

Andrew Christensen
Assistant Principal/AD

Pioneers,

Congratulations to our award winners at the 2021 Athletic Banquet:

- Scholar Athlete Award- Rianna Wells and John McKennan
- 4 Year 3 Sport Athlete- Mackenzie Hansen and Rianna Wells
- Booster Club Scholarship- Mackenzie Hansen and Jayden Hunter
- Fort Calhoun Seniors Playing College Athletics-
 - * Ellie Lienemann, VB, Morningside
 - * Alivia Cullen, VB, Morningside
 - * Abbie Anderson, Soccer, College of Saint Mary
 - * Kaitlin Smith, Soccer, College of Saint Mary
 - * Brant Hilzendeger, Basketball, Midland University

Our Academic Honors Night and Athletic Banquet was held April 29th. Thank you to all our athletes, coaches, parents, staff members, community members, and administration for all the support this year. In a year that competing in our extracurricular activities was in jeopardy due to the pandemic, I want to thank everyone for doing their part to ensure that our students were able to participate and compete.

For all Covid-19 guidance for home and away activities, please refer to our school website. Go to fortcalhounschool.org – COVID (Top right of main page) - Click on the desired sport. Information is updated on a daily basis. You can also find Covid-19 guidance on the school activities twitter- @ftcactivities. Although every school will follow the Nebraska Directed Health Measures, each school will look a little different. For the most updated information, please visit our school website or check our activities twitter page on the day of the activity.

Spring Activities: No attendance restrictions for Baseball, Golf, or Track. Masks are required at the gate, concessions, and restrooms. While outside, masks may be removed if social distancing by 6 feet can be achieved. Please sit in family pods while attending activities.

Summer Strength & Conditioning is right around the corner for incoming 7-12 students. Please reach out to Coach Shepardson with any questions. ashepardson@ftcpioneers.org.

Summer Dead Weeks (No Strength Training or Practices):

- May 22nd-June 1st
- June 26th-July 4th
- August 1st-August 8th

Thank you,

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Fort Calhoun Community Schools use an automated system to notify families of emergencies or weather-related closings. Make sure all your contact numbers, and e-mail addresses are up-to-date by calling your child's respective schools.



PFE Movie Night has been rescheduled
Friday May 7, 2021
High School Practice Field

More information will come home with students.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GRADUATION

Whether you are graduating, having a son, daughter, grandchild, any relative or someone close to you graduating it is an exciting time of year. Many of us probably remember our own graduation and how exciting it was. Did you know what you were going to do after graduation? Many of us took different roads as will this graduating class, the one thing we all have in common is high school is over. That in itself brings about mixed feelings, it was safe to know we were headed back to high school but most are ready to move on even if it is a little scary.

Graduation brings together family and friends that support our graduates as they celebrate the conclusion of high school. It might seem like it would never get here for the seniors but for parents it went so fast. Every-one tells you it does and it wasn't that you didn't believe them but you just don't realize it until the final year and how fast it really does go.

To the graduates I would say, "congratulations, you are entering the next phase of your life and I wish all of you well. Find your purpose in life; take time to explore and building positive relationships. Your time in high school has passed and I hope it was a good experience for you but what you are now venturing into will be different, new and exciting. Take the lessons learned over the past years and put them to good use, your success will be connected to your ability to make good decisions and overcome bad ones. You will make both, hopefully more good. Congratulations and Good Luck."

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



The Graduation Ceremony is not open to the public this year, but will be available live free of charge. It begins at 2:00 PM Saturday May 9, 2021. Click on FC Live at the top of our website and follow the instructions.



MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

Here is information regarding the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 8th. The graduation ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2:00 pm. Graduation is NOT open to the public as attendance is by invite only. If you cannot attend in person and want to watch the ceremony, you may go to the school website and click on the FC Live link at the top of the website. The ceremony will be streamed online free of cost.

Each graduate is allowed to invite up to 12 guests to attend. Masks are mandatory in order to attend and we ask that all families sit together as a group to minimize the mixing of groups. We ask families to not exceed the attendance limitations.

Senior’s, I wish each of you all the best in the future! It has been an awesome experience to be a part of each of your lives. You are all amazing individuals and there is no doubt in my mind that as a collective group, you will go on to do wonderful things! As you embark on your new adventures, remember to know the way, go the way, and show the way. As Pioneers, we always preach finding your passion and purpose in life. Aim high, reach for the stars! You truly can do anything you set your mind to. Whatever you decide to do in life, remember, show up on time - come with a positive attitude - and be kind.

