

PROM 2021

Date: April 10th
Pictures: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 7:00 pm
Grand March: 8:30 pm
Dance: 9:00-12:00 pm

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Isreal Avery
2 - Beau Hrbek
9 - Daiisy Cournoyer
12 - Colt Adema
13 - Chelsea Valburg
14 - Clayton Lammers
15 - Hadley McClellan
17 - Jordi Smith
22 - Unique James; Kash Nielsen
23 - Danika Runnels
29 - Kady Koehn

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following high school and middle school students:

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

Juniors - Ken Dine, Beau Hrbek, Tierre Kitto, Bradyn Tschirren

Sophomores - Ava Chohon, Wolfgang Hallum, Olivia Holz, Kellen Moody, Ashley Parks, Kennedy Reynolds, Harley Stark, Chrissenna Swalley, Karli Nielsen, Natasha Henry, Chelsea Valburg, Phalynn RedOwl

Freshman Grade - Billie Pritchett, Chloe Reynolds, Danika Runnels, Tiffany Thieman

Eighth Grade - Colt Adema, Mya Chohon, Chloe Hanzlik, Terik Pedersen

Seventh Grade - Amaryah Block, Trista Camey, Miley Pike, Taylen Stark, Elena Mackey

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

Dates to Note in April:

- 2 - No School
- 5 - No School
- 7 - Knox Co. Track @ Creighton
- 10 - Prom
- 12 - Golf Invite @ Crofton
- 13 - Golf Tri @ Summerland; Track Invite @ Neligh
- 14 - Golf Invite @ Summerland
- 15 - JH Track @ Hartington
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- 23 - District Music @ Hartington
- 24 - Golf Invite Osmond @ Rolling Hills G.C.
- 27 - JH/HS Track Boyd Co. @ O'Neill; NVC Golf Neligh-Oakdale @ Antelope C.C.
- 29 - Track Invite @ Norfolk
- 29-30 - NVC Art @ West Holt

Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork, representing 18 area schools, will be on display Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, April 30, 2021 from 8:00-2:00 pm in Atkinson, Nebraska at the West Holt Public Schools 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, 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 **Joan Swim of Valentine** and **Kevin McNichols of Atkinson** for the high school and **Ranae Wacker of Plainview** and **Diane Cole of Emmet** for the junior high.

Make plans to view this year's exhibit Thursday, April 29, from 5:00-8:00 pm and Friday, April 30, from 8:00-2:00 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to view the artwork and appreciate the talent showcased in the Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

Academic Awards

Grades 6-12

May 3rd

1:30 p.m.

Niobrara

Athletic Banquet

**Niobrara-Verdigre
Cougars**

Grades 7-12

May 3rd 7:00 p.m.

Verdigre

ATTENDANCE POLICY - Mrs. Bowen

Attendance Policy:

The Board of Education believes it is the shared responsibility of the parent/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 and/or phone call from parent(s)/guardian(s). **All absences require a signed note and/or phone call 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.

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, the name and address of the parent/guardian, and the number of absences per semester for said student will be forwarded to the County Attorney for possible action to ensure student compliance with existing Nebraska attendance statutes.

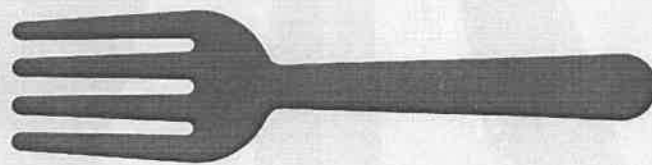
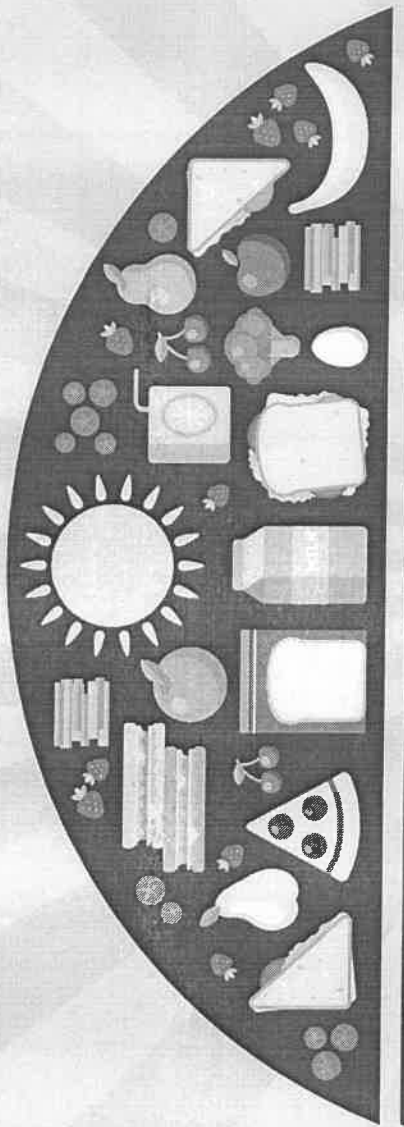
Student Illness:

