



PFE News

Greetings from Pioneers for Education! The school year is in full swing and so are we! Thank you to everyone that stopped by our tables at Back to School Night and Fall Sports Kickoff. It was so great seeing all the new and familiar faces. Our Membership Drive is underway. You can find information on becoming a PFE member in Thursday Folders, on our PFE Facebook Page, on the school website, or by contacting us directly at pioneersforeducation@gmail.com. Come join this fun group and help create memorable experiences for the students and staff of Fort Calhoun Community Schools. Corporate Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Any businesses wanting more information please reach out to an officer or email PFE. September is shaping up to be a busy month. The Homecoming Parade is on September 16th. Keep an eye out for our float as it will showcase the artistic talents of some of our elementary students. The Walk-a-Thon will take place September 23rd. Fundraising has already begun and our Pioneer Family is rocking it! Keep those donations coming in! The next Pioneers for Education meeting will be held Monday September 19th at 7:30pm. Please show your support and attend the meeting!

Your Officer Team: Matt Reichert- President, Chris Roberts- Vice President, Shannon Pokorski-Treasurer, Jami Biodrowski- Secretary, Nicole Duros- Communication Coordinator



SKILLS USA HOG ROAST
SEPTEMBER 16, 2022
4:30-7:00 PM

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
FROM ANY
SKILLS USA MEMBER



COMMUNITY 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 yearly each June 1st. If you have any questions contact Mr. Jamie Schleifer at 402-468-5591.



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



HAPPENINGS

9/5	Labor Day-No School
	Band in Septemberfest Parade
9/12	Budget Hearing School Board Meeting
9/16	Homecoming Parade/Coronation Football Game
9/17	Homecoming Dance
9/19	PFE Meeting
9/21	PK-12 Picture Day
9/23	Elementary Walk-a-Thon
9/26	No School

OPTION ENROLLMENT 2023-24

The Option Enrollment application period for the 2023-24 school year is now open through March 15, 2023. Forms are available on our website or at the school offices. The School Board sets class size and program parameters in February/March and according to State law, all applicants must be notified one way or the other by April 1st. Applicants are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Be Hungry

As we get started with the first few weeks of school, I would like to share some words from Jon Gordon that motivate me. Please “Be Hungry” as we take on the days, weeks, and years ahead.

BE HUNGRY

- Follow your passion, continuously improve, and continue to dream.
- Seek out new ideas, new strategies and new ways to push yourself out of your comfort zone.
- Invest time, energy, sweat and dedication to be your best.
- Be willing to pay the price that greatness requires. Don't be average. Strive to be great.
- Become the hardest worker you know.
- Love the process and you'll love what the process produces.
- Decide to leave a legacy. Even at a young age it's important to think about what legacy you want to leave because knowing how you want to be remembered helps you decide how to live today.
- Don't focus on where you've been. Focus on where you are and where you are going.
- Make your life and work a quest for excellence. Every day ask how I can be better today than I was yesterday?
- Make your next work your best work.

-Jon Gordon

Jerry Green
Superintendent
Fort Calhoun Community Schools



WELCOME TO FORT CALHOUN

Residents: Please help us with our work to keep our community up to date. 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. We publish a *Dispatch* monthly during the school year with 4 of the editions being mailed to each household and the remaining editions posted on our website fortcalhounschoos.org.

MR. NICK WEMHOFF, Principal

We have completed our third full week of school already, where does the time go? It has been awesome to see our students here working hard every day. As we enter the month of September we have seen grades hitting the grade book, NWEA testing come and pass, and HS and JRH sports seasons in full swing. In the next few paragraphs, I highlighted a few things I think everyone should be aware of.

Academic eligibility begins Tuesday, September 6th. Any student failing one or more classes will be ineligible to compete in any school-sponsored activity. Students who are ineligible are still expected to attend practices and games. If they participate in an activity that would leave school before the end of the school day, they are not allowed to miss school time when academically ineligible and would not be able to travel with the team. As soon as their grades are all back to passing, they are immediately eligible to participate in competitions.

