

Light Up the Night - Prom 2017

Junior/Senior Prom will be held on April 8th, 2017 at the Niobrara High School Secondary Gymnasium.

Formal pictures will begin at 5:30 pm

Dinner is served 6:30 pm

Grand March begins at 8:00 pm

The dance will be from 9:00 pm to midnight

Post Prom will follow the dance from 12:30 am to 4:15 am

Attendees will not be allowed to leave between the dance and post prom. A change of

Niobrara High School Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 26th, 8:00-2:00 p.m.

Be a Red Cross blood donor. For an appointment contact the school office at

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following high school and middle school students:

Seniors - Jace Fritz, Ashley Guenther, Dillan Hrbek, Brady Pike, Shania Redowl, Nate Sandoz

Juniors - Dakota Crosley, Brooklyn Denny, Genesis Saul, Bryce Stark

Sophomores - Jolee Crosley, Evalyn Denny, Abbigail Holz, Abby Swanson, Brooke Swanson

Freshman Grade - Camden Eisenhauer, Tala Henry

Eighth Grade - Makenna Guenther, Kiera Moody, Kalyn Nielsen, Emily Parks, Morgan Torrez, Winona Ware

Seventh Grade - Octavia Bluebird, Chase Pritchett, Daniel Redowl

Dates to Note in April:

- 4 - Knox Co. HS Track Creighton; Golf Crofton*
- 6-8 - State FBLA Conference*
- 7 - Kindergarten Roundup; No Preschool*
- 8 - Golf Plainview; PROM*
- 11 - Golf Tri Summerland; Neligh-Oakdale Track*
- 12 - Ewing Golf Invite Summerland*
- 13 - JH Track Hartington*
- 14-17 - NO SCHOOL*
- 18 - Golf Quad Summerland; JH Track O'Neill*
- 19 - HS Track O'Neill*
- 20 - Golf Invite Norfolk*
- 21 - District Music; Omaha Zoo Trip 3rd & 4th Grade*
- 22 - Golf Invite Rolling Hills*
- 24 - Spring Concert K-12*
- 25 - NVC Golf Invite Ewing; JH/HS Track Boyd Co. O'Neill*
- 26-28 - Geology Field Trip*
- 26 - Red Cross Blood Drive*

Student Council Preps for Clean-Up Day

The annual Clean-Up Day will be on Friday, April 28th, Arbor Day. We will be working on the school campus, uptown around the mall, at the Sage Memorial Field, at the boat dock and the L'eau Qui Court cemetery, to name just a few projects in the works.

And as always, we will be picking up the road ditches. If any community organizations have projects they would like us to help them with, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can purchase supplies and schedule workers to help you. With over 250 people involved, a lot of pre-planning is necessary. Items such as paint must be purchased at least three to four weeks ahead of time, especially where we will no longer be able to just run uptown, if we run out of something.

We welcome anyone from the community who would like to join us for the day. Volunteering your time and talents to help our students is always appreciated. As a thank you, we will provide your lunch in the cafeteria.

We encourage our students to dress appropriately for a work day outside. We also appreciate any tools (especially rakes and push brooms) that students can bring from home. We just ask that all items are marked, so they may be returned at the end of the day.



Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show 2017

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork, representing 18 area schools, will be on display Thursday, April 27th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, April 28th from 8:00-2:00 pm in Spencer, Nebraska at the West Boyd High School Gym, as part of this year's Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

The Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show is open to the public and is free of charge. The artwork on display represents the yearlong efforts of hundreds of art students throughout this area. Categories are as diverse as the students that enter work with drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, and more.

Schools showing artwork include: Chambers, Clearwater-Orchard, Elgin, Elkhorn Valley, Ewing, Keya Paha, Lynch, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara, Pope John, Rock County, St. Mary's, Santee, Stuart, Verdigre, West Boyd, West Holt, and Wheeler Central.

The judges for this year's art show are Deb Fonder of Norfolk and Marilyn Janovec of Niobrara for the high school and Diane Cole of Emmet and Jim Taylor of Stuart for the jun-

Academic Awards

Grades 6-12

May 1st

1:20 p.m.