“Education is our passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”
-Malcolm X



Congratulations to our Winter Sports NCPA Academic All-State Nominations: Boys Basketball- **Jayden Hunter** and **Austin Welchert**, Girls Basketball- **Kenzie Hansen** and **Tessa Skelton**, and Wrestling- **John McKennan** and **Lance Olberding**.

Cameron Reynolds, Gabe Anduze, Trey McCoy, Katie Barta, Glenn Hunter and **Tilden Nottlemann** all earned awards from the 2021 Audubon Society of Omaha Art Contest. **Gabe** was “Best of Show 9-12”.

All State Basketball honors have been announced. **Zane Schwarz, Carsen Schwarz** and **Brant Hilzendeger** were named Honorable Mention by the *Lincoln Journal Star*. **Zane, Carsen** and **Brant** were also named All State Honorable Mention by the *Omaha World Herald*. **Zane, Carsen** and **Brant** were also named All Omaha Area Honorable Mention by the *Omaha World Herald* as were **Tessa Skelton** and **Bria Bench**.



- 5/4 High School Band Spring Concert
- 5/8 Graduation 2:00 PM
- 5/9 Mother’s Day
- 5/10 School Board Meeting
- 5/11 High School Jazz Band Concert
- 5/17 PFE Meeting
- 5/18 Jr-Sr High Spring Choir Concert
- 5/19-20 State Track Meet
- 5/21 Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
- 5/22-6/1 Summer Dead Week--No Training or Practices
- 5/24 Teacher Inservice
- 5/31 Memorial Day

*Activities are subject to change and Restricted Admittance may be announced due to COVID-19.

TITLE IX INFORMATION

Fort Calhoun Community Schools Board of Education passed Policy 3057 at their August 10, 2020 meeting addressing all areas of discrimination. This policy can be found on the schools’ website fortcalhounschoools.org. Go to “About, Board of Education, Policies” and scroll down to Policy 3057-Title IX.

WEIGHT ROOM USE

The high school weight room is available for use by District patrons. A fob is issued for a fee of \$50.00 which renews each June 1st. If you have any questions contact Mr. Andrew Christensen at 402-468-5591.

Elementary News
Your Proud Principal: Drew R. Wagner

Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The excitement is in the air! Get those sunglasses and tubes of sunblock ready. We are planning to host our annual Field Day on Thursday, May 13. The 3rd-6th grade students will be in the morning at 8:30-11:15am. The K-2nd grade students will be in the afternoon at 12:30-2:30pm. Since this event is outside we are not putting a limit on guest requirements. Please feel free to join us. Additionally, since this event is outside masks will be optional. Please be aware of social distancing while moving around during this event. The building will be off limits unless you have to use the restrooms. We ask you not to roam the hallways at this time. The district continues to follow a mask mandate policy while inside the building. Thank you for being respectful and following our guidelines of this event. We are excited to see you soon. Have a superb day!

Pioneer STRONG!

- Upcoming Events
- April 26-30: K-2 NWEA Testing; 3-6 Dibels
 - May 3-7: 3-6 NWEA Testing; K-2 Dibels
 - May 13: Field Day
 - May 21: 6th Grade Tea/Celebration; Last day of school for students (11:15am dismissal)

SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS

We are growing and to be prepared we continually maintain a census of all our residents to determine future needs.

Please help us with our child count by reporting your children up to 18 years old. If you have not already notified us or there has been a change in your household, call the District office at 402-468-5591 with your information. If you have new neighbors pass this on to them. We would like to hear from you whether you have school-age children or not so we may keep everyone up-to-date with District information.

FORT CALHOUN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT CENSUS RECORD

Resident: Last _____ First _____ Mailing Address: _____ Zip _____

Spouse _____ Residence Address: (if different) _____

Occupation _____ County _____ Phone # _____

He/She _____

Other Adults Living at Same Address _____

Date _____ For Office Use Only: _____ Census ID # _____

NAME OF CHILD/SOC. SEC. # (Birth to 21 Years)	ID #	SEX M F	DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YY	PLACE OF BIRTH CITY/STATE

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