would you be able to identify all the states and their capitals? The 3rd-4th Graders have been working hard on learning them. This goes along with their study of the different region of the United States. In Math, the 3rd Graders are polishing up their multiplication facts while the 4th Graders continue their study of long division. Eden, the comfort dog, was an excellent model for the 3rd-4th Graders Art class. The students sketched Eden using pencil and paper. Thanks Eden!

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# In & Around Christ Lutheran School

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The 5th-7th Graders offer an afterschool “store” on Fridays. They enjoy selling a variety of products to the other students in school. This gives them lots of practice in counting change and doing mental math. Money made is donated to our weekly Chapel offering. They have enjoyed learning some new PE games such as Battleship. One day they even played it with their little friends, the Preschoolers. In Art, students were given a Bible verse with which they created a Valentine’s Day canvas. Paint, tissue paper, and beads were just a few of the materials used.

Even though we are still in winter, we are already looking to next year. Preschool Preview was held on Feb. 23 from 5:30-7:00. If you are unable to attend but are interested in sending your child(ren) to our Preschool, please call Danielle Wilke at 402-270-1713. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on March 23. Registration for all grades starts on Feb. 13. If you are interested in learning more about our school, please contact us at 402-564-3531. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our school.





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# In & Around St. John's School

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St. John's Lutheran has been a busy-bee hive of activity! We held our prayer-partner Valentine luncheon for those who are mentoring our students. The home basketball games have been exciting and fun to watch. We hosted a Fish Fry in Creston, and will have another one on Friday, March 24th.

Preschool has been learning their numbers 1-10. We have fun poems to go with each number, like #3 "Around the tree and around the tree, that's the way to make a 3!" Pre-school also enjoyed getting ready for Valentine's Day, coloring pictures and making valentines milk jug mailboxes. Teddy Bear week is a highlight in February, where the children bring their teddy bears and teach them how to "do school"! They also learn about classification with the different teddy bears that are brought in.

The Little Room celebrated the 100th day of school in February. They are 100 days smarter! They have been learning about animal groups and their life cycles. Kindergarten has started spelling and is working on least to greatest. First Grade has been focusing on regrouping addition and r- controlled vowels. Second Grade has been learning about place values and possessive pronouns. After our first 100 days of learning, we look forward to learning even more in the months to come!

Middle Room enjoyed reading Stuart Little. They also are studying the South Eastern United States (3 & 4), and the Roman Empire (5 & 6). The students are expanding their art skills as they study Van Gogh. They are also enjoying their Bible Story time, recently with David and Goliath.



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# In & Around St. John's School

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Big Room are reading the novels, Hatchet and The Outsiders, and are anxiously looking forward to comparing the book to the movie version. In social studies they have begun to learn about World War I. As they study geometry, they will be looking forward to “pi” day.

The students will present “Pirates of the ‘I don’t care’-ibbean” their 20th annual school musical. Performances will be Thursday, March 2, at 1:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. They have been working hard on memorizing lines, learning songs and dances, and creating props and scenery.

Please come see us on our special Early Childhood Night when we overview our preschool and kindergarten programs, Monday, March 20th. Kindergarten Round-up will be Thursday, March 23 in the morning for all prospective kindergarten students.

We have included some pictures from our Lutheran Schools’ Week celebration, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade outdoor campers, and our annual cross picture in preparation of our Lenten journey.





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# FBLA News

March 2023



## FBLA Week

FBLA Week was celebrated across the nation February 5-12th. Lakeview celebrated with the following activities:

Monday: "Pop into FBLA Week" (Pops were handed out to all members.

Tuesday: Wear FBLA Colors

Wednesday: FBLA Tour Day

Thursday: Staff/Member Appreciation Day with Casey's breakfast pizza

### Mercy Meals

Every year our chapter visits Mercy Meals in Norfolk, NE during FBLA Week. Mercy Meals is a non-profit organization that packages and ships meals all across the world to those in need. In the hour we were there, we prepared 8,640 meals to help those less fortunate. Senior Sidney Jaixen quoted, "This is my forth year doing Mercy Meals, and it is one of my favorite community service projects, because our work makes a big impact on those in need. Thank you members for being difference makers!"

