



Niobrara Public School

February 2021

Second Quarter & First Semester Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following high school and middle school students:

Seniors - Emily Parks, Ashtyn Holz, Kalyn Nielsen, Kiera Moody, Gavin Chohon

Juniors - Chase Pritchett, Ken Dine, Beau Hrbek

Sophomores - Harley Stark, Ashley Parks, Olivia Holz, Karli Nielsen, Yesenia DeAnda, Kennedi Reynolds, Wolfgang Hallum, Chelsea Valburg, Natasha Henry, Ava Chohon, Kellen Moody

Freshman - Chloe Reynolds, Billie Pritchett, Danika Runnels, Brooke Henry, Winter Henry

Eighth Grade - Chloe Hanzlik, Mya Chohon, Colt Adema

Seventh Grade - Taylen Stark, Amayah Block, Reina Coffman, Elena Mackey, Miley Pike

Sixth Grade - Austin Avery, Delani Runnels, Wade Pritchett, Starlet Nielsen, Kash Nielsen, Jacob Motacek, Alex Motacek, Cort Chohon, Ashton Henry

Attendance and Tardiness are the responsibilities of both the student and the parent. Research proves that good attendance at school is a success signal for adult life. Share with your child the importance of being in school and doing your best. Please ensure your child has plenty of rest and is keeping up on their school work. Together the school and family connection will make a difference in their future.

Flowers for Valentines February 14th

Honor Society is selling flowers for \$2.50 each. Orders are due Monday, February 8th. Contact an Honor Society member to place your order. Thanks for your support!

February Birthdays

2	Olivia McClellan
3	Amayah Block
5	June Saul
7	Rowdy Nielsen
11	Emily Parks, McKenzie Runnels
17	Karissa Kurpgeweit
18	Zander Andrews
19	Amayra DeAnda, Blake Kreycik
21	Amelia Williams
22	Leon Coffman, Audrey Niehm
26	Taylen Stark
27	Gabriel Cournoyer, Ariella Brandt

January 31 - February 6, 2021 is School Board Recognition Week – a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education.

This special recognition of School Board members reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that ALL children succeed. It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Niobrara Public Schools create policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities. Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy—public education. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances. Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. During February the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member. Thank you to the men and women who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of our community are met by our public schools. We salute the public servants of Niobrara Public Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. The men and women serving Niobrara Public Schools are: Ward Adema, Susan Bolling, Leon Klug, Matt Moody, Matt Paulsen and Diane Teadtke.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sandoz, Superintendent
Niobrara Public Schools

Dates to Note

- 1 - No School K-5; NVC Boys BB 2nd Round
- 2 - NVC Girls BB 2nd Round
- 3 - JH BB vs. Wausa @ Niobrara
- 4 - Local Spelling Bee; NVC BB Semi-finals @ Boyd Co.
- 5 - Honor Society Induction
- 6 - Speech Invite West Holt; Sub-District Wrestling @ Pleasanton; NVC BB Consolation & Finals @ Elkhorn Valley
- 8 - JV/V G/B BB vs. Elkhorn Valley @ Niobrara
- 9 - JV/V G/B BB vs. West Holt @ Niobrara
- 11 - JH Boys BB vs. Bon Homme @ Niobrara
- 12 - No School Pre-K; Speech Invite Wakefield; JV/V G/B BB vs. Boyd Co. @ Spencer
- 13 - Speech Invite Wausa; District Wrestling @ Elkhorn Valley
- 15 - No School PK-12
- 15-18 - Girls BB Sub-Districts
- 17-20 - State Wrestling Omaha
- 18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 19 - JV/V Boys BB vs. Neligh/Oakdale @ Niobrara
- 20 - Speech Invite Crofton
- 22-25 - Boys BB Sub-districts
- 26 - Girls BB District Finals
- 27 - Boys BB District Finals; Speech Invite Pope John



Friday, March 19th

Please call the school a.s.a.p.

402-857-3322 or 3323

Your child must be 5 years old by July 31st.

