



Niobrara Public School

December 2016

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!

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

Dates to Note:

December 1 - G/B JV/Varsity BB vs. Stuart @ Niobrara

December 2 - G/B JV/Varsity BB @ EPPJ ; NO PRESCHOOL

December 3 - Wrestling @ Creighton

December 5 - JH girls BB @ St. Mary's; JV Wrestling @ Ponca

December 6 - G/B JV/V BB @ St. Mary's

December 7 - State One Act

December 9 - G/B BB vs. C/O @ Verdigre

December 10 - G/B JV/V BB vs. Bloomfield @ Niobrara; Wrestling @ North Bend

December 13 - G/B JV/V BB @ Ewing

December 14 - JH boys & girls BB @ Crofton

December 15 - Xmas Concert Preschool-12

December 17 - G/B JV/V BB @ Creighton; Wrestling @ Osmond

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

December 20 - Girls JV/V BB @ Nel-Oakdale

December 21-22 - Semester Exams, Early Dismissal 2:08 p.m.

December 23 - January 2 - Winter Break

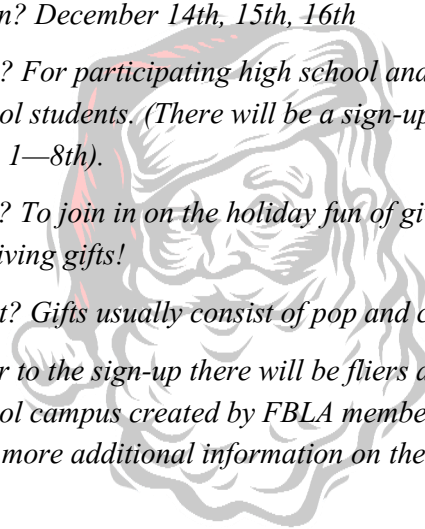
December 28 & 29 - Verdigre Holiday Tournament

School resumes January 2nd Staff and January 3rd Students

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.

COMING SOON SECRET SANTA!



- * *When? December 14th, 15th, 16th*
- * *Who? For participating high school and middle school students. (There will be a sign-up sheet from Dec. 1—8th).*
- * *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.*

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Alex Bustamante
- 5 - Isabella Wright
- 6 - Lane & Lynae Nielsen;
Tracen Runnels
- 8 - Brady Koehn
- 9 - Mila Saul
- 10 - Jace Fritz
- 11 - Jade Brandt
- 12 - Meadow Leboldus
- 14 - Paizlee Klug; Raquel
Ferris
- 16 - James Mackey; Chase
Pritchett
- 23 - Christine Mechaley
- 28 - Paris Runnels

Health Office News

Cold and Flu Season is here so I thought I would send out a reminder on our school sickness guidelines:

Students who are sent home with a fever over 100.5, vomiting or diarrhea need to stay home until they are fever free or free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24hrs. Most illnesses are caused by two kinds of germs: bacteria or viruses. Antibiotics can cure bacterial infections – not viral infections. Viral infections just need to run their course and drink plenty of fluids and take ibuprofen/Tylenol as needed for comfort/fever. Also, if your child is placed on an antibiotic, please finish the prescription, even if they are feeling better!!