### Officer Applications

It's time to start thinking about next year's officer team! Officer applications will be handed out at the March meeting and be due March 31st with interviews happening mid-April. If you have a desire to improve the chapter and yourself, please consider applying!



### Larson Dairy Tour

During FBLA Week, thirty-one members took a tour to Larson Dairy Farm in Creston, NE. Larson Dairy is a 5th generation robotic dairy farm. Owner, Bobby Larson talked to our group about owning a business, the investment in running an operation, and gave a tour of the dairy. All cows wear a "fit bit" to provide information about their well-being and know how to go into the robot milking areas. The experience was fascinating and educational to see where our milk comes from.

### Upcoming Dates

March 5th: Wall of Fame Applications Due

March 31st: Officer Applications Due

April 3-5: State Leadership Conference

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# Lakeview Education Foundation

Lakeview Education Foundation (LEF) will be hosting its 6th Biennial Big Red Night at Ramada Inn River's Edge Convention Center. The purpose of the event is to raise funds for LEF while creating excitement for our upcoming Husker football season. The funds generated are managed by a Board of Directors, to provide teacher grants, enhance the scholarship program for Lakeview's graduating seniors and be used as a resource for funding special projects that may arise in the future of Lakeview Community Schools.

To begin planning for the Big Red Night Banquet, we would like to invite you to the upcoming Big Red Night Kick-off planning meeting on February 23rd, 2023, at Hwy 14 Brewing Company, beginning 7:00 P.M. Yes, we need your help! Some of you have received a call from Chair, Dan Luedtke and for those of you that have not and would like to get involved call Dan at (402) 276-0692 so we can let Hwy 14 Brewing Company know how many will be attending.

Event: Big Red Night

(Dinner, Guest Speaker, and Fund Raiser w/ Live & Silent Auction)

Time of Dinner/Event: 5:00 PM Doors Open, 5:15 PM Silent Auction, 7:10 PM Dinner, 8:00 PM

Introduce Speaker

Location: Ramada Inn River's Edge Convention Center

Sponsored by: Lakeview Education Foundation

Purpose of Dinner: Fund Raiser, create excitement and support of Nebraska Athletics

The 'Big Red Night' is held every other year. This will be the 6th year of the event. In previous years, we have had the following speakers:

2012 Charlie McBride – UNL Defensive Coordinator

2014 Matt Davidson – Associate Athletic Director for Football

2016 Tom Osborne – Nebraska Head Football Coach, Athletic Director, Congressmen

2018 John Cook – Nebraska Head Women's Volleyball Coach

2021 Scott Frost – Nebraska Head Football Coach





Lakeview Community Schools



# Preschool

We will start accepting applications for both the Shell Creek and the Platte Center Preschool locations beginning on February 1st.

## Preschool Hours

Monday through Thursday:  
Session 1: 8:00 - 11:30  
Session 2: 12:00 - 3:30  
No Preschool on Fridays

Please contact the District Office at 402-564-8518 for any questions or to request a copy of the Preschool Application.

# KINDERGARTEN DENTAL DAY

HOSTED BY:  
**DENTAL INNOVATIONS OF COLUMBUS**  
FOR ALL UN-INSURED AND UNDER-INSURED



**WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH 2023 AT 8:00 AM**  
**WHERE: 3611 27th St - Columbus, NE 68601**

## SPOTS FILL UP FAST

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU  
QUALIFY AND RESERVE A SPOT!**

**TREATMENT IS AT NO COST**

**402-564-7575**





# Lakeview Softball Skills Camps

Who:

**NEW TIME!** 9:00-10:00 - Beginners (10U and younger)

**NEW TIME!** 10:00-11:00 Moderate/Advanced (12U and older)

What:

Working on fundamental development and drills to help advance your skills in the areas of hitting and pitching

When:

Saturday, January 7 -Pitching(must bring your own catcher)

Saturday, January 21 -Hitting(bring helmet and bat if you have one)

Saturday, February 4 -Pitching(must bring your own catcher)

Saturday, February 18 -Hitting(bring helmet and bat if you have one)

**CANCELED Saturday, March 4 -Pitching(must bring your own catcher)**

**DATE CHANGE Saturday, March 25 -Hitting (bring helmet and bat if you have one)**

## **Saturday, April 29 - ALL SKILLS CLINIC - more information to follow**

Where:

Lakeview East or West gym/Shell Creek Gym

How Much:

\$10/session attended

Follow [this](#) link or go to [bit.ly/SBClinics](http://bit.ly/SBClinics) to register for any or all sessions. You can come to as many or as few as you wish, there is no obligation with this form, just a way to gather communication information. Please contact Coach Reinhart with any questions you may have: [jreinhart@lakeview.esu7.org](mailto:jreinhart@lakeview.esu7.org)

# 2023 Lakeview Softball, baseball, and T-ball Registrations

Softball registration closes on March 15th  
\$115 per child includes jersey



Baseball registration closes on March 15th  
\$110 per child includes jersey and hat



T-Ball Registration closes May 1st  
\$40 per child includes t-shirt






## Community Resources

[Columbus Area Mental Health and Counseling Services](#)

[Community Response](#): to assist children, youth and families to be healthy and resilient through a prevention network of community resources.

Community Response contact information:

Email: [rmiksche@columbusunitedway.com](mailto:rmiksche@columbusunitedway.com)

Office: 402-564-5661 

Locations:

1119 B Street  
Schuyler, NE

3214 25th St, Ste 2  
Columbus, NE

[Columbus Area Service Directory](#)

## Lakeview Resources

- Need to talk to someone? Does your family have any basic needs that are not being met?

➔ Mrs. Mollie Rambour, Junior High & Platte Center School Counselor

➔ Mrs. Hellbusch, Shell Creek School Counselor

➔ Mrs. Paige Rambour, High School Counselor

[99 Coping Skills](#)


[Mindfulness Practice Cards](#)


[101 Positive Things to Say to Myself](#)

[Your Life Your Voice Website](#)


## Hotlines/ Helplines

Your Life Your Voice- Boystown National Hotline:


 1-800-448-3000

 Text "Voice" to 20121


Crisis Response- use in case of an emergency or mental health crisis:

 (402) 564-3264


National Suicide and Crisis Hotline:  
988


 800-273-8255 (TALK)

DHHS Child Abuse and Neglect:

 800-652-1999

211 Helpline:

 2-1-1 or 402-444-6666

 Text your zip code (68601) to 898211

# Lunch Menu

Lakeview							March 2023							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat								
			1 Beef Nachos Refried beans Cake	2 Breaded beef steak Mashed potatoes,gravy Corn Roll	3 Pizza Tri-potatoes Green beans	4 USAD an equal opportunity provider and employer								
5	6 Hamburgers Fries Carrots Cookie	7 Salisbury steak, gravy Mashed potatoes Corn Roll	8 Chicken fajita bowls Rice Broccoli	9 NO SCHOOL	10 NO SCHOOL	11 Grab n go meals daily 7-12								
12	13 NO SCHOOL	14 Taqutos Tater tots Mixed veggies	15 Pasta w/meat sauce Corn Breadstick	16 Chicken patty Scalloped potatoes Green beans	17 French toast Scrambled eggs Juice Fruit cups	18 P.B.U. offer daily K-12								
19	20 Stir fry meal Rice Broccoli Fortune cookie	21 Chili soup Crackers Veggie Frosted cinn roll	22 Pulled pork Baked beans Chips Cookie	23 Boneless wings French fries Corn	24 Cheese Bosco stick Marinara sauce Green beans Ice cream	25								
26	27 Corn dogs Smilie fries Carrots	28 Chicken alfredo Corn Bread stick	29 Sloppy joes Baked beans Chips Cookie	30 Creamed chicken Biscuit Mixed veggies	31 Fish sticks Mac&cheese Peas	Menu is subject to change K-6 \$2.90 7-12\$3.20								