Math News - Recently the high school Geometry class held "The Metric Olympics" as the students are studying measurements and unit conversions. The object of the Olympics was to sharpen the students' skills in the metric system and estimation. Events included The Cotton Ball Toss, The Plastic Lid Throw, The Marble Grab, and The Sponge Squeeze. Once an event was performed each student had to estimate how many centimeters, meters, grams, or milliliters they personally threw, grabbed, or squeezed. Actual measurements were then taken. Each student received points according to the difference in their estimations and actual measurements, lowest scores being the winners. Our Gold Medalist was Natasha, silver went to Olivia, and Harley took home the bronze! "Of course, all the students gained knowledge so there were no losers," proclaimed their teacher, Mrs. DeKay.

Is your Preschooler Ready?

Research shows children who receive early learning do better in school.

NIOBRARA PRESCHOOL

It's time to enroll your preschool child for the 2021-2022 program year. Children ages 3 & 4 are eligible to enroll. Child must be 3 yrs. old before July 31st. Please contact your local Family Service Worker, Stephanie McClellan, for enrollment information and/or to schedule a tour of our preschool. You can also fill out the pre-application form 2020 on the niobraraschools.org website under preschool.



PHONE #: (402) 857-3322

E-mail: smcclellan@niobraraschools.org

Address: 247 Hwy 12, Niobrara, NE 68760

Additional Info:

- Full Day program 8:10am-3:52pm
- Breakfast & Lunch provided
- Transportation is the responsibility of the caregiver. If transportation is needed, please ask for details as busing options may be available.

Children with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Taking new applications starting February 15, 2021!!!!

Our preschool program is a school readiness program working together with Niobrara Public Schools & Head Start.



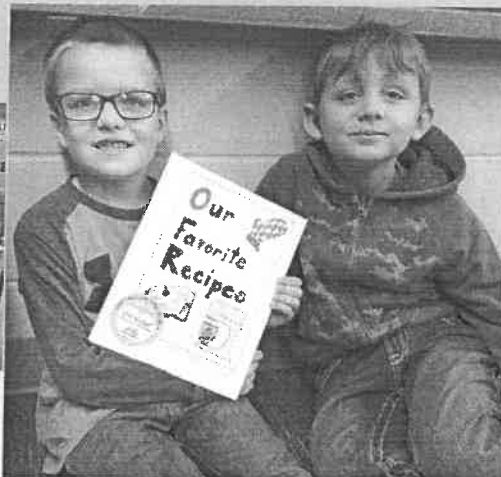
PRESCHOOL IS A BUSY CLASSROOM FULL OF LEARNING AND GROWTH. IN PRESCHOOL WE FOCUS ON LANGUAGE, READING, MATH, WRITING, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES, HEALTH, PROBLEM SOLVING, MOTOR DEVELOPMENT, SOCIAL SKILLS, AND SO MUCH MORE!





2nd Grade News

February 2020

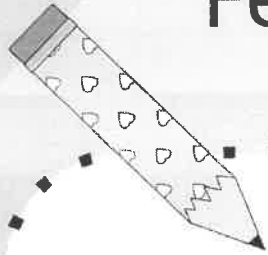


Hello! We are back at school and the second graders have been busy learning how to tell time and count money in math. In science we are learning about slow changes to earth - weathering and erosion. We have been able to do some neat experiments which are pictured above. The students built a hill out of clay and used an ice cube filled with sand and rocks to see how erosion takes place with glaciers. We also received our recipe books we made in November and the kids really enjoyed reading their recipes (pictured above). I also just wanted to let you know my husband and I will be expecting a baby in February so I will be out for 8 weeks on maternity leave. Brukllynn Henery will be subbing for me and I think she will do an amazing job! She already has spent a day with our class and the students all agree that she will be a great teacher for our class. Take care!

Mrs. Steffen

3rd Grade

February Newsletter



We are learning:

- Reading: Students are continuing to work on reading fluently for comprehension. We are also working on picking out figurative language as we read. They have been practicing with simile, onomatopoeia, and alliteration.
- Language Arts: Students are continuing to work on learning parts of speech(noun, verb, pronoun, adjective), they are building their writing skill by writing sequencing paragraphs and journaling about their AR books.