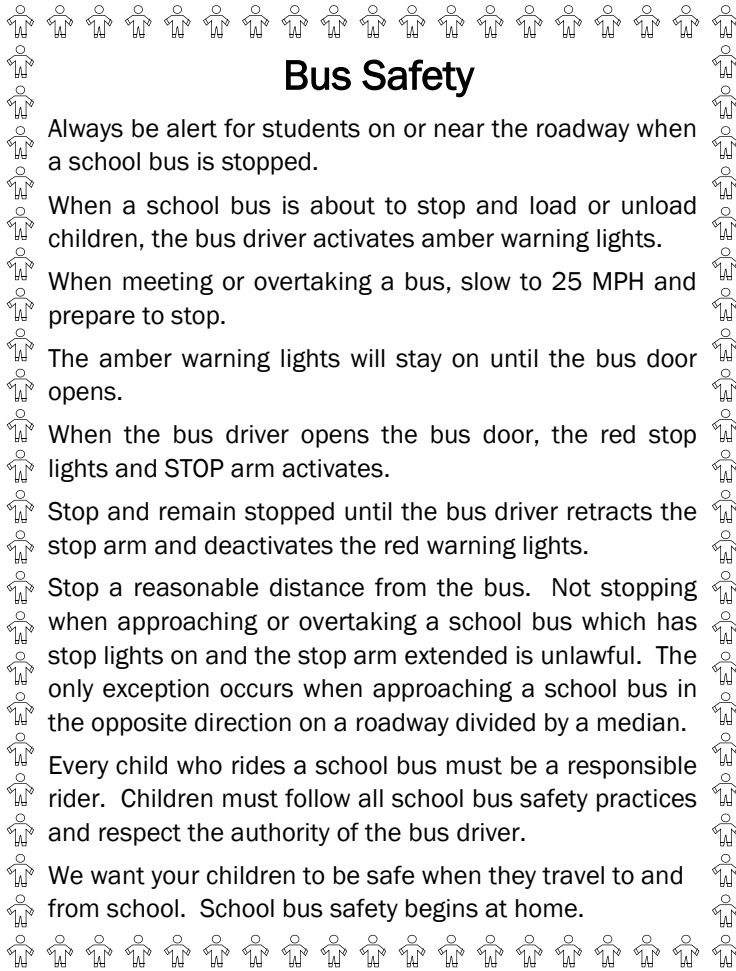
This is also the time of year we see an increase incidence of **Head Lice**. Please do your part and check your student's hair for live lice and nits. Remind them to not share hats or hair ties/brushes. Keep coats and backpacks away from other students as much as possible. I routinely do checks and send home shampoo with students who need it. If you need any supplies, please contact me and I can send some home. Recommended products that seem to be working well with Head Lice are Quit Nits or Vamousse and you can purchase it at Walgreens or some other stores.

Wishing you all the Happiest of Holidays!! Please call me anytime at the school with any questions or concerns.

Nurse Chelsey

SKILLS USA FOOD PICK UP

Saturday,
December 10th
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Niobrara Public School



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.



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 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.