Parents/guardians of students who become ill while at school will be contacted and asked to make arrangements for their child to be picked up. If it becomes necessary for the school to deliver the student to his or her home or to a doctor, the parents/guardians may be charged mileage at the regular school rate. Anyone leaving school because of illness or any other reason must check out at the office. Any student showing signs and symptoms of a contagious or infectious disease are required by law to be sent home immediately (Nebraska DHHS 173 NAC 3). Those symptoms include fever over 100.5 °F, flushed face, headache, aches in muscles or joints, unexplained tiredness, loss of appetite, stomach ache, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, convulsions, sore throat, nasal congestion, unexplained skin eruption, sore or inflamed eyes. Students are not allowed to return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications. (Attachment 1 in 173 NAC 3 also includes minimum isolation periods for contagious and infectious disease/conditions which will be followed).

Tardiness:

All students are expected to be in the classroom and ready to receive instruction when the bell rings. Students will be considered tardy up to 15 minutes after the bell rings, after that, they are considered absent for that class period. Students will be granted three (3) tardies per quarter before being required to make up missed class time after school. The tardy policy is as follows:

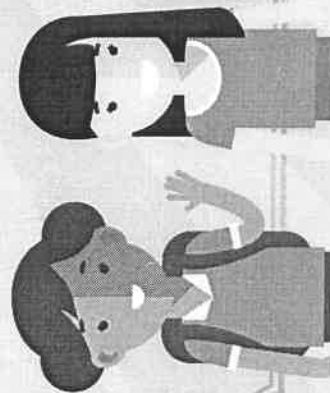
- First three tardies – teacher records and teacher or principal may notify parent/guardian on the third tardy as to future consequences for continued tardiness.
- On the third tardy, one absence will be added to that class period.
- Third tardy and each additional tardy – the student will make up 30 minutes, for each tardy thereafter, either with the teacher of the class or the office. Time must be made up within 3 days of notification.
- Example: third tardy to a class results in an absence being recorded and the student making up 30 minutes after school. On the fourth and fifth tardies the student makes up 30 minutes after school for each. On the sixth tardy the student has an absence recorded for the class and makes up 30 minutes after school. Additional tardies follow the same pattern.



MEET UP EAT UP

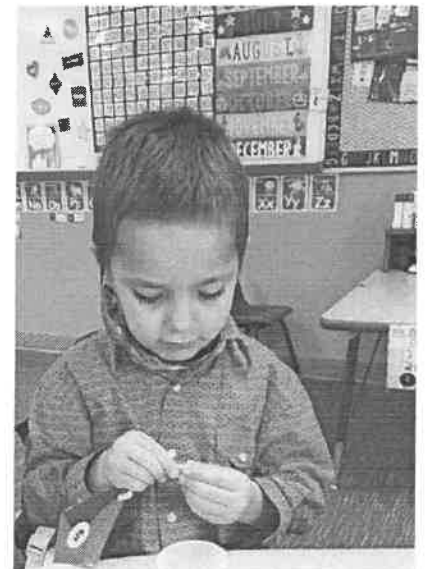
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SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Preschool is a busy place full of investigating, discovering, and learning about friendship skills. We've been working hard on getting ready for kindergarten!