Reminders

- * Please check your child's planner and folder each night.
- *Students homework each night is to read their **AR book for 20 minutes.**
- *Students should have 60% of their AR goal by Feb. 1st. The goal is 10 points.
- *Students need to log the AR books title in the planner and parents initial/sign it each night.
- *Continue reading... the more you read the more you know!!

African American History Month

February 1st – March 1st

3rd – 5th Social Studies

During the month of February, students will take the time to dig deeper in history of African Americans in our country and make connections to the past. We will learn about past and present contributions made by African Americans by reading many books written by African American writers.



FEBRUARY



4th Grade Newsletter

Writing:

We finished up our poetry unit by learning about the parts of a poem and writing various poems, such as Haikus, Pyramid Poems, Acrostic, and Five Senses Poems. The students enjoyed using their imagination to write their own poems!


Playful Personification!

We have been discussing Personification, which is giving human-like qualities to objects, and understanding why authors use them when writing. The class each had to draw illustrations of personification and then created their own! Examples of personification are 'The leaves danced in the wind.' and 'The cake was calling my name.' Leaves can't really 'dance' and cake can't really 'call your name'. The students are enjoying identifying them in their reading, using them in their writing, and understanding how they can make writing come to life!

Reading:

We are currently reading the biography of Jackie Robinson, which is one of Mrs. Bauer's favorite pieces of literature we read! The students dive deep into the text by discussing the trials and tribulations Jackie Robinson endured to pave the way for other African American athletes. The students also analyze the text from Robinson's perspective and discuss the qualities it took to overcome the challenges and obstacles he faced as the first African American to play Major League Baseball.

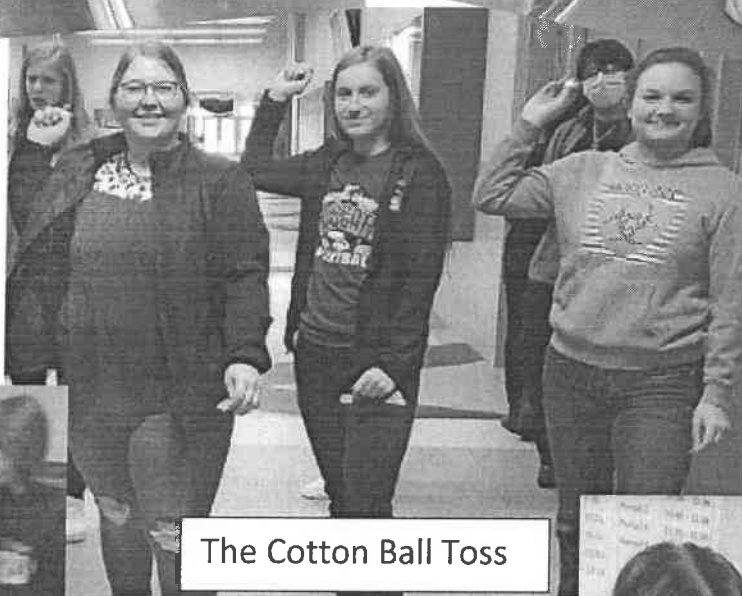
Science:



We are finishing up our unit on energy transfer with learning about electricity and heat. During this unit, we made electrical circuits and have tested how particles in warm water move versus particles in cold water move to explore heat energy.



