

FORT CALHOUN JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL IMMEDIATE FULL TIME OPENING

½ Time Accompanist – ½ Time Office Assistant



Fort Calhoun Jr./Sr. High School is looking for a choir accompanist to assist with our middle and high school choirs and an office assistant to be responsible for the district's copying/production and other office duties. The accompanist will work under the supervision of the choral director, is a partner in the vocal music department and includes at least 6 additional evening and/or daytime performances.

Other qualifications include: works well with students, ability to play open score and vocal octavo pieces, ability to follow conductor's gesture, and ability to play a variety of musical styles. The office assistant will be under the supervision of the high school principal and will be trained in the duties upon hiring.

Hours are 7:45 – 3:30 M-Th and 7:45 – 1:30 F every day school is in session. Some inservices are also required. Fort Calhoun is located 15 minutes north of Omaha on Hwy 75.

To apply go to fortcalhounschoools.org, Board of Education, Human Relations, Job Openings, and follow the directions. Subject to a veteran's benefit. EOE

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WELCOME TO FORT CALHOUN

Our community is growing and we want to be prepared. We are counting students in our District to determine future needs.

Residents: Please help us with our child count by reporting your children up to 18 years old. If you have not already notified us through the census or there has been a change in your household, call the District office at 402-468-5591 with your information.

TITLE IX INFORMATION

Fort Calhoun Community Schools Board of Education's Policy 3057 addresses 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.

OPTION ENROLLMENT 2022-23

The Option Enrollment application period for the 2022-23 school year is now open through March 15, 2022. Forms are available on our website or at the school offices. The School Board sets class size and program parameters in February/March then applicants are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. According to State law, all applicants must be notified one way or the other by April 1st.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Expectations

First semester was a bit of a roller coaster. We continue to battle the complexity of COVID and all that comes with it. We finalized some major projects and look to start a couple more. We saw students and staff excel and others struggle. With the families of students and staff we also saw birth and sadly we saw death. As we experience all the items that life throws at us, we must continue to have high expectations in our education, activities, work and in life.

What are our hopes and dreams moving forward, what does it mean to have high expectation? Here is a top ten list of ideas that will help us have high expectations for ourselves in all that we do.

10. Leave behind the negativity – thoughts and people. No time for this.
9. Find solutions and resolutions. Put your work toward a positive outcome.
8. Be curious before critical. A question gets more response than a reaction.
7. Care more. Enough said.
6. How you view adversity and change will define how you grow.
5. Love and accountability are needed for growth.
4. Believe in your team. Empower your team.
3. You get what you allow.
2. It not the event or circumstance that matters, it's your state of mind.
1. Think BIG!

None of these are uniquely mine. This list comes from many experiences, classes, books read, and speakers witnessed. A reflection of my notes as I get ready to start a new year, a new semester, a new month, a new day. I hope you all have a great holiday break and have time to re-energize your mind, body, and soul.

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



Mr. Andrew Christensen
Assistant Principal
Athletic Director



Pioneers,

Blizzard Blowout Holiday Basketball Tournament

- The girls program defeated Sandy Creek and Centura to become 2021 Blizzard Blowout Champions! Congratulations!
- The boys program defeated Sandy Creek on day one of the tournament, and then lost to Howells Dodge in the championships game on day two. Fort Calhoun finished as the Blizzard Blowout Runner Up.

Important Activity Dates:

- Basketball
 - o January 8th- Youth Dance Camp at the high school basketball games.
 - o January 18th- Basketball FCYSO Night and Teammates Chuck a Duck Fundraiser
 - o February 8th- Parents Night
- Wrestling
 - o January 27th- Parents Night and Youth Night

Winter Activities: Please know we are dependent upon the NSAA, Three Rivers Health Department, and the NDE to establish our winter plans. Information continues to come and change, and we will communicate through the winter seasons. Our coaches are going above and beyond to provide a safe environment for our students in the weight room, skill development, and practices.

