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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S OFFICE

Holy Moly, the month of June flew by and we are already in the middle of July which means school is just around the corner. I hope this letter finds you enjoying all the cool activities that the summer months bring. As always I love to see all the kids in and out of the buildings coming to summer weight-lifting or doing some preseason work in the sport of their choice. Again this year we will be welcoming a lot of new students and families into our family here at the “Fort”. We are one of the rare small towns that are welcoming more kids into our district as opposed to losing them, which benefits our community greatly.

This summer has been a busy one preparing for some big changes for the 2019-20 school year. The change that your students will notice the most, especially at the high school, is the transition from iPads to Chromebooks. The rationale for this change is two-fold; first the Chromebook is more of a productivity tool and will look a lot more like the computers they will be using when they move to the “real world”. The second reason I like them so much is that we are able to manage them much better than the iPad and as a parent in the District I believe you will grow to appreciate that aspect. In relation to this technology news, due to a change in school law we are no longer able to charge a \$35 insurance fee for potential computer damage. Instead, if a computer is damaged it will be treated like a textbook and the family will be responsible for the cost of fixing it. The silver lining here is that the Chromebook is a very durable computer and it is also much cheaper to repair than the iPad.

The second big change in the District will come in the Spring when the new four-room addition will be started at the elementary. The addition is part of our long-term plan to move the district to a three-class-per-grade-level building at the elementary. This addition will help to keep our class sizes down and yet allow for additional growth both in students and State financial aid. It is an exciting time and I appreciate your support in this endeavor.

The 2019-20 school year looks to be another great year for all of us here at the “FORT”. As always we hope that you and your kids enjoy your experience here at the “FORT”. It is our intention to make the “FORT” a safe environment for all students and we need you parents to help us make this happen. The best way to do that is to be sure you are communicating your concerns to the appropriate staff members and that you support the effort of every classroom teacher. We strive to make the “FORT” a family-like environment and you as parents and community members need to work with us in the endeavor to make the experience here at our school the best experience for all of our students.

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 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



The supply list for Grades PK-6 is on the website, www.fortcalhoun-schools.org, under Schools, then Elementary. Secondary students should get supply information from their individual classes.

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.



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.



FOOD SERVICE
PRICES 2019-20

ELEMENTARY K-6

Student Breakfast	1.75
Adult Breakfast	2.35
Student Lunch	2.50
Seconds (2nd Entrée)	1.75
Second Lunch	2.50
Milk	0.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30*
Reduced Lunch	.40*
Adult Lunch	3.90

SECONDARY 7-12

Student Breakfast	2.25
Adult Breakfast	2.35
Student Lunch	2.85
Seconds (2nd Entrée)	2.00
Second Lunch	2.85
Milk	0.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30*
Reduced Lunch	.40*
Adult Lunch	3.90

* 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 9/27/19. If no application or information has been received by that date, students will be charged full price for meals beginning on 9/30/19. Benefits are not retro-active.** e-Funds and benefit information is also available on our website, www.fortcalhounschoools.org. Breakfast is served at 7:45 AM in both buildings every morning that school is in session. Bus routes times are scheduled for riders to arrive in time to eat.

Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

SEASON
ACTIVITY PASSES 2019-20***
Prices remain the same as 2018-19

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.

Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age
Students entering school (Kindergarten or 1 st Grade depending on the school district's entering grade)	3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4 th birthday 3 doses of Polio vaccine 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Students entering 7 th grade	Must be current with the above vaccinations AND receive 1 dose of Tdap (contain Pertussis booster)
Students transferring from outside the state at any grade	Must be immunized appropriately according to the grade entered.

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: http://dhs.ne.gov/Pages/reg_1173.aspx (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011)
Updated 01/26/2018



The PFE Officer Team is looking forward to the upcoming 2019-20 academic year. We have plans for more fundraising, more accountability and more fun! In order to reach our goals, we will be asking for help from each family in our district to make it a successful year. Everyone can contribute and there are many ways to support our students, teachers and staff that make “the Fort” so special.

Join PFE! Your opinions, your time, your input is all very important to the PFE. We have set a lofty goal of 40% of our families to be members by October 1. Membership is only \$25 per household. Watch for information in your Thursday folders when school starts.