The Sponge Squeeze

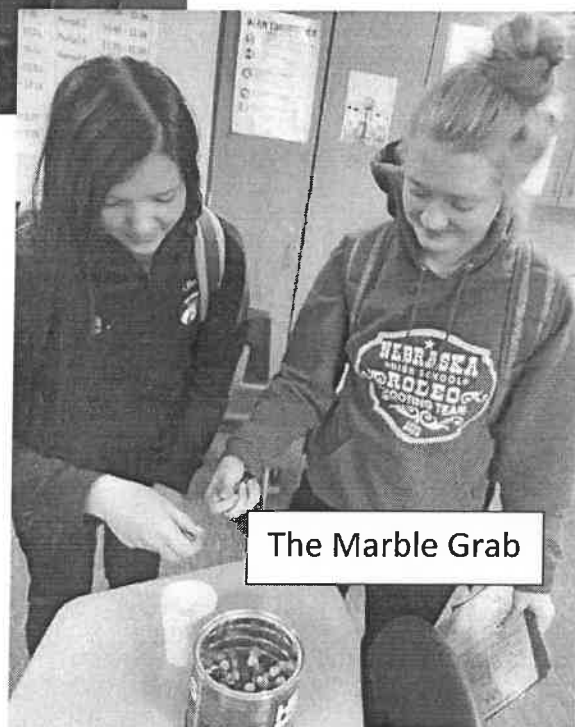


The Cotton Ball Toss



The Plastic Lid Throw

Geometry Metric Olympics



The Marble Grab



MTSS UPDATE

Academic Learning

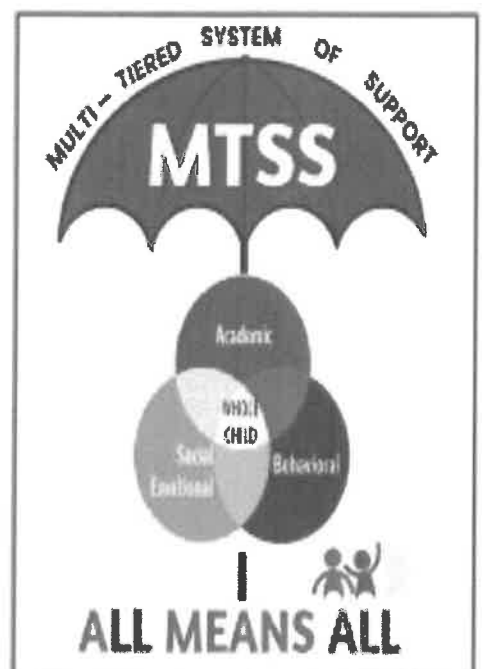
Winter benchmarking is complete for students in grades K-8th. MAP Testing will occur for students in 9th-11th this month. With the amazing growth that has been seen from students so far from Fall to Winter testing, goals have been set and plans have been established to help students continue to make progress towards these goals. Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences will be a great opportunity for you to see your student's progress. As always, if you have specific questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Behavior: Our staff have been recognizing all of the positive behavior throughout the school and your student(s) have been acknowledged for following the behavior expectations. Please, remind your student(s) to follow the Niobrara expectations of being Responsible, Respectful, Kind, and Safe at school.

Social Emotional Learning

We continue to provide Social Emotional Instruction on a daily basis utilizing the Project Wisdom curriculum.

In January, students learned about PERSEVERANCE and OVERCOMING OBSTACLES.





February

Month of February in Dakota—Wicata Wi - Racoon Moon

Month of February in Omaha/Ponca —Míxa toⁿga Agthíi-^hke

When geese return.

Dakota word for Horse – s'unktanka

Omaha/Ponca word for Horse—shóⁿge

Dakota word for Soup – Wa Hanpi

Omaha/Ponca word for Soup – taní

Dakota word for Purple – stan

Omaha/Ponca word for Purple – zhí égoⁿ

Anpetu Waste

“Good Day”

Tribes of Nebraska



College Planning Bulletin

February 2021

Seniors...make sure you complete the FAFSA process

Getting financial aid for college involves more than completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete each step of the process so that you don't miss out on money for college.

1. **If you haven't already, complete your 2021-22 FAFSA** at studentaid.gov using 2019 income tax data. Before you start, you and a parent must each create a [Student Aid account](#). If you need help with your FAFSA, [contact EducationQuest](#) to set up a free virtual appointment.
2. **Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link.** The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you know if you need to take further action before the form can be processed.
3. **You might receive a verification notice** from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA requesting documents to verify your FAFSA information. The college will not process your financial aid until you provide required documents.
4. **Watch for financial aid award notifications.** Once you're accepted for admission to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA, they will notify you of the types and amounts of financial aid they're offering.

What you need to know about scholarships

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent. Some are based on financial need as determined by the results of your FAFSA.

