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From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As November starts I would like to wish everyone a great start to the holiday season and I truly hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving holiday. I love the meaning of Thanksgiving and I hope everyone takes time to be thankful for their family members and those close to them.

With the increase attention paid to concussions in today's world I want to make sure that everyone is on the same page on the steps our school takes when a student gets a concussion. The protocol and steps we use have been created by the Nebraska Sports Concussion Network; their website is located at http://www.nebsportsconcussion.org/. On their website they cover different areas of information cover areas such as Return to Learn, Return to Play, and doctors who have had the concussion test training. We have put this link on the front page of our website to help you locate the website to help with access to the information.

When a student is diagnosed with a concussion in order to get cleared to play they have to meet certain guidelines. They must pass an ImPACT test, these tests are taken through trained providers and this test will compare their baseline tests they have taken to see if they are ok to return to play. They also have to pass the Return to Play protocol which is on the concussion website. Return to Play is a series of steps they will start once they are symptomfree or asymptomatic as the trainers and doctors refer. If a student is not out for athletic team and receives a concussion they will follow the Return to Learn protocol that has been set by the Nebraska Sports Concussion Network. These guidelines are followed

to protect the students and make sure they then are handled in the best case scenario to be successful. I encourage you to take some time to look at the website and become familiar with the information.

The one major mistake we see parents make when their child has a concussion is allowing them to use their electronic devices such as their phone, I-Pod, I-Pad or computer. I know students live for their phones, but when a student suffers a concussion it is very important to put themselves in a position to return to their normal day life ASAP. Allowing them to use their electronic devices will not help the students and will actually prolong their time table to return to normal day-to-day procedures. At the start of the sports season our students who are going into their 9th and 11th grade years are given a baseline test which they take on the computer, the baseline test provides a snapshot of how one's brain functions in normal, everyday circumstances prior to any injury. This test is good for a two-year period and is used if during the school year a student is diagnosed with a concussion.

As we approach the end of the fall sports season with volleyball sub-districts and football playoffs approaching please make sure if your child did not participate in those sports and is planning on participating in basketball and wrestling that they have their physicals taken before the start of practice on Monday, November 16.

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Mark Gall, President Rob Brabec, Vice President Cari Janousek, Sec/Treas. Rich Lemburg, Superintendent/Principal Doris Studnicka, Member LuAnn Dinslage, Member Tom Hamernik, Member One Act is now prepping for competition of their performance of Making Nice. Mr. Ryan Dusso (director) and Jamie Bowlin (assistant) and 25 students have been putting in many hours of preparation for the play. They are participating at conference on November 24th at Lyons Decatur and District One-Act on December 1st at Elgin Pope John. They are planning a practice performance on November 18th at 2:50 in the old gym in Clarkson.

As we head into November and the start of flu season and prep for what may or may not hit the school as every flu season is unique in how and when we get hit at school. To help the process we have began wiping down desks, doorknobs, handrails, etc. to stop the spread of germs. It is important as parents to please remember if your child has been sick with the flu that you wait 24 hours after they have fever free before you allow them to return to school. This policy helps to limit the spread of flu as much as we possibly can at school.

PE

By Jim Clarkson

Happy Halloween! Hope everyone is having a great Fall. This is my favorite time of year with the weather and of course the football. Speaking of football, I would like to thank everyone for the support they have shown the Patriot Football team.

In PE news it has been a pretty good year so far, currently we are playing some 4-square in the K-12th classes. This is one of my favorite games and it helps develop skill in many different areas. The competition is getting fierce. We started at the High School level with 2-square. Kobe Paprocki was crowned the champion of the Senior Lifetime class, edging out Maddie Cerv. It was a fun competition and hopefully there will be more to come in the 4-square arena. Check back for updates on all the best players.

Stay healthy, be active, work hard, play hard and Go Pats!!

Preschool Field Trip

By Steph Rolf

On October 6th, the preschool classes took a field trip to Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch near Oakland, Nebraska. Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch has a lot of fun activities for children of all ages. We were able to ride trikes, go down the barn slides, go through the corn maze, jump on the jumping pillow, fly down the zip lines, take a ride on the kiddie roller coasters, shop in the pretend grocery store, pet the animals, play in the corn pit, and play dress up with costumes. We were able to enjoy beautiful weather and sack lunches while on our field trip. A big thank you to all the parents that attended this year, you are the ones who made it a successful day!



