



Niobrara Public School

December 2019

Dates to Note:

December 2 - JH Girls BB vs. O'Neill @ Verdigre; Pre-K Positive Solutions; One Act Home Performance

December 4 - No School PK-12; District One Act @ Niobrara

December 5 - Preschool Xmas Program; JV/V G/B BB @ Stuart

December 6 - G/B JH/JV/V BB vs. EPPJ @ Niobrara

December 7 - WR @ Creighton

December 9 - WR 9th & 10th @ Ponca; JH BB Girls @ St. Mary's

December 10 - G/B JV/V BB vs. St. Mary's @ Niobrara

December 13 - WR @ Sargent; G/B JV/V BB @ Ewing

December 14 - G/B JV/V BB @ Bloomfield

December 16 - JV/V G/B BB @ Wausa

December 17 - Xmas Concert K-12

December 18 - JH BB vs. Crofton @ Niobrara

December 19 - JV/V G/B BB vs. Crofton @ Niobrara

December 20 - Early Dismissal 1:00 pm.; End of 2nd Quarter

December 21 - Wrestling @ Osmond; JV/V G/B BB vs. Creighton @ Niobrara

December 21 - January 6 - Winter Break

December 27 & 28 - Verdigre Holiday Tournament

School resumes January 6th Staff and Students

Bus #s for Parents: Please contact your child's bus driver with any bus changes to avoid overloads and ensure the safety of all students riding the bus.

Dave Stout - 605-760-0021

Laurie Stout - 605-760-3407

Terry Zach - 402-857-3564

Penny Reynolds - 402-851-0520

ATTENDANCE

This is a reminder to all students and their parents regarding attendance. The school day is from 8:10 a.m. to 3:52 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8:10 a.m. to 2:08 p.m. on Fridays and early dismissals. Students that are not in attendance during these times, for reasons other than school activities will be counted tardy or absent. Also, letters may be sent home reflecting attendance issues. Please review the attendance policy in the student handbook. If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Mrs. Sandoz 857-3323 or Principal Mrs. Guenther 857-3322. Thanks for your support.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

December 2 - 7, 2019

Books Make Great Gifts!

School closing announcements: Due to inclement weather or some other emergency, messages will be sent through Alert Solutions, our phone messenger service. Please ensure that we have the most current emergency contact information. Notify the school with changes.

Bus Safety

Always be alert for students on or near the roadway when a school bus is stopped.

When a school bus is about to stop and load or unload children, the bus driver activates amber warning lights. When meeting or overtaking a bus, slow to 25 MPH and prepare to stop. The amber warning lights will stay on until the bus door opens. When the bus driver opens the bus door, the red stop lights and STOP arm activates. Stop and remain stopped until the bus driver retracts the stop arm and deactivates the red warning lights. Stop a reasonable distance from the bus. Not stopping when approaching or overtaking a school bus which has stop lights on and the stop arm extended is unlawful. The only exception occurs when approaching a school bus in the opposite direction on a roadway divided by a median. Every child who rides a school bus must be a responsible rider. Children must follow all school bus safety practices and respect the authority of the bus driver. We want your children to be safe when they travel to and from school. School bus safety begins at home.



Post Prom Lanyard Raffle

1 for \$1.00
6 for \$5.00
Arms length for \$20.00

See Nephtys at school or other Jr. and Sr. parents. Drawing will be Dec. 5th during half time of the Boys Varsity Game.

NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, Dec. 4
For PK-12 Students

*Niobrara is the host site for District One Acts.
Our staff will all be on site that day.*

Preschool Positive Parenting Curriculum Sessions on Mondays, December 2, 2019 and December 16, 2019 from 5-7 p.m in the preschool room. Look forward to seeing you! Please RSVP Ms. McClellan.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 - Jossiah, Journey,
Sadie Antelope; Lane
& Lynae Nielsen;
Tracen Runnels

8 - Brady Koehn

9 - Mila Saul

11 - Jade Brandt

12 - Meadow Leboldus;
Wichiana Grant-
Wabasha

14 - Paizlee Klug

15 - Yesenia Deanda

16 - James Mackey;
Chase Pritchett

23 - Christine Mechaley

24 - Hattie Kitto

29 - Harmony Denney-
Pike

Parents and Guardians, if you are changing the travel arrangements of your child, all calls must reach the school one hour prior to dismissal. Changes to ride arrangements late in the day have created confusion and unsafe situations for our students. Parents and Guardians are reminded that leaving your child at school or not picking them up at the bus stop is a reportable neglect concern. We hope that with this reminder we will have an improved afterschool ride process and need not resort to contacting Child Protection Services. Monday through Thursday the normal dismissal time is 3:52 p.m. and on Fridays dismissal is 2:08 p.m.