1. **[ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#)** houses over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria. You'll also find links to national sites that EducationQuest recommends.
2. **Your school counselor's office.** Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
3. **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and the application procedures.
4. **Other resources** could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

[Click here](#) for more details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

Two easy-to-apply-for scholarships from EducationQuest

Don't miss out on these scholarships for Nebraska students in grades 9-12:

Get Social Scholarship – By following EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), you can enter into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship each time we hit another 250 followers. [Click here](#) for details.

Scavenger Hunt Scholarship – To apply for this scholarship, create a [ScholarshipQuest](#) profile at [EducationQuest.org](#) and then scavenge around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions on a survey. The deadline to apply is **March 31**. We'll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. [Click here](#) for details.

Save the Date...Virtual College Fair is March 2-3

EducationQuest will host a Virtual College Fair Tuesday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m.-noon and Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. During this event, you can chat with college representatives and watch live college-prep presentations. Watch for details!

February "To Do" List

Seniors:

- ___ If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- ___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

- ___ Start preparing for the ACT. Here are [test-prep resources](#) to consider.
- ___ Register by February 12 for the March 13 SAT.
- ___ Register by March 12 for the April 17 ACT.

ORDER FORM- Due Monday Feb 8

Honor Society Valentine Flowers

Ready for in-school delivery Friday, February 12th

\$2.50 per flower, payment due at time of order

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2021 NVC GIRLS

Basketball Tournament



Saturday, January 30 - at Boyd County and St. Mary's

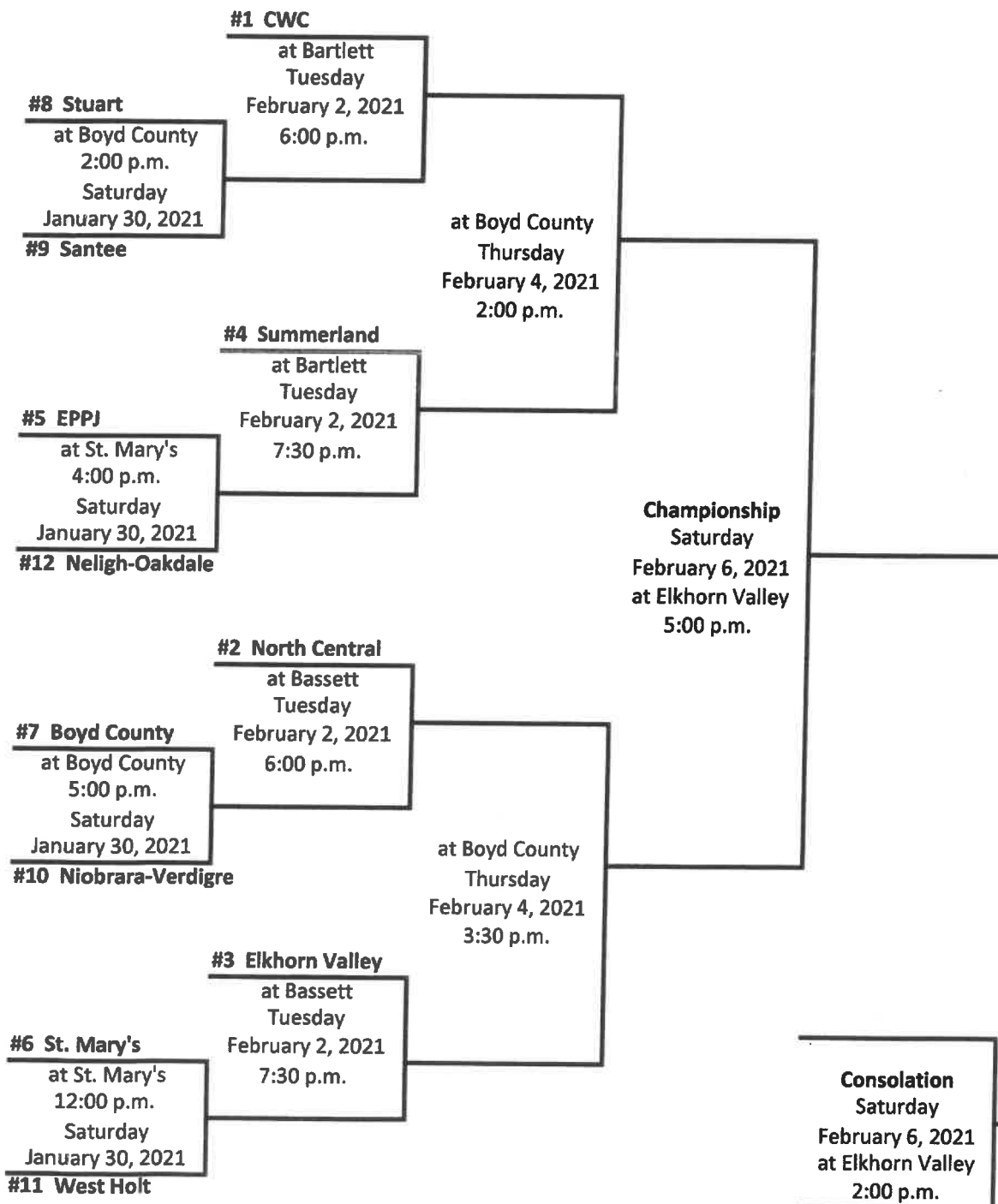
Tuesday, February 2 - at Bartlett and Bassett