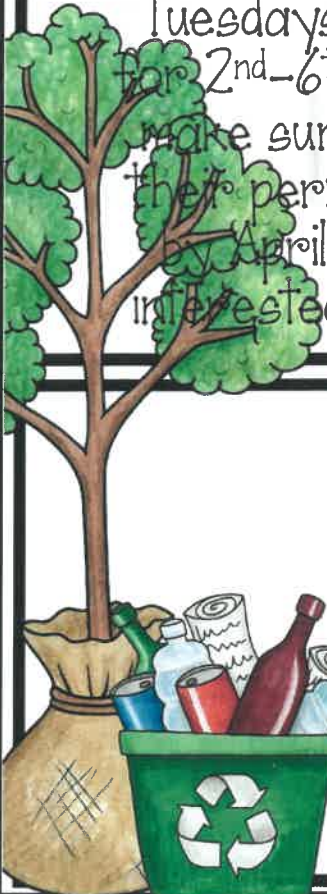


4th Grade Newsletter

"Be somebody that makes everybody feel like a somebody." – Kid President

RUNNING CLUB

Mrs. Justo and Mrs. Bauer will be hosting a Running Club starting April 20th on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 2nd-6th graders. Please make sure your child has their permission handed in by April 9th if he/she is interested in participating!



READING

We are currently reading the novel 'The Prince and the Pauper' by Mark Twain. Before reading this story, the students had to learn about life in England during the 1500s. They had to make many comparisons about life back then versus their lives now. They are also enjoying reading about the two boys, a prince and a pauper, who trade lives for a few days and encounter many adventures along the way!

SCIENCE

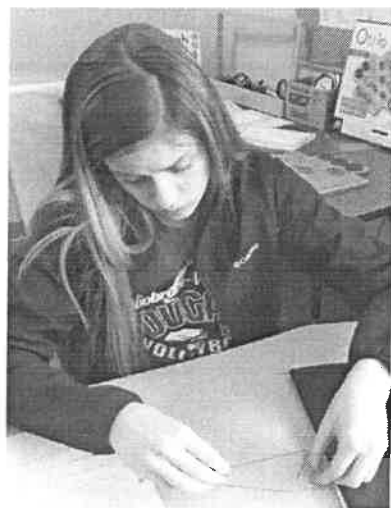
In science, we have been learning about senses and how animals use them to survive within their environment. Currently, we are learning about the parts of the eye and how animals use their eyes as an advantage in their environment. We also get to dissect a cow's eyeball to see the different parts of the eye and how they all work together to send images to our brain on what we are seeing!

Advanced Algebra students using quadratic equations to measure the height of a bridge.



Math Headlines

Discovering
Math in Our
World



Above: Algebra 1 students using M&M's to model exponential equations.

Left: Geometry students discover the Triangle Inequality Theorem using spaghetti.



MTSS UPDATE

Good Test-Taker Strategies

Strategies to remember to help you through a test

1 Positive Attitude

It might be tough, but you can do it!
A good attitude goes a long way.

2 Relax

If you feel nervous, relax your mind. Take a deep breath, stretch your legs, and think about something that makes you happy. Try your test again!

3 ME Only

Don't worry about others. Focus JUST on yourself. Don't worry if others finish before you.

4 Focus, Focus, Focus

Focus on the question you are reading. Try not to day dream or goof around.

8 Prepare Your Body

Get a good night's sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast.

7 Get Un-Stuck

If you get stuck, don't get frustrated. Reread the question. If you reread, circle it and come back later. Make the best guess you can.

6 Go Slow

Read directions slowly and carefully for each question.

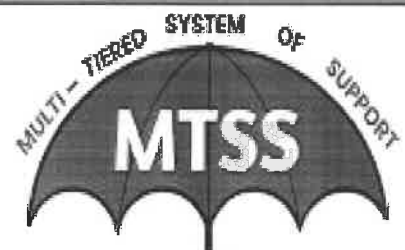
5 Do Your Best

Make sure you are doing your best work on your test. Think clearly, read carefully, and put forth your best effort.

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End of the year testing has officially begun. Students in grades 3-8 took The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) Test on March 30, 31, and April 1. Students will also take an end of the year Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Benchmark (2nd-11th), Acadience Benchmark (PK-5th), and aimswebPlus Benchmark (6th-8th).