New Gym Activities Only- A live streaming system will be offered through nfhsnetwork.com. A camera has been installed in our competition gym and football field. With a subscription, fans will have access to watch live activities at Fort Calhoun High School. A portion of the subscription comes back to Fort Calhoun Schools. The live stream is only in the new gym. We will play as many games in the new gym as possible, but some games will have to be played in the old gym without the live stream.

- Monthly Subscription- \$10.99
- Annual Subscription- \$69.99

Thank you,

Andrew Christensen
Assistant Principal/AD



The NSAA has released its Fall 2021-22 Academic All State list. For Fort Calhoun:

Boys Cross-Country: **Jacob Rupp, Johnathon Schwarte**
Girls Cross-Country: **Bria Bench, Tess Skelton**
Football: **Grayson Bouwman, Austin Welchert**
Play Production: **AJ Pace, Tess Skelton**

Softball: **Katie Barta, Bella Benoit**

Volleyball: **Grace Genoways, Tilden Nottleman**

The 2020-21 Academic All State list was released earlier this year by the *Lincoln Journal Star*. Fort Calhoun students named were:

B GTF Katie Barta FB Jayce Douchev GBB SB Mackenzie Hansen
BBB FB Jayden Hunter BXC BTF WR John McKennan BXC BTF Jacob Rupp
GXC GBB Tessa Skelton VB Kaitlin Smith GTF VB Rianna Wells

221 student-athletes are six-time Academic All-State honorees. John McKennan was one of them.

Elementary News

Mr. PJ Mallette
Interim Elementary Principal

Happy winter break to ALL! Wow, as I reflect on the first semester, we had challenges and so many successes. I want to highlight some of those successes.

1. Student Resiliency-In our evolving world students are being faced with a variety of challenges, yet the expectations remain high. Our students at Fort Calhoun Elementary continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. So the success here is students showing up and putting in the work!
2. Teacher Resiliency-Similar to students, the profession of education continues to evolve but the expectations are high. The teachers at Fort Calhoun Elementary are putting in countless hours to help students grow and reach their potential while knowing each individual student to best meet their learning needs to get to the next level.
3. Community Resiliency-After one of the most challenging years in history (last year) we were hopeful and optimistic about what the future held. Well, we were faced with several challenges yet this year, but came together at the end of the day and did/do what is best for kids. Although sometimes we agree to disagree, we keep pushing, supporting, and moving forward!

For those who recall our theme of this school year, well we are hitting the mark. Nothing will keep us down because we are resilient, we are Fort Calhoun! I'm excited to see what the future holds.



- 1/3-5 Vacation Continues
No School
- 1/5 Teacher Inservice
- 1/6 School Resumes
- 1/8 Youth Dance Camp
- 1/10 School Board Meeting
- 1/16 TeamMates Activity @ HS
- 1/18 FCYSO Night @ Basketball Games
- 1/21 Wee Screen

WEE SCREEN



Wee Screen will take place January 21, 2022. More information to come.



Preschool registration will take place from February 1st - March 1st 2022. Watch for more information on the school's website.

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MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

I hope everyone has had a great winter break...you all deserve it! This has always been a great time to be surrounded by your family and friends as you celebrate the holidays and the start of a new year. I have spent a lot of time over the past few days thinking about a New Year's Resolution. I of course think of all the possible things from how to be more helpful around the house to how can I go above and beyond to help other people. I think about how I take better care of myself as a person, both physically and mentally. As I look at all the possible things that I want to focus on for the 2021-2022 school year, I keep coming back to one thing - Being more positive in my daily routine. I am going to work on being more positive about myself, what I am doing every day, and being more positive around others. I think that one thing that we can never get enough of is positive energy.

I challenge everyone to keep a positive attitude during the year 2022. I spent some time looking up ways to be more positive and here are some of the things that kept coming up: Don't Wait for Happiness, Clarify and Prioritize, Be Resilient, Self Pep Talk, Laugh Away and Smile, Seize the Day, Be an Optimist, Start Accepting and Stop Expecting, and Use Positive Language.

