



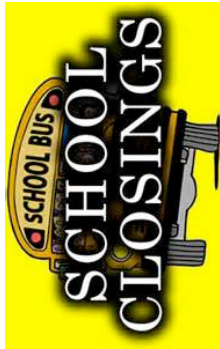
## SCHOOL IS STILL COOL IN FORT CALHOUN

### POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The School District does not discriminate on the basis of prohibited factors in employment and educational programs/activities. The School District affirmatively strives to provide equal opportunity for all as required by: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, or national origin. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 - prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender. Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA) as amended - prohibits discrimination on the basis of age with respect to individuals who are at least 40. The Equal Pay Act of 1963 as amended - prohibits gender discrimination in payment of wages to women and men performing substantially equal work in the same establishment. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - prohibits discrimination against the disabled. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) - prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in employment, public service, public accommodations and telecommunications. The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) - requires covered employers to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to "eligible" employees for certain family and medical reasons. The Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 - prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) - provides job protections and reemployment rights to military reservists and National Guard members called to active duty. The Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act (FEPA) - prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), disability, marital status, and retaliation. Nebraska Age Discrimination in Employment Act (Age Act) - prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of age for those individuals who are over 40 years of age. The Equal Pay Act of Nebraska - prohibits discriminatory wage practices based on sex. The Nebraska Equal Opportunity in Education Act - prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex (including pregnancy) by any educational institution. Veterans Preference Law (Neb. Rev. Stat §§ 48-225 to 48-231) - stipulates categorical preferences for employment for military veterans and for the spouses of disabled veterans. Additional School Board policies prohibit harassment and/or discrimination against students, employees, or patrons on the basis of sex, race, color, ethnic or national origin, religion, marital status, disability, age, pregnancy, and any other legally prohibited basis. Retaliation for engaging in a protected activity is also prohibited. Any person who believes she or he has been discriminated against, denied a benefit, or excluded from participation in any district education program or activity may file a complaint using the district's complaint procedures.. Inquiries regarding compliance with any of the laws referred to in this policy may be directed to the superintendent or to the district's Title IX and/or Section 504/ADA Coordinator.

### Special Recognition . . .

**Cameron Shaner** participated in Team Roping at the Iowa High School Rodeo over the Summer, qualified for the Short Round and placed 1st. He and his roping partner won the Average for the weekend.



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

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### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

The 2017-18 school year is just around the corner. The signs that Summer is coming to an end include the completion of summer sport camps as well as the start of Band Camp. The excitement is building toward the start of another great year here at the "FORT". This has been a crazy summer between construction at the Elementary and hiring new staff, we have been pretty busy.

You heard of the saying, "the best laid plans of mice and men", well keep that thought in mind when you read the next sentence or two. The construction of the elementary kitchen is behind schedule enough that we are making alternative plans for feeding the kids. The cafeteria is going to be finished on schedule but we will not have full use of the kitchen until the start of September. With that being said, we have already created a plan to cook all the food at the high school and have it transported to the elementary. Please be patient with us as we are trying to go with the flow and keep school running without any interruptions. The Kitchen/Cafeteria area will be completed for the start of September and we are hoping that the elevator side of the project will be done by October 1st. We do have a plan that will insure that your students are still safe and that school will run as normal as it can in the midst of construction. Please be patient with the process and if you have any questions with the situation please feel free to give me a call.

Now that I have gotten that out of the way, I can tell you other than construction I had a great summer preparing for the start of the 2017-18 school year. My wife Alice and I got our last kid off the payroll and he is gainfully employed with Ralston Public Schools. That is exciting and scary all at the same time, Alice and I will have to get familiar with each other again after 35 years of marriage and now have three, gainfully employed kids who I am proud to say are all educators. The schools continue to attract more families to our District and we are seeing more families buy homes in this awesome community.