Volunteer! Not a single event we do is possible without the help of our volunteers. While we appreciate every Mom that gives her time, Dads can help too. This year, PFE is going to make it even easier for you to use your talents to help our district. We know that parents are busy but here are a few reasons to give just a little bit of your time:

- Kids love seeing their parents at school! This is true especially for younger students but its true for others as well, they just may not be as eager to show it.
- Meet other parents in the district! Meet that new friend that your son or daughter keeps talking about at the dinner table, or better yet, meet their parents! Grown-ups need playdates too!
- More volunteers mean more fun! There are some popular events that may be cut this year if the PFE does not have the necessary help to make them happen. A few hours on your part can make a big difference!

Become a corporate sponsor: Calling all business owners! Corporate sponsor letters have hit the mail and if your business was somehow overlooked, it is not to late to contribute. This is a great way to show your Pioneer pride. Your PFE is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization and every bit of funding is used to support our students. New! Donations levels now range from \$150 – \$1,000.

Walk-a-Thon is right around the corner! Mark your calendars as September 20th is our 3rd Annual Walk-a-thon and our goals reflect the needs of our District. We envision making the playground an even safer and more comfortable place for our students to play, and the Walk-a-thon is the fuel that will make this possible. Information about the event will be sent home soon after school starts.

Looking forward to a great year!

Your 2019-20 PFE Officer Team is: Denise Work, President Sarah Tinkham, Vice President Natalie Cummings, Secretary
Michelle Dill, Treasurer Ronee Christensen, Communication Coordinator

Fort Calhoun Community Schools
2019-20 CALENDAR
Adopted March 2019

<p>August, 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>September, 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30</p> <p>October, 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>November, 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>December, 2019</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p> <p>– School in Session</p> <p>– NO SCHOOL - Vacation</p>	<p>Aug 12-14</p> <p>Aug 15</p> <p>Sept 2</p> <p>Oct 18</p> <p>Oct 23-24</p> <p>Oct 25</p> <p>Nov 27</p> <p>Nov 28-29</p> <p>Dec 20</p> <p>Dec 23-Jan 6</p> <p>Dec 22-26</p> <p>Jan 6</p> <p>Jan 7</p> <p>Feb 19</p> <p>Feb 20</p> <p>Feb 21</p> <p>March 11</p> <p>Mar 12-13</p> <p>March 12</p> <p>April 10-13</p> <p>May 9</p> <p>May 19</p> <p>May 20</p> <p>May 25</p> <p>1st Sem. Teacher days = 92</p> <p>2nd Sem. Teacher days = 95</p> <p>Total = 187</p> <p>1st Sem. Student days = 88</p> <p>2nd Sem. Student days = 91</p> <p>Total = 179</p> <p>Emergency Days: May 21, 22, 26, 27</p>	<p>January, 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30 31</p> <p>February, 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p> <p>March, 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p> <p>April, 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>May, 2020</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p> <p>Early Outs: E - 1:15 H.S. - 1:30</p> <p>– End of Quarter/Semester</p> <p>– Staff In-Service</p> <p>– Parent Teacher Conference</p>
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FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY

ENGAGING + LEARNING + ACHIEVING =PRODUCTIVE PIONEERS!

Home of the PIONEERS!|Welcome to the 2019-20 school year

I feel very fortunate to be one of the first to say “Welcome to the 2019-20 school year!” Yes, I did say 2019-20 school year. I am as astonished as you are. This is going to be an outstanding school year, one for the ages! I would like to elaborate on two items. Goals for this school year and a few words of empowerment. Let’s see how this goes!

Let’s start with our two goals for this school year. I love goals! They really ensure you are on staying on the right track throughout your journey. How many of you set goals and post helpful hints along the way to keep you motivated? I am literally raising my hand right now. Back to the goals. In no particular order here are the goals for this school year:

- Establish and deploy a plan of action to embed a movement called Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports. Please check out this website to learn more; {<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-attention-issues/treatments-approaches/educational-strategies/pbis-how-schools-support-positive-behavior>} Please be looking for more information on this movement.
- Maintain quality instructional strategies to improve student proficiency by 10% on ELA assessments. This strategy will be monitored by NWEA, NSCAS, Student samples, and professional development.

These goals were established by the elementary professionals, however, they were created through feedback and data from all. We will keep you posted on how these are developing throughout this school year.

To conclude my message I would like to leave you with this. One day last year I was observing my two oldest kiddos, Paxtyn (8) and Lennox (4 going on 18), interact. They were working on a project together and they finally figured out that if they helped each other (collaborated) the project became manageable. I am thinking to myself “YES, YES, you are on to something.” So then I said with enthusiasm, TEAMWORK, and without hesitation they both finished my sentence with …”makes the dreamwork.” I laughed and said yes where did you hear that. They both looked at me very suspiciously and said “You DAD!” They really do listen! TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK! “TEAM” is our school theme this year. It fits perfectly with our Fort Calhoun culture and what we want to teach our kiddos. The actual process to effectively interact as an authentic team is quite tasking (Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing and Adjourning). We hope to empower our kiddos to be a member of an outstanding team by modeling this expectation and getting students to understand they can create more pathways to a solution when working together.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

WELCOME BACK NIGHT!