Athletic Awards

*Niobrara-Verdigre
Cougars*

Grades 7-12

May 1st 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE POLICY - Mrs. Guenther

The Board of Education believes it is the shared responsibility of the parent or guardian, the student, and the school to establish and maintain desirable habits of punctuality and attendance. It shall be the policy of Niobrara Public School to report as truant any student enrolled in the District for excessive absenteeism on the part of such student. The term "excessive absenteeism", as used herein, shall mean **all absences, excused and unexcused**, exceeding 10 days per semester or the hourly equivalent (10 absences in any one class). Parents or guardians are responsible to ensure regular attendance, and account for any student absences, of minor youth in their care. The building administrator shall have the authority to determine authorized absences and establish necessary procedures for recording and validating student absences within the following guidelines.

If a student is absent from school and the school has not been notified, the administrator may take the necessary steps to determine where the student is and for what reason he/she is absent. Therefore, if the school office has not been notified by 9:00 a.m., the principal or their designee may place a call to the residence of the student to determine his/her whereabouts and cause for absence.

No student will be excused without a proper note from parent(s)/guardian(s). **All absences require a signed note by the parent/guardian, stating the date and specific reason for the absence and/or a phone call to the administrative office by the parent/guardian, by 9:00 a.m.**

More than 10 absences from any class or classes per semester, for any reason, may result in loss of credit for that class regardless of academic average. Extended absences for medical reasons must be documented, in writing, by the attending physician. **After 10 absences the student may also be suspended from all extra curricular activities, field trips, etc.**

A student who has been absent will be allowed two (2) days for each day absent up to a maximum of five (5) to complete classroom assignments.

Notice of attendance may be mailed to the parents upon the fourth (4th) absence from a class during a semester. After ten (10) absences from a class during a semester, the parent/guardian may be notified by letter of the intended action to be taken by school officials. As warranted, the name of the student(s), the name and address of the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the number of absences per semester for said student(s) will be forwarded to the County Attorney for possible action to ensure student compliance with existing Nebraska attendance statutes.

News From the Superintendent - Niobrara Public School was

the first school district formed in Knox County and was appropriately named; District #1-R. It has been number one in the hearts of many who have walked the hallways since the late 1800's. Twelve seniors will be walking across the stage and receive their diplomas on May 6, 2017. Over half of them have been enrolled together for the past 13 years.

This year Niobrara Public School will have three seniors that are second generation graduates. They are Shania RedOwl (2017), daughter of Daniel RedOwl (1974), and Dillan Hrbek (2017), son of Steve Hrbek (1985). Jacob Tuttle (2017) is the son of Roberta Redwing (1985).

Third generation graduates take us further back in time to the 1960's. Here prior to this generation it was common for the generation before to simply stop attending school in eighth grade or to start work or begin military service. Seniors who will graduate that are third generation graduates include Jace Fritz, son of Dana (Fritz) Adema (1991) and grandson of Gary (1960) and Deanna (Nielsen, 1968) Fritz. Fritz's great grandfather attended school at Niobrara High School but did not graduate as far as the family can determine. In addition, Ashley Guenther (2017) is the daughter of Jaime (Repenning) Guenther (1995) and granddaughter of Monica (Klug) Repenning (1975). Both of these third-generation families still reside close to the area.

Nate Sandoz will become a fourth-generation graduate come May 6th with the earliest family graduating in the 1930's. Cecil (1931) and Grace (Tichy, 1932) Scott are the great grandparents of Nate. Sandoz grandmother Mary (Scott) Scheinost graduated in (1965) and his mother, Margaret (Scheinost) Sandoz in (1988).

In addition to the multiple generational graduates we have several firsts for families to graduate from Niobrara Public School. Wakute Keeble, Ember Key, Masi LaPointe, Danielle O'Bryan and

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Chakira Ferris
- 2 - Beau Hrbek
- 7 - Ricky Bickerstaff
- 8 - Natalia Jaimes
- 10 - Tayshaun Kitto
- 12 - Colt Adema
- 13 - Chelsea Valburg; Hehaka Frazier
- 16 - Lavayah Bluebird
- 18 - Logan Reynolds; Eva Rodriguez
- 22 - Unique DeCory