

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



Chuck a Duck Scholarship Fundraiser

1/2 time at both boys and girls basketball games on 12/9/21
\$1.00 per duck \$5.00 for 6 ducks
Throw your duck from the bleachers and whoever gets closest to or hits the target will win a prize.

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

First Semester's Top Ten

Where did it go, first semester went by so fast. As I look back through the semester and through the years, I can't believe how fast time goes. From times long ago to our most recent history, please make sure you are taking time to enjoy it. "It" goes by very quickly. I have put together a top ten list, mostly of people, that have been instrumental in our first semester success.

10. Parent Support – Very important to the success of the school and students.
9. Maintenance and Custodial Staff - Inside and out of the building they get it done.
8. Technology Coordinator and Transportation – Try and run a school day without these people.
7. School Nurses – Pre-K-12 position, over 800 students and staff. Wow!
6. Food Service Director and Cooks – Feeding over 800 students and staff daily.
5. Teachers/Specialist/Staff - Teaching, educating, and much more.
4. Christmas Break - We all need it.
3. Administrative Team – Working together to do the very best for everyone.
2. Secretaries and Office Personnel - They do it all.
1. Students - The reason I became a teacher and stay in this crazy business.

"The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth."--Dan Rather
Abraham Lincoln once said, "The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time."

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools





Pioneers,

Congratulation to our All-District, All-Conference, and Academic All-State nominations from our fall seasons:

- Cross Country
 - State Medalists- Jacob Rupp (3), Ely Olberding (4), and Lance Olberding (5)
 - Boys State Champions!!!
 - Academic All-State- Tessa Skelton and Jacob Rupp
- Football
 - All-District- Clint Dierks, Zane Schwarz, Jayce Douchev, Tristan Fuhrman, Jesse Hartline, and Austin Welchert
 - Honorable Mention- Grayson Bouwman, John Doyle, Ty Hallberg, and Michael Pratt
 - Academic All-State- Grayson Bouwman and Austin Welchert
- Softball
 - 2nd Team NCC- Katie Barta
 - Honorable Mention All-Conference- Samantha Brewer, Addie Benoit, Maddie Reed, Anna Taylor, and Kaylee Taylor
 - Academic All-State- Katie Barta and Bella Benoit
- Volleyball
 - Academic All-State- Grace Genoways and Tilden Nottleman
- One Act
 - Academic All-State- Tessa Skelton and AJ Pace

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



Fort Calhoun Drama Club Community Performance

The One-Act Play *Small Actors* will be performed on Sunday December 5th at 3:00 PM in the Auxiliary Gym at the High School.

The community is invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person.

Elementary News

Mr. PJ Mallette
Interim Elementary Principal

Hello Pioneer Nation! December has arrived and so has state testing. Our staff and students continue to strive for greatness and push their boundaries for continual growth. To help ensure preparedness please help in providing a nutritious breakfast and having students get adequate sleep the night before. When students are set up with the necessary resources they are much more successful! As we move along in December an important date coming up is December 14, which is the Winter Music Program. I hope all can attend this wonderful program. The kids have been fine-tuning their vocals while memorizing their music. Lastly, thank you for your continued support, and Happy Holidays!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PRESCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A public meeting of the Preschool Advisory Committee has been called and will be held by the Fort Calhoun Community Schools. The public meeting will be held on Thursday December 9th 2021 at 3:15 o'clock PM and will take place at Fort Calhoun Elementary School, 1020 Monroe Street Fort Calhoun Nebraska. The public hearing will be to discuss, consider, receive input, and for coordinating and conveying community interests and concerns related to the early childhood program.



- 12/1 Red Cross Blood Drive
Vaccination Clinic for 5-11 Year
Olds 3:30-5:30 High School
- 12/5 Community Performance
One Act Play "Small Actors"
3:00 PM HS Auxiliary Gym
- 12/9 Preschool Advisory Committee
Meeting
Team Mates Fundraiser @
Boys/Girls Basketball Games

- 12/12 Jr Sr High Band Christmas Concert
- 12/13 School Board Meeting
- 12/14 Elementary Winter Choir Program
- 12/16 Jr Sr High Choir Winter Concert
- 12/21 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Early Dismissal
- 12/22-12/26
NSAA Moritorium
- 12/22-1/5
NO SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 12/28-29
Holiday Girls & Boys Basketball
Tourney @ Centura HS
- 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 1/6 School Resumes

MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Principal

As 2021 is coming to an end, are you thinking about what you accomplished this year? Have you left things undone? If so, there is still time to finish strong. Keep your eye on the target. In the hustle and bustle of the year, we tend to get caught up in all of the things that surround our goal. We get so busy that we actually ignore the most basic principle of success; prioritizing what matters most and what matters least. Don't lose sight of your goal. Prioritize what is most meaningful right now and allow that to carry you forward. Do not worry about the past, only focus on the present. Make sure your efforts are geared towards the outcome instead of wondering what you have missed along the year. There is no better day to begin than today.

Students, as you relate this to school, this may be a great time to re-focus and re-direct as we near the semester's end. Remember what really matters. Align your goals with your priorities. As you go along the way: Simplify, Focus, Execute. Keep your eye on your target.

All glory comes from daring to begin.-Anonymous



The Class C1-3 All District Football Team has been announced. 1st Team members are **Clint Dierks, Jayce Douchey, Tristan Fuhrman, Jesse Hartline, Zane Schwarz,** and **Austin Welchert.** Honorable Mention honors went to **John Doyle, Ty Hallberg,** and **Michael Pratt.** Congratulations!

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.



*12/12 Jr-Sr High Band Christmas Concert
12/14 Elementary Winter Choir Program
12/16 Jr-Sr High Choir Winter Concert*

**Unrestricted admittance; Streaming free of charge on nfhsnetwork.com. This link is on the school website.*

Visit our website at
www.fortcalhounschoools.org



PFE News

Greetings from Pioneers for Education! We encourage everyone to stop by the Elementary School and see the updates to the playground. Through a partnership with the City of Fort Calhoun and the Fort Calhoun Community Schools Foundation, PFE funds have helped create a safer playground for all to enjoy! We have gotten overwhelmingly positive feedback on this and couldn't be happier to be a part of it!Reminder that Pioneer Pride Spirit Fridays are every Friday all school year long.

We have updated the prizes so that the top 3 classes will earn the rewards. Help your kiddos remember their orange and black on Fridays!! We wish every family in our amazing community a Happy Holiday Season! We will be anxious to get back to work after the holiday break and hope to see you join in. 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! The next Pioneers for Education meeting will be held Monday, January 17th at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year!

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.



Making a Difference with Every Meal

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.



Post Prom Lasagna Dinner Benefit

Thursday
December 9, 2021
5-8 PM
High School Commons



During the JV and Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball Games