3 & 4 year old preschoolers



Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

Financial Aid Programs Coming Up in November!

*Attend a Financial Aid Program in your area to learn about college funding options. Clarkson will be connecting with EducationQuest on Wednesday, November 18th 6pm via distance learning. If you attend this event, you'll be eligible to apply for a \$500 Financial Aid Program Scholarship! Ask Mrs. Kappel for more information about this!

*Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications -"Get the Inside Scoop on Scholarship Applications" Workshop is

scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Nielsen Community Center in West Point. Every junior and senior (and younger) in high school, plus their parents were encouraged to attend. Students presently enrolled in college and nontraditional students will benefit as well. Topics to be covered will be: how to find a scholarship. how to put together quality applications, how to answer questions wisely, how to write quality letters for applications, tips on completing applications, tips on following through with applications and setting up files for scholarship organization. During the workshop Cheryl Kreikemeier, Sandy Ahlers, and Debra Schroeder will present a thorough step-by-step process for completing the scholarship process. Students are asked to sign-up with their guidance counselor or by contacting University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Cuming County at 402-372-6006 if they plan to attend.

The Basics: Juniors & Seniors

College Recruiters at Clarkson – Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to sign up to visit with college recruiters when they schedule a visit in Clarkson. Students should sign up in the hall and speak to their teachers in advance to excuse their absence.

College Visits - Juniors are allowed one visit and seniors are allowed two. I will set up the visits for the student, but they need to give me dates that will work with their schedule and their parent's schedule.

Job Shadowing - Juniors are allowed one job shadow and seniors are allowed two. This is where the student can go observe someone in a career field they are interested in. I strongly encourage juniors to job shadow and if they want to do more than one, look at summertime, breaks from school and weekends. I have even had a junior high student job shadow!

Test Prep - Clarkson subscribes to the John Baylor Test Prep program. Juniors are formally guided through the 12 test prep sessions at the start of second semester with core teachers; however, all students are encouraged and able to access the test prep information on their own.

Students can get the login information from Mrs. Kappel. For students looking to take the COMPASS test for entrance into a community college, we have resources to help them prepare for this as well!

EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

Seniors

- Complete your college visits and try to narrow your choices down to 3-4 schools.
- Be in touch with your top colleges (admissions rep) and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for college-based scholarships and financial aid.
- Update your resume as extracurricular activities are important on scholarship and admissions applications. Keep this up to date by using the Activities Resume on EducationQuest.
- Contact your admissions representative periodically to stay informed about upcoming campus activities and deadlines.

Juniors – start researching colleges!

If you narrow your college choices by the end of your junior year, senior year will be less stressful.

Here's how to get started:

- Review College Profiles at EducationQuest.org for information about colleges in Nebraska and across the country. If you're interested in an out-of-state school, check out the Midwest Student Exchange Program to learn about options for discounts on tuition.
- Meet with college representatives who visit your school and then visit the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn more about the schools.
- Once you've narrowed your choices, schedule campus visits. Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while colleges are still in session.
- You can find more tips about Selecting a College on the EducaitonQuest.org website.

Senior Scholarship Project

The Class of 2016 is beginning their Senior Scholarship writing project in their Current Events and English classes. This is the fourth year this project has been completed by the senior class. Each student is to select two local scholarships they plan to apply for in the spring and actually complete the application for a mock evaluation. At the end of a two-week period the applications will be turned in and evaluated by Mrs. Morfeld, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Kappel. Grades are being taken for this project in Current Events class but also in Mrs. Morfeld's and Mrs. Miller's English classes. The panel receives a copy of each of the applications and provides helpful comments on the student's work in an effort to help them improve their chances of receiving the actual scholarship in the spring. Students receive this feedback prior to Thanksgiving break and will have plenty of time before the April deadlines to edit their work. The mock winners and runnerups will be announced in the next newsletter.