BOOK FAIR

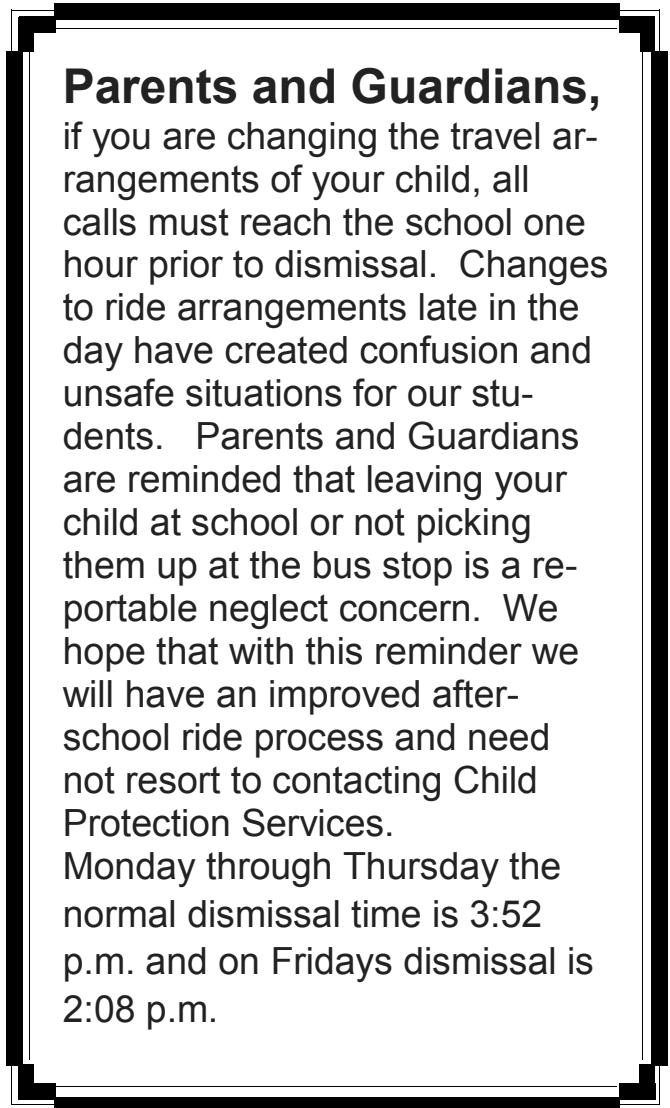
Nov. 28 - Dec. 3

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00-4:00 pm

Thursday 8:00-6:00 pm

Saturday - 10:00-4:00 pm

Books Make Great
Xmas Gifts!



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 after-school 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.

MUSIC NOTES

Thursday, December 15: Pre-K – 12 Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
Fine Arts Auditorium (Old Gym)

All music students are involved in this concert, and have lots of good holiday music to sing in the season. This is the concert to dress in our finest to entertain family and friends. Pre-K through 6 grade students need to meet in their classroom and the 7-12 need to meet in the Music room. Please be there 20 minutes (and no sooner) to your rooms.

The pictures are from our students at the Niobrara Valley Conference Choir, held in Lynch. Cheri Helmer-Reinsche was the clinician this year.



Stadium Seats \$42

The FBLA has only a few Stadium Chairs left to sell.. No more sore backs from sitting on the bleachers. The Chair has a metal frame and will be royal blue. Contact Mrs. Heiser at the school if you would like one.



Canvas seat and back with steel frame
 Bungee cord cushioning
 Bottom hook to secure to bleachers
 Max drop weight 350 lbs.
 Size: 14.5"H x 17"W x 15.5"D

X-Large Size \$47

Max drop weight 400 lbs.
 20.5"W x 16"H

Niobrara Public School Awards Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications

We are pleased to announce that Freshman: Tale Henry and Sophomores: Andrew Atkins and Abigail Holz, have been awarded Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certifications in Microsoft Word. Andrew Atkins has also received his certification in Excel. MOS certificates are an industry-recognized, standards-based credential for validating Microsoft Office skills. The MOS certification is recognized globally by academia and business as the premier credential for individuals seeking to validate their knowledge, skills and abilities related to the Microsoft Office applications. Niobrara began offering the MOS certification in the 2014-2015 school year to the students in the computer courses, through their partnership with Certiport, a Pearson VUE business. Microsoft Office Specialist program successfully validates in-demand technology skills.



The FBLA is making and selling sports buttons for both Junior High and High School, including the sports Basketball and Wrestling.

The prices are \$3 for one button or \$5 for two buttons. Each additional button will be \$2.

If you would like to buy a sports button of an athlete, please return the bottom portion ASAP so you have the button to wear to the games/events.

Your Name _____

Student Name _____

_____ First Button \$3.00 _____

_____ Additional Buttons \$2.00 each _____

Total _____

2016 YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Cost \$35

If you would like to order a yearbook, you may do so by contacting Ms. Carbaugh at the school 402-857-3323 or e-mail her at rcarbaugh@esu1.org. Payment is required to place an order.

Thanks for your support!

2016 SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

ESU 1 and Wayne State College put on a Science Olympiad for area 4th-6th graders at the Wayne State College campus. Mr. Parks took seven students from Niobrara and made the trip to explore Science. The students were: Lori DeCora, Amos Owen, Winona Avery, Summer Guenther, Ashley Parks, Kennedi Reynolds, and Harley Stark. Niobrara collaborated with students from Pender and went to six different learning experiences. Our day looked like this: Life Jacket Challenge, Planetarium, Tin Foil Boats, Breakout EDU, Newspaper Structures, and finally Drones. The students had a great day of learning and experimenting.



CONGRATULATIONS!

District One Act Champs!

Congratulations to the drama students and coaches on winning Districts at St. Mary's in O'Neill on Monday, November 28th! They are state bound to Norfolk on Wednesday, December 7th to perform at the Johnny Carson Theatre at 9:15 a.m.