When: August 14; 6-7pm
Where: FORT CALHOUN ELEMENTARY
Why: Kick off the 2019-20 School year
What to bring: YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES and A POSITIVE ATTITUDE!
Who is all going to be there: STAFF, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, PRINCIPAL, AND ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

*This is a great night to introduce yourself to your new teacher. Please come by and visit.



The first day of pre-school will be Monday August 19th. Morning preschool class is from 8:00 - 11:15 AM and afternoon preschool class is from 11:50 AM to 3:05 PM.

Before school begins, you will need to bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate and current immunization records. The first tuition payment is due now. Tuition payments are due on the 20th of each month beginning in September.

Elementary Continued

HANDBOOK UPDATES

At this time we would like to update you on any changes/updates to the elementary handbook that you should be aware of. Please remember the Parent/Student Handbook is intended to provide communication guidelines for a transparent process and of course keeping our environment safe for all.

-Pg. 11 (Eleven). Food Consumed by Students. The change here is the breakfast and lunch prices have been raised.

-Please pay special attention to the “Cell Phone Usage” (Pg. 21) and “Electronic Devices” (Pg. 26) policies in the handbook. The particular item of interest, which involves both policies are electronic GPS watch phones. These are prohibited during the school day, unless authorized by a teacher or administrator. Students may use them after the school day is over. These two policies are in place to ensure a productive learning environment for all. If you have questions please contact Mr. Wagner.

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Breakfast Program – Grades K-6 Regular Price \$1.75 ; Reduced Price \$.30
Lunch Program – Grades K-6 Regular Price \$2.50; Reduced Price \$.40; Seconds \$1.75

-Pg. 42 (Forty Two). Student Discipline. The change here is the addition of two statements. Please see below:

Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (see also board policy on weapons and firearms); Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmitting any object or material that is ordinarily or generally considered a weapon (see also board policy on weapons and firearms #5049);

Knowingly possessing, handling, or transmission of a look-a-like weapon and simulating the possession of a weapon (see also board policy on student discipline #5035);

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Welcome New Staff Members

- *Mrs. Amber Leifeld -Kindergarten
- *Mrs. Whitney Hodson -2nd grade
- *Mrs. Jackie Beckmann -4-6th grade Special Education
- *Part-time Music Instructor (TBA)
- *Mrs. Judy Short -Para-professional
- *Miss Josie Oliver -Para-professional
- *-Para-professional (TBA)

SEE PAGE 6 FOR PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF INFORMATION AT THE ELEMENTARY



Upcoming Events for 2019-20 School Year

- >August 14: Back to School Night; 6-7pm
 - >August 15: First day of school; 11:15am dismissal
 - >August 19: First day for preschool
 - >August 26-30: 3rd-6th grade NWEA testing; Dibels K-2nd grade
 - >September 3-6: Kindergarten-2nd grade NWEA testing; Dibels 3rd-6th grade
 - >September 5: Picture Day
 - >September 20: Walk-a-thon
 - >October 11: Homecoming Parade
 - >October 21-25: Book Fair in the Library
 - >October 23-24: Parent-Teacher conference-Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
 - >October 25: No School
 - >November 19: Health Screens
 - >November 21: Thanksgiving Feast
 - >November 27: Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
 - >December 10: Health Rescreens
 - >December 12: Winter Music concert (High School)
 - Happy New Year-2020*
 - >February 19-20: Parent-Teacher conference-Early out; 1:15pm dismissal
 - >February 21: No School
 - >March 2-6: Book Fair in the Library
 - >March 13: Donuts with Dad
 - >March 16: Preschool Enrollment opens
 - >March 20: Malcolm Band Contest
 - >April TBD: Talent Show
 - >April TBD: Band Concert; (High School)
 - >April 16: Spring Music concert (High School)
 - >April 17: School Carnival
 - >May 1: Field Day
 - >May 8: Field Day in case of inclement weather
 - >May 19: Last day of school; 11:15am dismissal
- **All dates are subject to change. Also refer to the districts master calendar for other important dates at www.fortcalhounschoools.org**

Map 1-Front of school drop-off/pick-up

Map 2-Back of school drop-off/pick-up



MR. NICK WEMHOFF
Assistant Principal/AD

It seems to me that every summer just goes faster and faster!!! Before we know it, school will be started and the sports seasons will be in full swing. It has been awesome seeing our athletes in our school all summer long getting bigger/faster/stronger in our weight room. There have been camps, open gyms, and lots more going on keeping our buildings full of excitement. Hopefully all the hard work pays off! As we get ready to start the year, here are a few things to be aware of:

Sports Physicals. All athletes grades 7-12 out for sports need 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 the physical, make sure the form has that on it somewhere.