Winter Attire

Many students look forward to recess each day! Students enjoy it best when they are properly dressed. Cold weather has arrived along with snow. This is a reminder of appropriate clothing for students who participate in recess. Students shall have winter coats, hats and gloves. When the snow arrives, they must wear snow boots and bring along a pair of shoes to wear indoors. Snow pants are optional, but recommended if the student wishes to play in the snow. On days where the temperature drops into the lower digits, recess will be indoors. We appreciate your support by ensuring your child wears appropriate clothing.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Basketball season is here. Here are some tips for parents to do before, during

and after the games. Before the games ask yourself, ***“Why do I want my son/daughter to play this activity? What do I think a successful season will be?”*** Next ask your child the same questions. If you do not have the same answers, it is time to support your child and drop yours.

Some suggestions for parents regarding games:

- be there
- model appropriate behavior
- focus on the team and team goals not your child
- allow there to be only ONE instructional voice (the coach), multiple voices are confusing, and
- choose one role you are going to show up to the game as:

Coach-become certified and apply for the job.

Official - get the proper certification and training and let schools know you are ready for hire.

Player -get out there and actually play the game.

Spectator-support the team and encourage them in only a positive way.

After the game, parents can simply ask the child what their favorite memory of the game was and their worst memory. Save the analysis, most kids need space and time to recover. They need to learn how to resolve issues themselves. The time to step in as a parent is when their behavior on the court is not an acceptable behavior in your own home. Lastly, always tell kids “I love to watch you play!” Come out and watch our students play! Have fun! Go Cougars!

Niobrara High School Dakota Language

Anpetu Was'te (Ahn-pay-too Wash-tay) Good Day!

Can'te was'te yuha ciyuzapi (chan-tay wash-tay you-ha che-you-za-pee) I shake your hand with a good heart! We are very fortunate to be able to offer a dual-credit Dakota Language course through the Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC) at Niobrara High. We have 10 students. This semester they have Dakota I and next semester they will have Dakota II. This will meet requirements of a World Language. With the language they learn about their culture. Beyond credits and requirements, the language will help these students with their cultural identity and learn cultural teachings that will help them in all aspects of their lives. We are thankful to NPS and NICC for making this a possibility!

This semester students have been starting with language basics, learning sentence structure, and building their vocabulary, and learning how verbs conjugate. They have started at ground zero with numbers, colors, animals, clothing, food and drinks, and have learned several verbs, and their sentences are getting more complex.

In addition to the Dakota Language class that is last hour every day, there is Dakota Language splashed throughout the school thanks to the Niobrara Culture Awareness Through Education Program. We are happy that the Niobrara school is celebrating and honoring our tribal cultures. I am thankful to have the opportunity to be a part of the school team and to be a part of these students' lives and we look forward to next semester!

Anpo Mnibojan (Ahn-po Mini-bo-zahn)

Misty Dawn Frazier, Dakota Language Instructor

Parents

If you would like to have 24/7 access to your K-12 student's grades, attendance record, missing assignments, teacher's comments on assignments, school account balances and more, please ask a staff member about how to set up your PowerSchool account. This is a free online program that also offers an app for your mobile phone. Mobile phone users can elect to receive notifications regarding grades and attendance to pop up on your mobile device.



Skills USA Holiday Food

Sale Order Pickup

Saturday,

December 14th

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Niobrara School Lunch Room

Thanks for your support!

COMING SOON - SECRET SANTA

- * When? December 18th, 19th, and 20th
- * Who? For participating high school and middle school students. (There will be a sign-up sheet from Dec. 3rd—10th).
- * Why? To join in on the holiday fun of giving and receiving gifts!
- * What? Gifts usually consist of pop and candy.
- * Prior to the sign-up there will be fliers around the school campus created by FBLA members to provide more additional information on the event.