Thursday, February 4 - at Boyd County

Saturday, February 6 - at Elkhorn Valley

Admission: Adults \$5.00 and Students (K-12) \$3.00

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2021 NVC BOYS Basketball Tournament



Saturday, January 30 - at Boyd County and St. Mary's

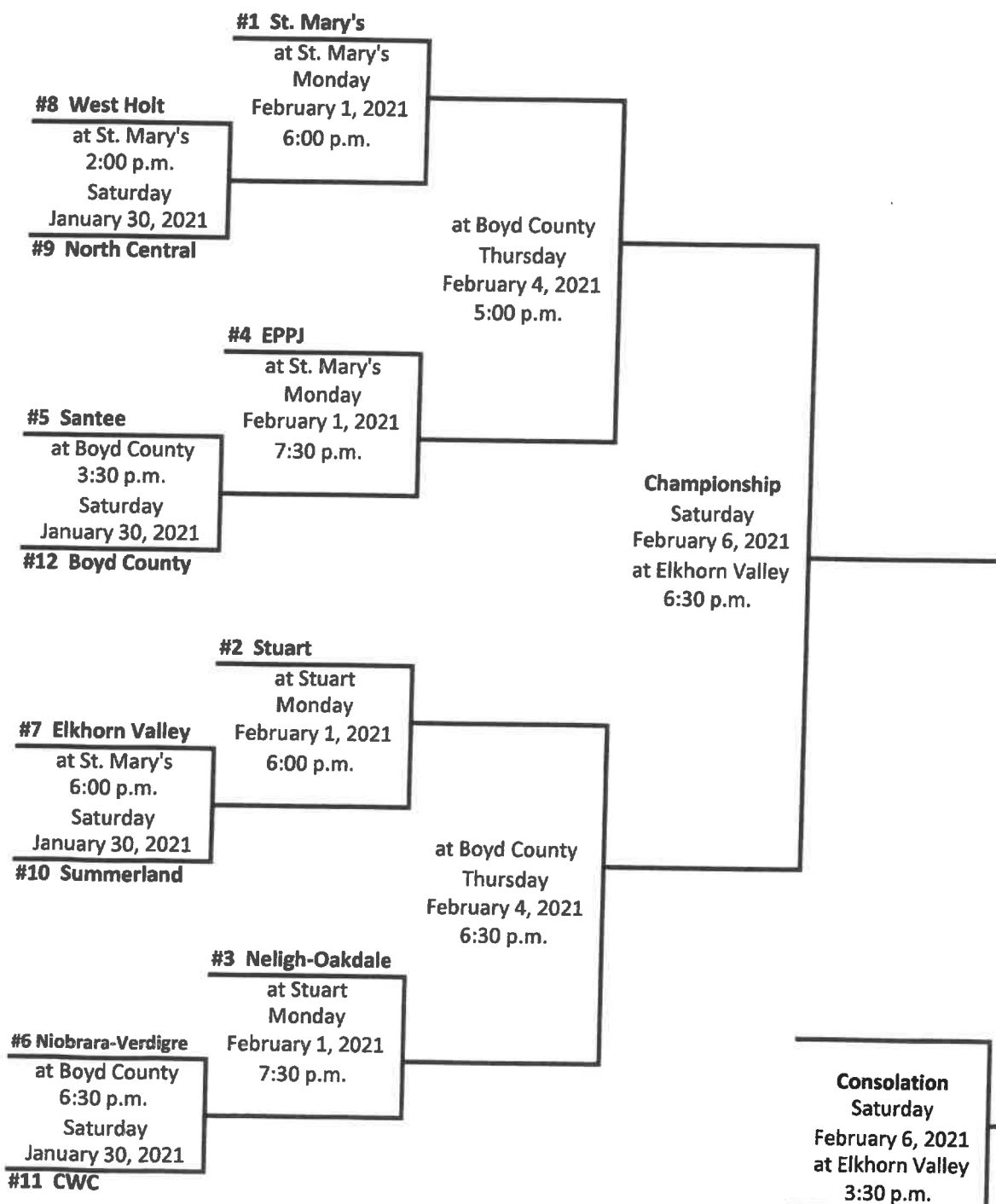
Monday, February 1 - at St. Mary's and Stuart