High School Sports Practices. All fall sports for high school will begin on August 12th. Please make sure your athletes have gotten the practice schedule from their coach as school will not start with students until Thursday.

Fall Sports Kickoff. Fall sports kickoff is set for Friday August 23th. Team announcements of Cross Country, Softball, Volleyball, 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 5:30-7:00. 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 26th for football, volleyball, and cross country. 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 2019-2020 school year that they can possibly have!

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

Mr. Jerry Green
Secondary Principal

Pushing Ourselves

As we get closer to the beginning of the school year I am reminded that we need to constantly push ourselves to be better. I was just outside watching a little of football camp and thinking about how hard the athletes prepare for the upcoming seasons. I wondered if we work that hard at our jobs and at our lives. If we are not pushing ourselves we are not getting better, we need to extend beyond what is comfortable and challenge ourselves personally and professionally. It is when we push past our expectations that we grow and become better. New challenges await us every day; we need to be ready to take them on. We need to push ourselves to new boundaries so we can best serve others and ourselves.

I would encourage you, as I will our teachers, staff and students to push yourself, to be better than last year, better than last week, better than yesterday. I hope nobody wakes up in the morning and says, “Today I want to be average”, but how many get up and say, “Today I will be great, today I will challenge myself to do my best.”

I can’t wait to get the year started and challenge the students and staff to push themselves, to have a great year, to learn and grow.

Chrome Books are the New 1:1 Device at the Jr/Sr High School

Starting this Fall all 7-12 students will be issued a new Chrome Book. The Jr/Sr High School has made the transition from iPads to Chrome Books because our curriculum and instruction, along with the Google platform make the Chrome Book a better educational tool. The new Chrome Books will be distributed to students in the first few days of school. The following is the information regarding the Chrome Books in the Student/Parent Handbook.

CHROMEBOOK 1:1 PROGRAM INFORMATION

For student and parents/guardians, the following information is provided to help everyone understand the expectations and the responsibility of care and use related to receiving a Chrome Book.

1. Students will receive instruction from school district staff on the proper use of the Chrome Book.
2. Students are expected to treat the Chrome Book as a valuable piece of equipment.

3. Students are to use the Chrome Book in accordance with the Fort Calhoun Community Schools *Acceptable Use Regulations* and to maintain the Chrome book in accordance with the procedures and information provided.
4. Chrome books are the property of Fort Calhoun Community Schools and must be returned at the end of the academic year, upon withdrawal from Fort Calhoun Community Schools, or at the request of a teacher or administrator. Willful failure to return the Chrome Book in accordance with the stated conditions will result in criminal prosecution.
5. Since the Chrome Books are the property of Fort Calhoun Community Schools, officials of the school have the right to review all material stored on or accessed by any Chrome Book. School. Officials may revoke a student’s Chrome Book use privileges for misuse or violation of policies.
6. Student Chrome Books will be labeled in the manner specified by the school. **Under no circumstances are students to modify, remove or destroy these labels.**
7. Don’t decorate/modify/personalize the Chrome Book.

Pick Up/Drop Off Reminder

Hello everyone, I hope everyone is ready for the start of a great year. I wanted to share some information regarding our Pick Up and Drop Off procedures.

All students should be dropped off in the west parking lot and enter through the front doors. That’s the easy part.

Picking up students has a few more details. Picking up students during the school day should always be done in the west parking lot as they exit the front doors from the office.

At the end of the school day **all students** who are being picked up will **exit the South Doors to the south parking lot**. This requires two very important pieces of information. 1. Please pull all the way up in the pickup lane so cars don’t get stacked up behind you. 2. If vehicles do get backed up PLEASE pull into the parking lot and park so vehicles are not stopped on Lincoln St. Students can easily walk out to your vehicle. We have had complaints about traffic being stopped on Lincoln St. There is plenty of room in the parking lot for all the vehicles.

I would like to thank you in advance for your help with this.