Best of Luck to all
of our students!!
You can do this!!!!



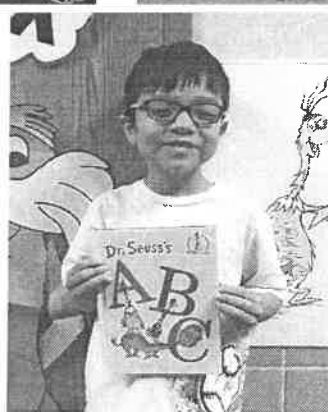
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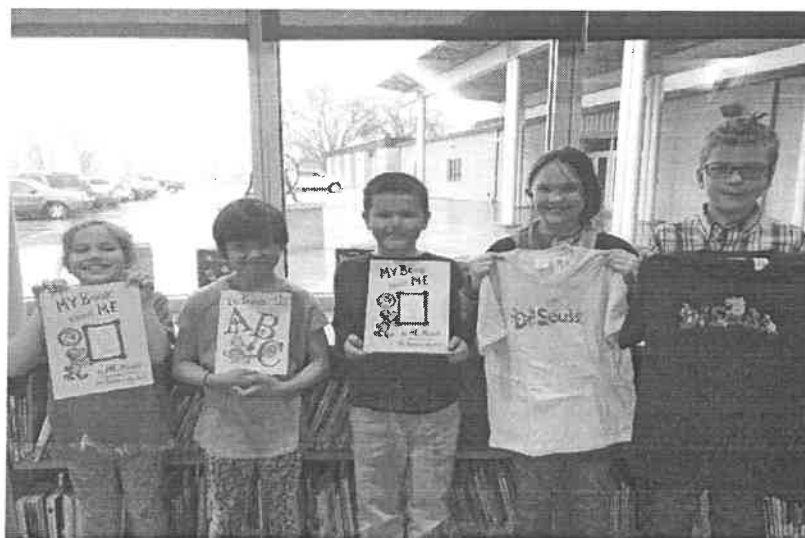
LIBRARY NEWS:

Upcoming Events: Scholastic "BOGO" Book Fair – April 26-30 (possibly an April 24 open Saturday)
National Library Week – April 6-9

The Pre-K through 12 grades participated in Dr. Seuss Week the first two weeks in April with a school-wide door decorating contest, trivia, dress up days, and punch card reading for the K-6. We Six days of fun. The door decorating contest winners were 1st place – Freshmen, 2nd place – Juniors, and Fan Favorites – Third Grade. Elementary students were able to read a Dr. Seuss book and then receive a punch on their card. At the end of the 6 days, students turned in their punch cards and the student who read the most books on the card won a prize. Prizes were a Dr. Seuss Book or a Dr. Seuss T-shirt. Winners: pre-school - Hayden Lyons, Kindergarten – Wihake Coffman, 1st Grade – Tatum Mullanix, 2nd Grade – Aeron Castillo, 3rd Grade – Artemis Davis, 4th Grade – Lane Nielsen, 5th Grade – Karissa Kurpgeweit, 6th Grade – Austin Avery.

PICTURES FROM Dr. Seuss WEEK.



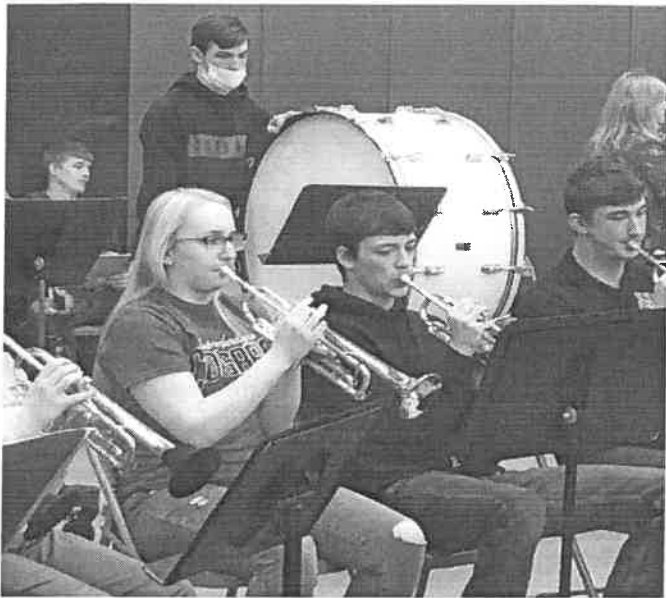


MUSIC NOTES: April 2021

Upcoming Events: District Music Contest at Hartington, Friday, April 23. Times TBA
K-6 Spring Concert – May
7-12 Spring Concert - May