# Activities Calendar

March, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 TBD 8B-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-4:00pm (Vocal) Omaha Symphony Link-Up Concert (Elementary ♦ Records) 3:50pm-6:00pm Varsity Boys Basketball Practice @ South Gym 6:30pm Post Prom Meeting @ Cafeteria	2 TBD 8B-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-4:00pm (Vocal) Omaha Symphony Link-Up Concert (Elementary ♦ Records) 3:50pm-6:00pm Varsity Boys Basketball Practice @ South Gym 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ South and West Gyms	3 TBD 8B-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 8:00am-4:00pm (Vocal) Omaha Symphony Link-Up Concert (Elementary ♦ Records) 3:50pm-6:00pm Varsity Boys Basketball Practice @ South Gym	4 TBD 8B-G/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 9:00am (Speech) District
5 8:00am-7:00pm NNV Volleyball Tournament @ All Gyms	6 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ South and West Gyms 7:00pm Boys Soccer Parent Meeting @ Cafeteria	7 Football Fundraising 6:00pm (Awards Night) Girls Basketball @ Cafeteria	8 TBD 8B-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD Early Dismissal - 1:30PM - All attendance centers End of 3rd Qt.	9 No School K-12 TBD 8B-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ All Gyms	10 TBD 8B-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD No School K-12	11 TBD 8B-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBD
12 8:00am-7:00pm NNV Volleyball Tournament @ All Gyms	13 Inservice/Work Day 6:00pm (Awards Night) Wrestling @ Cafeteria 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ South and West Gyms	14 Football Fundraising 7:00pm Title I Family Night @ Cafeteria	15 (Speech) State @ Kearney High School	16 (Speech) State @ Kearney High School 3:00pm TR-Varsity Concordia University 6:30pm Boys Golf Parent Meeting @ Cafeteria 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ South and West Gyms	17	18 5:30pm (Vocal) Viking Voices Dinner Concert @ Multiple Locations .....
19 11:00am-7:00pm NNV Volleyball Tournament @ South and East Gym 6:00pm (Awards Night) Speech @ Cafeteria	20 6:30pm (Awards Night) Boys Basketball @ Cafeteria 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ South and West Gyms	21 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Scotus Central Catholic 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Scotus Central Catholic	22 Early Dismissal - 1:30PM - All attendance centers	23 4:00pm TR-Varsity Schuyler Community 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity GI Northwest 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity GI Northwest 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ All Gyms	24 4:00pm-10:00pm Alumni Basketball Tournament @ South and East Gym	25 8:00am-4:00pm Alumni Basketball Tournament @ South Gym 8:00am-4:00pm Alumni Volleyball Tournament @ East Gym 9:00am-11:00am Softball - hitting clinic @ West Gym More...
26 4:00pm BSA @ Cafeteria	27 6:30pm-8:30pm Club Volleyball Practice @ South and West Gyms	28 2:00pm TR-Varsity Scotus Central Catholic 4:00pm GOLF-B/Varsity Schuyler Community 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity Schuyler Community 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity Schuyler Community	29 (Vocal) State FFA Chorus (FFA) State FFA Convention at Lincoln	30 CREATE US Open - Robotics Tournament @ Council Bluffs (Vocal) State FFA Chorus (FFA) State FFA Convention at Lincoln More...	31 CREATE US Open - Robotics Tournament @ Council Bluffs (FFA) State FFA Convention at Lincoln (Vocal) State FFA Chorus 1:30pm-3:15pm 9th grader orientation for new students to Lakeview	