Even if you take one of these tips from above and use it, that will get you starting in a positive direction. I often hear people say that positive energy is contagious. Be one of those who are spreading positive energy this year. Hope you have a GREAT year in 2022!

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."—Dr. Seuss

The Nebraska Coaches Association has named its All State Teams for Fall Sports. **Ely Olberding, Lance Olberding** and **Jacob Rupp** were named to the Class C 1 All State Team.

The Class C 1-3 All District Football Team has been announced. 1st Team members are **Clint Dierks, Jayce Douchev, Tristan Fuhrman, Jesse Hartline, Zane Schwarz,** and **Austin Welchert.** Honorable Mention honors went to **John Doyle, Ty Hallberg,** and **Michael Pratt.**



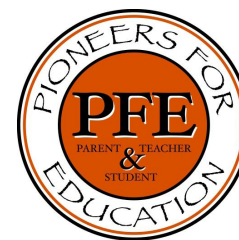
John Doyle, Clint Dierks and **Zane Schwarz** were named All Omaha Area Honorable Mention Football by the *Omaha World Herald*. **John, Clint** and **Zane** were also named as All Nebraska Class C-1 Honorable Mention by the *Omaha World Herald*. Final Stat Leaders Omaha Area were also mentioned. **Clint** was noted for Rushing, **Ty Hallberg** was noted for Passing, **Zane** was noted for Receiving, **Grayson Bouwman** was noted for Punting,

and the **Fort Calhoun Football Team** had the 3rd highest Team Offense. Congratulations on a great season!

The **Fort Calhoun Girls Basketball Team** is the Champion of the 1st Annual Blizzard Blowout Basketball Tourney. The **Boys Team** brought home the Runner-Up trophy. Congratulations to all the players and coaches!

Follow all our athletes and their accomplishments on the Sports Twitter page. Its on our website under "Pioneer Pride".

PFE News



Happy New Year from Pioneers for Education! We hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday break. Now that we are all refreshed and reenergized its time to look toward the last half of the school year. The next Pioneers for Education meeting will be held Monday, January 17th at 6:30pm. Please consider attending to hear about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

PFE is helping to bring a bit of creativity into 2022. We are happy to announce Art After School will be returning! More information will be coming in Thursday Folders. Also be

on the look out for Original Works order forms as they will be coming home in February. This is really great opportunity to get your child's artwork immortalized on a wide variety of fun products! You can find information on becoming a PFE member on our PFE Facebook Page, on the school website, or by contacting us directly at pioneersforeducation@gmail.com. Come have fun with us!

Your Officer Team, Brad Earley- President; Matt Reichert- Vice President; Shannon Pokorski- Treasurer
Joey Iwen- Secretary; Nicole Duros- Communication Coordinator

MEAL BENEFIT APPLICATIONS

Because of the COVID pandemic and schools' situations nationwide, the USDA extended the waivers to schools to furnish free meals to all school age children through the 2021-22 school year. Fort Calhoun Community Schools, under the direction of the Nebraska Child Nutrition Program, will provide free first school meals to all students K-12. Letters were sent to all households explaining the program at the beginning of the school year. Let us know if you have questions.

Even though first meals are free, there are EBT, scholarship, carryover meals, fee waiver, SCHIP, and or grant opportunities for families and students who would qualify for meal benefits. If you feel this would be a benefit, we urge you to complete the "Free and Reduced-Priced Meal Application" that was sent home with each student at the beginning of the year. It is also available on our website under Food Services.



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 correct by updating your Student Profile or calling your child's respective schools.



As more and more of the schools' information is sent by electronic means, it is imperative that all pertinent contact information for parents/guardians is up to date. Contact your child's school with any new or updated phone numbers, e-mail addresses or text information.



Making a Difference with Every Meal

Visit our website at www.fortcalhounschoos.org