Thursday, February 4 - at Boyd County

Saturday, February 6 - at Elkhorn Valley

Admission: Adults \$5.00 and Students (K-12) \$3.00

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Niobrara February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>No School K-5</i> <i>NVC Boys BB 2nd Round @ Stuart 7:30 pm</i> <i>Down List</i>	2 <i>NVC Girls BB 2nd Round @ Bassett 6:00 pm</i>	3 <i>JH BB vs. Wausa @ Niobrara 1:30/2:30 pm</i>	4 <i>Local Spelling Bee 2:00 pm</i> <i>NVC BB Semi-finals @ Boyd Co. Girls 3:30 pm Boys 6:30 pm</i>	5 <i>Honor Society Induction 10:30 am</i>	6 <i>Speech @ West Holt</i> <i>Sub-District Wrestling @ Pleasanton 11:00 am</i> <i>NVC BB Consolation 2:00/3:30 & Finals 5:00/6:30 @ Elkhorn Valley</i>
7	8 <i>JV/V G/B BB vs. Elkhorn Valley @ Niobrara 4:15/5:00 pm 6:15/8:00 pm</i>	9 <i>JV/V G/B BB vs. West Holt @ Niobrara 4:00/5:00 pm 6:30/8:00 pm</i>	10	11 <i>JH Boys BB vs. Bon Homme @ Niobrara 3:00 pm</i>	12 <i>No School Pre-K</i> <i>Speech @ Wakefield</i> <i>JV/V G/B BB vs. Boyd Co. @ Spencer 4:00/5:00 pm 6:30/8:00 pm</i>	13 <i>Speech @ Wausa</i> <i>District Wrestling @ Elkhorn Valley</i>
14	15 <i>No School PK-12</i>	16	17	18 <i>P/T/C 4:30-7:00 pm</i>	19 <i>JV/V Boys BB vs. Nel/Oakdale @ Niobrara 6:15/7:30 pm</i>	20 <i>Speech @ Crofton</i>
		<div>Girls BB Sub-Districts</div> <div>Down List</div>			<div>State Wrestling Omaha</div>	
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Girls BB District Finals</i>	27 <i>Boys BB District Finals</i> <i>Speech @ Pope John</i>
	<div>Boys BB Sub-Districts 2/22, 2/23, 25 @ Niobrara</div>					
28	March 1 <i>NVC Speech @ Elgin</i> <i>Down List</i>	March 2	March 3	March 4 <i>Teacher Workday</i>	March 5	March 6
				<div>Girls State BB Lincoln</div>		
				<div>No School PK-12</div>		