Once again I am excited to serve another year as the Superintendent of this fine District. I am very blessed to live in a community that values education and the efforts of the teachers and staff to make this school one of the best in the state of Nebraska. Please come out and see how our students represent this District in all the great activities we offer here at the "FORT".

Thanks for your support and remember, call me if you have any question throughout this upcoming school year!

Dr. Johnson  
Superintendent of Schools



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[www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org)

**MR. NICK WEMHOFF**  
**Assistant Principal/AD**

Have you ever heard the old saying “hit the ground with your feet running”? That is exactly how this year is going to start! Before the first day of school on August 18th, we will have completed 2 weeks of high school fall sports practices and already have played 1 softball game. August 18th is the Fall Sports Kick-off, and August 21st is the first day of JRH fall practices. Hope everyone is buckled in and ready go to because here it comes!!! Here are some major topics as we start the year:

Sports Physicals. All athletes grades 7-12 out for sports needs to have a sports physical on file here at school before they can practice. You can either bring them to school or have them faxed – 402-468-5593. The most important verbage that we need on the sports physical is: “athlete is cleared for all physical activity without restriction”. Before you leave with the physical, make sure it says that before you leave the office.

High School Sports Practices. All fall sports for high school will begin on August 7th. Please make sure your athletes have gotten the practice schedule from their coach as the practices could be any time during the day since we are not in school for a couple weeks yet.

Fall Sports Kickoff. The volleyball and football scrimmages are set for Friday August 18th. Here is a look at the schedule for that day. Volleyball scrimmage will begin at 5:00 in the new gym. Team announcements of Cross Country, Softball, Cheer, and Dance will begin at 6:20 on the track. Football scrimmage will begin at 7:00. The Booster Club will be serving a meal from 5:00-7:00. All fall high school athletes eat for free. Please come and support the Booster Club!!! Other items for sale that day will be: Apparel, Booster Club Memberships, and Season Passes. PS. The Booster Club needs desserts for the fall sports kickoff meal. If you are able to bring a dessert, please send me an email so I can let the Booster Club know for planning purposes.

First Day of Junior High Sports Practices. The first day will be Monday August 21st for football, volleyball, and cross country. Due to the late start of school this year, this really comes up quickly! I will have information to give the athletes on Friday August 18th. I can tell you right now that on the 18th, all those sports will practice after school and will be done by 5:00 pm.

Athletic Season Passes. These passes are good for regular season home events only. They do not admit you into games for Conference, District, or State events. The pass prices are: Elementary Student \$20, Junior High and High School Student \$30, Single Adult \$50, Family pass \$110 (includes immediate family members only – 2 adult passes and your student passes as needed for your family). These are available for purchase at the fall sports kickoff, at any home activity, or the high school office.

I look forward to having all our students back in the school and filling our hallways again and I want to wish everyone the best 2017-2018 school year that they can possibly have!

*“Where the willingness is great, the difficulties cannot be great.”*  
*- Niccolo Machiavelli*

**Mr. Jerry Green**  
**Secondary Principal**

***Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year***

7th Grade Orientation

7th Grade Orientation will be held on August 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the new gym. All 7th grade parents and students are encouraged to attend. Also any new 8th grade students to our building are welcome as well. Following orientation students will receive their iPads. Please have an Apple ID ready.

New Student iPad Orientation

On August 9th we will be hosting a new student iPad orientation for any students who did not attend school at Fort Calhoun last year. Orientation will begin in the auxiliary gym at 6:30 p.m. Please have an Apple ID ready.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Student drop off will be that same as last year. All students must enter the building through the main entrance.

After school students that are being picked up by a driver will exit the south doors and be picked up in the south parking lot. Please use the same system that we used before. Drivers should enter the east entrance, pull up to the curb for pick up and exit the west side of the parking lot. Students that walk to school will also exit out the south doors.

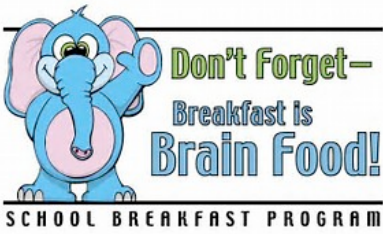
Students who drive or ride the bus will exit out the main entrance.