Annual Practice ACT Workshop

The annual practice ACT workshop will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the high school cafeteria in Clarkson. Students will complete a retired ACT test under similar testing conditions as the real ACT test. Following the test, answers will be scored by Mrs. Kappel and students will get to see their results. This is a great learning experience for students – both those that have already taken the ACT and those that just want to see what it will be like. For those students undecided about whether they will pursue a college program that requires the ACT, this is a free way to see what the test would be like and to see an unofficial test score they could possibly earn without any further test preparation.

Calling all Box Top/Campbell's Soup Label Collectors!!!

We still need you to be on the hunt for as many box tops and soup labels as you can find! For participating products, please check out the following websites:

Box Tops: http://www.boxtops4education.com/

Soup Labels:

http://www.labelsforeducation.com/



Monster Book Fair is Coming!!

Our next Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! Mark your calendar for the week of December 07 - December 11, 2015! Your young readers will have several opportunities to walk through the library and choose books they may want to purchase. We also have fun stationery items like spy pens, erasers, and journals for sale! Family Lunches will be scheduled for December 09 - 10, 2015.

Times will be announced soon. Also, the Monster Book Fair will be open during the Oakland-Craig vs. Clarkson-Leigh basketball game on December 08, 2015 and before the Elementary Christmas Program on December 11, 2015. The Monster Book Fair website will go live in late November. Check the site for details about hours, books available, and special family events.

http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/clarksonpublicschools

CHRISTMAS FOR OUR TROOPS

Pinnacle Bank-Columbus, The Next Generation Kiwanis,
Columbus Family Y, Columbus Telegram & some area schools
are joining together to collect items for our Nebraska
Military Members. We thank you for any donation you would like to
make. Listed below are items enjoyed by our troops. Monetary
donations are used to pay shipping and to purchase items.
If you have a family member or friend currently serving,
please share their address.

Clarkson National Honor Society will help collect items from the Clarkson area! Please

bring donations to Clarkson Public School in time to display for Veteran's Day!

Beef Jerky (high request)
Snack Size Flavored Crackers
Canned Meats (with pull tabs)
Canned Fruits (with pull tabs)
Hard Candy (wrapped)
Oatmeal (instant)
Peanut Butter
Non-refrigerated pudding
Cheese & Breadstick packs
Tuna/Chicken Packs w/crackers
Pringles

Hand Lotion
Deodorant (non-aerosol)
Sunglasses (black, cheap)
Hand Warmer/Foot Warmer
Bug Spray (non-aerosol)
White Socks (above the ankle)
Shampoo
Body Wash

Stationary and Envelopes
Batteries (AA & AAA)
Crossword Puzzle Books
Coloring books & Crayons
Playing Cards

Instant Cup of Soup (just add water)
Hot Chocolate
Ind Pkg Pop Tarts
Dried Fruit
Slim Jims
Raisins
Corn Nuts
Trail Mix
Chips / Pretzels
Red/ Black Licorice
Sunflower Seeds

Toothpaste/Tootbrush
Chap Stick
Q-tips
Sunscreen
Razors (disposable)
Shaving Cream/Gel
Visine Eye Care
Hand Sanitizer or Wipes

Footballs (Nerf size)
Frisbees
Pens & Tablets
CD's & DVD's
Journals (blank)

Cracker Jacks
Cookies Snack Size
Ramen Noodles
CheezWhiz
Chewing Gum
Nuts (packaged)
Rice Cakes
Microwave Popcorn
Energy/Snack Bars
Ind Drink Mix

Laundry Soap travel pak Mouthwash Gold Bond Powder Foot Powder Loufas Nail File/Nail Clippers

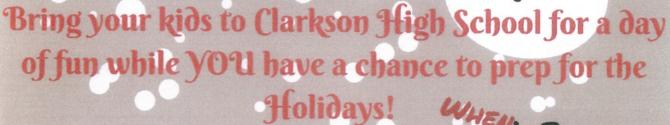
Magazines
Word Search Books
Coffee Filters
Ziploc Bags (Gal or Qt)

Donations and monetary donations may be dropped off at either Pinnacle Bank-Columbus location, the new Columbus Family Y or at Clarkson Public School

through Veteran's Day, November 11th.