Our 9-12 band students, along with students from Neligh-Oakdale, Elkhorn Valley, and Verdigre put on the BEST Niobrara Valley Conference Band Clinic that I have heard in YEARS! The group was directed by Chad Dean from O'Neill High School and he made the day fun and worthwhile for the kids. I hope you were able to attend, but if not, our school recorded it on Striv. You should be able to go to Niobrara School site and watch the recording from there. Below are pictures that I gathered from the day.







Together, we can save a life

Blood Drive Success!!

Did you know that in 2020, with our blood drives at Niobrara Public Schools, we had 77 units of blood collected!! That is a whole lot of lives saved from taking an hour out of your day to donate blood! Niobrara Public Schools has been doing 2 blood drives, one in the fall and one in the spring, for the last 5+ years. We are now recognized as a Premier Blood Partner with the American Red Cross. Junior and Senior students help with the blood drives and if we meet our goal, Seniors that have helped with the blood drives receive a scholarship from the American Red Cross.

Our last Blood Drive, held on April 26th, we not only met our goal but exceeded it and had to turn donors away. We have a great community of donors and many students who donate also. You must be 16 years old to donate with a parent permission slip. All students who are 17 years and older can donate without parent permission. Our blood drives for the next school year are Wednesday, October 6th, 2021 and Wednesday, March 30th, 2022. To schedule an appointment to donate, please contact Chelsey at the school close to the drive date (or she will call you) or you can register on the Blood App on your phone. Search for the American Red Cross Blood App and download. You can schedule your appointments through the app, complete your RapidPass, have easy access to your donor card, and will get notification on the App when your Blood goes out to save a life and where it goes.

Thanks again to everyone for your support and taking the time out of your day to support the Red Cross and our Niobrara Public School Senior students! **Nurse Chelsey**

Principal's Message



Dear Patrons,

I cannot believe the last day of school is less than two months away! We have accomplished a lot this year and have a lot to celebrate! Our students may not have won state championships or even conference tournaments, but they always played hard until the last buzzer. That is something to truly be proud of. Some of you might not have been able to attend extracurricular events at NPS, but I do know that at one point we had at least 800 individuals watching a game through STRIV. Have times changed to the point that we will see more of that happening? Maybe. I can assure you that NPS will make it possible for our families and friends to watch from afar so that our students can receive the support they deserve in all activities.

Some other great things that are happening in the classroom involve a variety of outstanding instructional strategies to help our students learn in a way that helps them retain information and/or show mastery of concepts. This is called active engagement / hands-on application during the learning process! Check out the photos below....



Students standing on tabletops to discuss different perspectives/points of view and how they can change depending on where you are and where you are viewing things from.



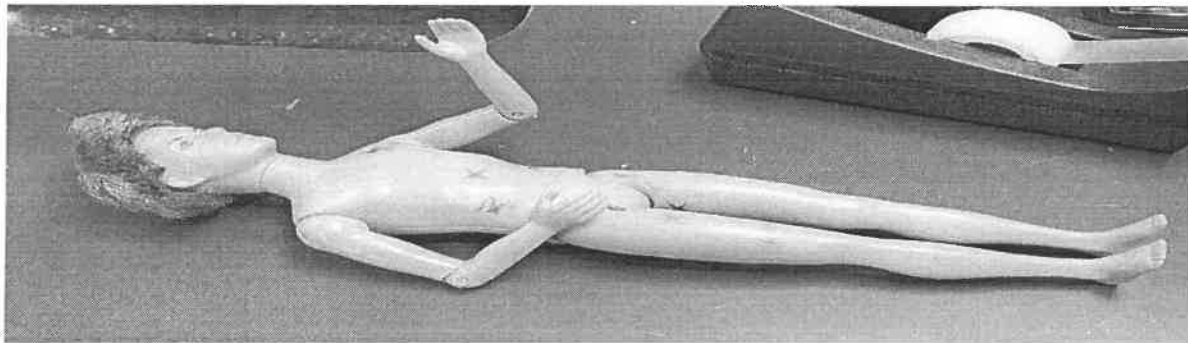
Preschool students giving a thumbs-up if they agree that the two words, fox and box, rhyme.