The students’ first day of school will be Friday, August 18th. Students will be released at 11:30 a.m.

**COMMUNITY WEIGHT ROOM USE**



The renewal date for weight room access fobs is June 1st each year. Come to the High School Office to renew. The price is \$20.00. Fobs not renewed will be deactivated. If you have any questions contact Mr. Nick Wemhoff at 402-468-5591.



Breakfast is now being served at 7:45 AM in both buildings every morning that school is in session.

So all of our students can take advantage of this service, bus routes have been adjusted for bus riders to arrive at the buildings in time to eat. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we continue to make “the Fort” the best it can be.



**FOOD SERVICE PRICES 2017-18**

<u>ELEMENTARY K-6</u>	
Student Breakfast	1.50
Adult Breakfast	2.00
Student Lunch	2.25
Seconds (Second Entrée)	1.50
Second Lunch	2.25
Milk	0.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30*
Reduced Lunch	.40*
Adult Lunch	3.55

<u>SECONDARY 7-12</u>	
Student Breakfast	2.00
Adult Breakfast	2.10
Student Lunch	2.60
Seconds (Second Entrée)	1.50
Second Lunch	2.60
Milk	0.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30*
Reduced Lunch	.40*
Adult Lunch	3.55

\* Required by Federal Legislation

Lunch benefit information will be sent home the first day of school. Please make sure your children have money in their account for meals. Carryover benefits will run for 30 days until 9/29/17. If no application or information has been received by that date, students will be charged full price for meals beginning on 10/2/17. e-Funds and benefit information is also available on our website, [www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org).

**SEASON/ACTIVITY PASSES 2017-18**

Prices remain the same as 2017-18 \*\*\*

Elementary Students K-6	\$20.00
Jr-Sr High 7-12	\$30.00
Each Adult	\$50.00
Family Pass (Immediate Family)	\$110.00

Individual Admission Prices – Varsity Home Contests  
\$4.00 Students K-12  
\$5.00 Adults

Individual Admission Prices – JV and Lower  
\$2.00 Students K-12  
\$3.00 Adults

Golden Age Conference Passes are available **FREE OF CHARGE** to any patron over 60 who requests one.

\*\*\*FORT CALHOUN SEASON PASSES DO NOT INCLUDE ADMISSION TO ANY CONFERENCE, DISTRICT OR STATE CONTEST HELD AT FORT CALHOUN OR THAT FORT CALHOUN MIGHT HOST.

**Support Your Local Athletes**  
**Fall Sports Kick Off**  
**Fort Calhoun Booster Club Sign Up**

The annual Fall Sports Kick Off will be held on Friday August 18th at the High School. Dinner will be served from 5-7 PM with scrimmages taking place in various venues throughout the evening, team announcements being made at 6:20, culminating with a Football scrimmage at 7:00 PM.

The Fort Calhoun Booster Club supports all areas of Fort Calhoun Junior High and Senior High School athletics and invites you and family to join for the 2017-2018 school year. The purpose of the Booster Club at The Fort is to help support and maintain the athletic programs at Fort Calhoun Junior-Senior High Schools. This volunteer group maintains and improves the athletic equipment and sport facilities at The Fort.

Over the past ten years, the Booster Club and its generous supporters have provided the Pioneers with over \$200,000 in improvements and support, including bleachers, uniforms, scholarships, facilities, and equipment. In the past five years, we have purchased new uniforms for every sport, purchased an electronic timing system for our track program; and provided new and additional equipment for all of our sports programs.

This is all done by sponsors, individual memberships, and apparel and concession sales. Sign up at the Fall Sports Kick Off or you can find information about the Booster Club and the Membership Sign-Up Form on the school’s website ([www.fortcalhounschoools.org](http://www.fortcalhounschoools.org)), under Community Organizations.