Donations are tax deductible.

Need some help getting ready for the HOLIDAYS?



CLARKSON/LEIGH PATRIOTS
DANCE TEAM IS RAISING MONEY
TO PERFORM AT THE HALF TIME
OF THE OUTBACK BOWL 2016!
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TOWARD THEIR TRIP!

WHEN: SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 215T
8AM-4 PM
COST: \$30 FOR FIRST
CHILD, \$25 FOR EACH
ADDITIONAL CHILD
*1/2 DAY PRICING
AVAILABLEX







THE BIGGEST MONEY WORRY among parents with young children? How they'll afford the cost of their kids' education. But worry doesn't solve anythingcareful planning does. Whether you're 18 years or 18 months away from dropping off your baby at the dorm, here's your paying-for-college cheat sheet:

Step 1: I know you want to give your all to your little one. But I don't want you saving a penny for college unless you pass my priorities test:

- Are you where you need to be with your retirement savings (putting away at least 10 percent of your income)? Are your own college
- loans paid off? Do you pay your credit card bills in full each month?
- Do you have an eightmonth emergency fund?
- If you plan to buy a home, are you on track to make a 20 percent down payment?

Step 2: Even if you can't afford to pay into a college fund, your extended family may want to. Contributions to a 529 Plan grow tax deferred. Withdrawals for approved college costs are completely tax-free. And with most plans, the lifetime contribution limit is more than \$250,000. To find the best 529. go to oprah.com/529advice

13 YEARS OUT

Start teaching your kids the value of money with chores that pay an allowance. In a few more years, you can have them sit with you and control the mouse while you pay your bills online.

4 to 5 YEARS DUT

It's time to let your kids know ifand to what extent-you'll be able to help with college costs. The Financial Talk should empower your kids, not scare them, so offer tangible ways they can help pay:

A. Build a strong academic résumé to up the odds for a merit-based scholarship. B. Do part-time workwith the intention that a portion of earnings will be used for college. I suggest a minimum of

3 YEARS OUT

50 percent.

Start getting the lay of the land. The majority of families receive at least some financial aid, and all schools offering federal student aid must provide a calculator to help you estimate your actual tab. Google the name of a school your child is interested in with the term "net price calculator

2 YEARS DUT

Step 1: As your teen considers schools, make sure she chooses at least one from each bucket:

A. Dream School If You Get a Lot of Aid. Keep in mind that the priciest schools may offer the most help.

B. Great School That Would Drool to Have You Attend

C. Your Top In-State School. The average all-in cost at an in-state. four-year public school is about \$10,000 less than the typical allin for a four-year private education (\$23,550 versus \$12,830).

Step 2: Plan your loan strategy. This is arguably your most critical step if you want to avoid ending up in long-term financial straits.



FEDERAL LOANS FOR STUDENTS:

Even if they don't qualify for a subsidized federal loan, all students are eligible to take out an unsubsidized one. Federal loan rates are typically the lowest available.



FEDERAL PLUS LOAN FOR PARENTS: The only way I

approve of these is if you'll be able to keep up with your retirement savings-and pay off the loan in ten years or before you retire, whichever



PRIVATE LOANS: These loans have horrible interest rates and unfriendly payback plans.

Step 3: There are scholarships for all kinds of kids, from golf caddies to Florida residents who are interested in horticulture. Fastweb.com has search tips and a fabulous scholarship database.

1 YEAR OUT

To be considered for financial aid. you need to submit two forms:

FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID): Nearly

half of households with collegebound seniors fail to complete this application for federal loansleaving almost \$3 billion of grant money on the table, according to NerdWallet.com. You can apply as early as January of senior year; aid is often given on a first-come, firstserved basis. (fafsa.ed.gov)



school-based aid and scholarships, many colleges require information not asked for on the FAFSA. Nearly 400 schools accept this form, which can be submitted as early as October of senior year. (css.collegeboard.org)

DECISION TIME





I want you and your child to pick a school that won't jeopardize your financial futures. Do not use a home equity line to cover costsor reduce your retirement savings. College at any cost: not worth it. College that's affordable: priceless.