Mrs. Morten doing her best to utilize props, language, sound, and lights to help students with understanding what trench warfare was like during World War I. It was first acted out and then students had to write, in a journal, what they were thinking and feeling during the experience.





Mr. Runnels put together an electrical simulation so students can practice wiring a two-way light and learn how to connect wires to an electrical breaker box. This was built by students to teach them how to frame walls and windows.



This Barbie Doll, who is named **Not So Flat Stanley**, is used in Mrs. Hanzlik's science classes to identify muscles, body parts, bones, etc. Students point to or mark the body so Mrs. Hanzlik can assess their knowledge.

It would take a book to show you how every teacher uses a hands-on approach to teaching content. Not all things can be taught in this manner, but our teachers do a great job of understanding each student and how they learn best. I do not remember a lot about my experience in school, but what I do remember always involved learning through active engagement and utilizing hands-on opportunities.

Always A Learner,

Mrs. Bowen

EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

April 2021

Juniors...attend this webinar to stay on track to college!

Join our free "[College Planning for Juniors](#)" webinar to learn about the admissions process, campus visits, college costs, types of financial aid, and how to find scholarships.

Pick the date that works best for you and register today!

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00-7:00 p.m. CT

Thursday, March 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. CT

Tuesday, April 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m. CT

Thursday, April 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CT

Spanish Programs

Wednesday, March 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m. CT

Wednesday, March 24, 6:00-7:00 p.m. CT

Seniors...It's decision time!

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in [student and parent loans](#) will be needed to cover expenses?

Academic program – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? If you plan to live on campus, do you like the housing arrangements? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.

April "To Do" List

Seniors

- ☐ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).
- ☐ Make your final college decision.
- ☐ Start purchasing dorm essentials.
- ☐ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

- ☐ Attend a [College Planning for Juniors webinar](#).
- ☐ [Register](#) by April 8 for the May 8 SAT.
- ☐ [Register](#) by May 7 for the June 12 ACT.
- ☐ Start looking for [scholarships](#).

April is full of activities and the weather is always changing. Stay current with the events at www.niobraraschools.org or Like Us on our Facebook Page.

Just a little fun for the Month of April. ENJOY the word search. ~ Mrs. Sandoz

Find Which words are not in the Word Search!



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Annoy

Jester

Riddle

Fool

Laugh

Surprise

Humour

Prank

Trick



Niobrara April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NSCAS Testing Grades 3-8	2 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	3
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			MAP TESTING GRADES 3-5			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				B-Breakfast Pizza 1		3
				L-Nachos		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Chicken Noodle Casserole	B-Cereal & Yogurt L-Walking Tacos	B-Rolls & Donuts L-Beef Stroganoff	B-Breakfast Pizza L-McRib Sandwich		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
B-Sausage/Pancake on a Stick L-Pizza	B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Mandarin Orange/Spicy Chicken	B-Cereal & Muffin L-Spaghetti w/ Breadstick	B-Cinnamon Rolls L-El-Chicken Quesadilla HS-Chicken Fajita	B-Breakfast Pizza L-Hot Dog		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
B-UBR L-Cooks Choice	B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Chicken Strips	B-Cereal & Yogurt L-Cheesy Ham & Potatoes	B-Rolls & Donuts L-Meatloaf	B-Breakfast Pizza L-Chicken Sandwich		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
B-Cheese Omelet L-Chicken & Rice Casserole	B-Biscuits & Gravy L-Tacos	B-Cereal & Muffin L-Mini Corn Dog	B-Cinnamon Rolls L-Tater Tot Casserole	B-Breakfast Pizza L-Cheeseburger		