The HELP process for students who are missing homework is in place again this year. For grades 7-8, that will be on Fridays from 1:30-2:30. For grades 9-12, that will be after school until 4:15 Monday - Thursday. HELP is designed to assist your child academically by giving them time to complete missing homework. Our goal is for students to have all homework completed which increases their probability of passing their classes.

Homecoming week will be here soon. Homecoming is the week of September 12th. The Homecoming parade and pep rally are currently scheduled for Friday, September 16th. The parade will take place down 15th street as it has in the past beginning at 12:30 pm. The Homecoming pep rally will be at the football field immediately after the parade. The Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, September 25th at the HS. Information regarding the dance will be shared with students as we near that date.

“Your success and happiness lie in you”.-Helen Keller

Elementary News
Your Principal: Drew R. Wagner
Engaging + Learning + Achieving = Productive PIONEERS!

As I sit here and process my thoughts for this school year up to this point, I am overwhelmed with pride. There has been so much progression from one year to the next. Of course the education experience you are a part of is second to none, but we also believe in providing a well-rounded experience for each student that enters this school. The partnership that is created from school to home must be solid to perform the duties we all take on. Let’s keep that going!

We wanted to make sure to provide you all with an ELA program update. When we take on something new like this ELA program, we must keep in mind to be patient and flexible. It is coming along nicely. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to get a hold of your classroom teacher. Let’s continue to work together and communicate!

Lastly, as we enter September, I am reminded of what my mom always used to say to me when I was younger..stay out of trouble! She did say that, but that’s not what I wanted to share. Actually she always reminded me to be curious before critical. I didn’t realize this concept when I was younger, but as I continue to put years under my belt, this makes sense. I would like to challenge each of you to be curious before critical. If you are hearing something, please take time to investigate and ask questions. This school means everything to us, and I am sure it means something to you. Let’s continue to make Fort Calhoun a great place to educate our future. Let’s take time to be curious and investigate before we are critical and poison a healthy environment. Please take this how you see fit.

Thank you all for your continuous support of your child’s education. You are in an outstanding environment for success.

Be thankful, stay positive, and encourage a growth mindset. Take care! Go PIONEERS!

Respectfully,
Drew R. Wagner



Jamie Schleifer
Assistant Principal/AD

Fall activities are off to a great start and we are excited to watch our students compete in the sports/activities they love! Thank you for all the support this fall and continue to come out and support our Pioneers!

As we move through fall activities, I want to give everyone a reminder that winter sports are right around the corner! Athletes not involved in a fall sport who plan to go out for a winter sport should look for pre-season workout information from their respective coaches in the upcoming months.

Winter Physical Form Information: I want to remind parents of students who plan to participate in athletics this winter in grades 7-12 need to submit their physical to the main HS office. The sports physical must take place after May 1, 2021 to qualify them for the 2021-2022 school year. The specific line we are looking for is “the athlete is cleared without restrictions to participate in athletics.” Any student that has a 2021 fall Sports Physical does not need a new physical form for winter activities.

- Winter Sport Start Dates:
- High School Basketball and Wrestling- Monday, November 14th
 - Junior High Boys Basketball- Monday, October 24th
 - Junior High Girls Basketball- Monday, January 9th
 - Junior High Wrestling- Monday, January 9th

- Pioneer Fans: 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.
- Monthly Subscription- \$10.99
 - Annual Subscription- \$69.99

- Fort Calhoun Season Passes are still available at Jr./Sr. High games and in the High School office:
- Family- \$150
 - Single Adult- \$70
 - Student (K-12)- \$50

Good luck to all of coaches and students this fall! Watching our student athletes compete in fall activities has been outstanding. Go Pioneers!

Mr. Schleifer



The 2022 Homecoming Court has been announced!

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| Dala Drowne | Sam Halford |
| Grayce Genoways | Glenn Hunter |
| Angel Nelson | Avery Quinlan |
| Sophie Thomas | Austin Welchert |

Coronation will take place during the Homecoming Pep Rally in the stadium after the parade. The dance will take place on Saturday night at the High School.