Suze Orman's latest book is The Money Class: How to Stand in Your Truth and Create the Future You Deserve (Spiegel & Grau)







Make academic effort the focus of your expectations

Research consistently shows that students feel more positive and connected to school when they believe that hard work will lead to success. Communicate to your child that you expect her best effort. And when she gives it, let her know how proud you are.

You should also expect your middle schooler to:

- Take rigorous courses. Research shows that students benefit more from taking challenging courses than easier ones. That's because students will rise to the occasion when given the chance. So even if your middle schooler isn't earning top grades in her classes, encourage her to keep challenging herself.
- · Devote time to schoolwork. Effort can't be wished into practice. Your child should study every night. She should also have time for family, exercise, meals and sleep. Most entertainment and use of social media may have to take place on weekends.
- · Set goals. If your child is to put forth her best effort, she has to connect it to a goal. For example, "I will raise my math grade to a B next quarter." Your child's goals need to be specific. They should be achievable. And there should be a way to see her progress.

Source: S.L. Christenson, Ph.D. and C. Peterson, "Research on the Factors for School Success: Standards and Expectations," Partnering for School Success, University of Minnesota Extension, niswc.com/standards.

Middle schoolers need supervision after school



Some parents think their middle schoolers don't need to be supervised after school. But studies

show that kids with too much time on their hands may be at higher risk of substance abuse.

One study found that eighth graders who were unsupervised for 11 hours a week were twice as likely to use drugs and alcohol as those under some form of adult supervision.

Where can parents find the after-school supervision that kids need? Here are some suggestions:

- · School activities. Whether your child stays after school for band, sports or a club, he will be involved in a positive activity.
- · Community centers. Check out programs for preteens.
- Volunteering. Your child can gain job skills while making the world a better place.
- · Youth organizations. Scouting, 4-H and many other student organizations have programs designed specifically for middle school students.

Source: "Keeping Kids Safe and Supported in the Hours After School," MetLife Foundation Afterschool Alert, Afterschool Alliance, niswc.com/after_school.

Talk to your child about the importance of academic honesty



The research is in on students and cheating, and the news is sobering. In a nationwide survey of 36,000 secondary

students, 60 percent admitted to cheating on tests and assignments. Studies also show that:

- Above-average students are just as likely to cheat as their lower-achieving peers.
- Cheating doesn't carry much of a stigma anymore. There isn't the shame in it that there once was.
- The more pressure kids feel to earn higher grades, the more likely they are to cheat.
- Cheaters often justify their actions by claiming that "everyone's doing it." In their minds, they'll be at a disadvantage if they don't cheat.
- Cheating is easier than ever, thanks to the Internet. Students can download entire papers or

projects online and pass them off as original work.

Kids tend to begin cheating in elementary school, typically by cheating at games or sports. True academic cheating sets in during middle school.

Talk with your child about cheating. Let him know you expect honesty from him at all times, whether he's at home or in class.

Source: P.S. Strom and R.D. Strom, "Cheating in Middle School and High School," The Educational Forum, Kappa Delta Pi, niswc.com/cheat_fact.

"Cheating in school is a form of self-deception. We go to school to learn. We cheat ourselves when we coast on the efforts and scholarship of someone else."

-James E. Faust

Are you prepared for the changes in your adolescent?



Middle school is a time of rapid development for your child. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you know

what to expect:

- _1. Do you understand your child's need to separate from you? It is something that all young people undergo on the road to adulthood.
- 2. Do you realize that your child needs some privacy? Know where he is and who he is with, but knock before entering his room.
- _3. Do you accept that your child may be moody? Pick your battles, but don't tolerate disrespect.
- 4. Are you prepared for your child to test rules and limits? Be firm, fair and consistent in explaining and enforcing your family's rules.
- 5. Do you realize that your child lives in the present? Encourage him to think about his future and to set goals.

How well are you doing? More yes answers mean you have an understanding of the development of middle schoolers. For every no answer, try that idea from the quiz.

Reinforce your child's academic skills with fun & simple activities



Learning doesn't happen only in a classroom. You can reinforce your middle schooler's academic

skills right at home. Here's how:

- · Take turns reading something aloud with your child.
- Have conversations about everything—and really listen to what your child has to say.
- Ask about what your child is doing in her classes. Find out about her perspective on school.
- Help your child engage in critical thinking. Discuss the similarities

- and differences between her classes. Ask for her advice when you are facing a problem at work.
- Give your child meaningful responsibilities. If you have a pet, ask her to help with its care. Teach your child how to prepare simple meals, do laundry and other chores to help the family.
- Spend time with your child. If you have cultural attractions nearby, such as museums, check them out. Go on a walk together and look for things you haven't noticed before.



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Clarkson Public Lunch Menu Schools

November Menu Subject to

| 06 | 29 | 22 | 55 | 08 | 01 | Sunday |
|----|--|--|---|---|---|-----------|
| 07 | 30 B-hot pockets L-chicken tacos | 23 B-English muffin sausage egg L-chicken nugget | 16 B-ham egg croissant L- hamburgers | O9 B-sausage egg biscuit L-chicken & gravy over biscuits | O2 B-biscuits & gravy L-roasted chicken | Monday |
| 08 | Q | 24 B-tornado L-pizza | B-breakfast pizza L- cheeseburger casserole | B-roller dog B-sub sandwich | 03 B-chicken patty L-beef sticks | Tuesday |
| 09 | 02 | 25 NO SCHOOL | B- strawberry bagel L-turkey slice | B-ham egg bagel L-chicken fajita | O4 B-bacon pizza L-chicken patty/bun | Wednesday |
| 10 | 93 | 26 NO SCHOOL | B-combos L-oriental chicken | B- homemade burrito L-chicken fried steak | O5 B-pancake sausage stick L-meatball sub | Thursday |
| H | 4 | 27 NO SCHOOL | 20 B-Clarkson bakery L-ribique | 13 B-omelet & sausage L-pork steak | 06 B-Clarkson Bakery rolls L- Salisbury steak | Friday |
| 12 | 05 | 28 | 21 | 4 | 07 | Saturday |

Calendar Events November 2015

| 29 | 22 | 15 | 8 | П | 1 |
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| 9 | 2 | G | Midland Cospel Hono Choir | | |
| | | | pel Honor | | Sun |
| 30 JH Wrestling Dual 7:00 at Schuyler Middle School (vs. Aquinas) Jamboree Game 6:00 at Mead | 23 State Football Championships | 16 1:00 Dismissal (Teacher in- service) Semi-Finals FB Playoffs | Conference Honor Ch Lyons-Decatur NE School Board Meeting | Volleyball SubDistricts at Norfolk Catholic High School | Mon |
| Jual 7:00 at lle School (vs. te 6:00 at | 8 | (Teacher in- | Honor Choir at tur NE d Meeting | Districts at dic High | on |
| | 24 Conference One Act at Lyons-Decatur | 17 JH Wrestling Quad 4:15 at Columbus Middle School | Superintendents Meeting at West Point-Beemer Quarter-Finals FB Playoffs | 3 Student Health Checks | Tue |
| | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break | One Act practice performance at 2:50 p.m. | Veteran's Day Program 1:30 in the new gym | 2nd Round of Football Playoffs, TBA Student Health Checks | Wed |
| | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break | 19 JH Wrestling Tourney 3:00 at Newman Grove | 12 JH Wrestling Triangular 4:30 at Crete High School State Volleyball Tournament | 5 | Thur |
| | 27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break | 20 Newsletter article deadline Fire Drill | PreK-12 teacher meeting 7:45 a.m. State Volleyball Tournament JH Wrestling 5:00 at Gibbon | Volleyball Districts, TBA Elementary Teacher Meeting 7:45 a.m. | Fri |
| | 28 | JH Wrestling Tourney 10:00 at Howells-Dodge High School Holiday Kids Craft Day hosted by the Patriols Dance Team | 14 State Volleyball Tournament | JH Wrestling Tourney 10:00 at Wayne High School ACT Workshop 8:00-12:00 | Sat |

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