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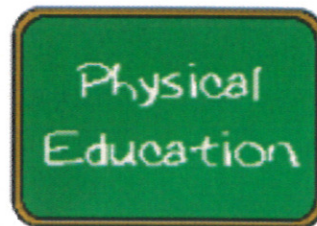
By Rich Lemburg

As we head into February this is the time of the year where basketball is starting to wind up as we go through the conference and sub-district tournaments for the high school teams and Jr. Hi and Youth teams are winding up there seasons with their final tournaments. Basketball season can be crazy and hectic but it is important to remember how extra-curricular activities are great in teaching life lessons to our kids. They are able to learn about teamwork and working together to achieve team goals, time management, competition, dealing with disappointment and joy, goal setting and many other items. All of these are great life lessons and are important in becoming a successful and happy adult.

As we kickoff February we have gotten to the start of the speech team season. This year we have 19 students competing under the tutelage of Ryan Dusso and Tiffany Baumert. If you haven't gone to a speech meet or performance I would encourage you to attend, it a great experience to watch students put themselves in situations where they step outside themselves to compete. You will find our speech meet events on our online calendar at clarksonpublicschools.org

Another major event in February is the State Dance Competition; the Patriot Dance will compete at the State Dance and Cheer Competition on February 19th in Grand Island. The members of the Patriot Dance Team are Cheyenne Brabec, Abby Langdon, Kaitlyn Becher, Shelby Fuhr, Rachel Rupprecht, Karmen Hake, and Kenzie Noonan. The dance team is sponsored and coached by Justine Fischer and Tiffany Baumert. We wish them the best of luck as they compete against schools from across the state.

On Wednesday, February 24th, Clarkson Public Schools will be hosting their External Visit Team for our Frameworks School Improvement Visit. Every five years, schools in the state of Nebraska must have a group of educators come and look at our school, our goal of math computation and how we are doing with the goal and our overall educational process. It is always nice to have someone from outside our team look at what we are doing and help us to evaluate what we are doing as a school district.



PE News

By Jim Clarkson

Well, we are cruising right along headed into February. First and foremost I would really like to thank everyone that help out with the American Heart Association and the Jump for Heart program. I know the kids do a great job with it and I am glad that the community is willing to help support it. Thank You!

Also during the three weeks of jump roping we saw some awesome improvement in class. I know there was a lot of jump roping going on at my house, so I hope there was plenty of that going around.

In the High school ranks, things are a little slower, due to weather, Young Americans and my own sick kids we have gotten a little behind schedule. The Freshmen are working on Archery which is really cool, and the Lifetime class is battling it out in Badminton. If we can get a couple normal weeks we could really do some cool things.

Hope everyone is off to a great 2016, life is cool up here at school. As always try and stay healthy and active, plus always remember that life is single elimination tournament, survive and advance each day! Be good and Go Pats!

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Counselor's Corner

By Jennifer Kappel

It's FAFSA time!

If you're a college-bound senior, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to apply for state, federal and college-based financial aid.

Submit the form before your college's FAFSA priority date (typically between March 1 and April 1) as some financial aid is awarded first-come, first-served. Check with your college(s) to learn their priority date.

Follow these steps to complete the FAFSA:

Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You'll use the ID to access the FAFSA and other Federal Student Aid websites and as your electronic signature for the FAFSA.

Complete your taxes early as the FAFSA requires current tax information. Within three weeks after you and your parents file your tax forms, your IRS data should be available to retrieve and transfer into your FAFSA through the IRS Data Retrieval process (available February 7, 2016).

Gather these student and parent items:

- 2015 federal income tax forms and, if applicable, Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)
- 2015 W-2 forms
- Student's driver's license number
- Social Security numbers
- Birth dates
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced or widowed
- Current cash, savings and checking account balances
- Current investment values (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, CDs, etc.) excluding your home and retirement accounts
- Value of business (if more than 100 employees)
- Value of investment farm (Do not include the value of a family farm that you or your parents live on and operate.)
- 2015 child support (paid and/or received)
- 2015 Workers' Compensation
- Other untaxed income in 2015 such as housing/food/living allowances for military and clergy
- Alien Registration Number for eligible non-citizens

Be prepared to indicate on the FAFSA if, during 2015, you or anyone in your household received Supplemental Security Income, SNAP, TANF, Free or Reduced Price Lunch, and/or WIC.

Complete the FAFSA at FAFSA.gov. The colleges you list on the application should receive the results within 48 hours.

If you're filing the FAFSA for the first time and want free help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment: Omaha 888-357-6300, Lincoln 800-303-3745, Kearney 800-666-3721, or Scottsbluff 800-303-3745, ext. 6654.

Check out these free FAFSA tools

Visit "FAFSA Tools" at EducationQuest.org where you'll find:

- College Funding Estimator – estimates your FAFSA results
- FSA ID Video – shows you how to create an FSA ID
- FAFSA Demo – walks you through the online FAFSA
- FAFSA Checklist – provides a list of items you need to gather before you complete the FAFSA
- FAFSA Tutorial – explains each FAFSA question

Apply for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship!

Apply by March 31 for EducationQuest's Scavenger Hunt Scholarship. You could earn \$500 toward your college education!

Here's how it works:

1. If you haven't already, complete a profile in ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org. ScholarshipQuest is a scholarship search tool with over 2,000 Nebraska-based awards.
2. If you are a Nebraska resident in grades 9-12, you will see the EducationQuest Scavenger Hunt Scholarship as one of the scholarships that will appear on your results page.
3. "Scavenge" around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions in a survey.
4. EducationQuest will draw a winner from those who answer all questions correctly. The winner will receive \$500 to invest in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan.

February "To Do" List

Seniors:

Complete student and parent 2015 tax returns.

Create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov.

Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov.

Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

Register by February 5 for the March 5 SAT.

Register by March 4 for the April 9 ACT.





English News

By Lynn Morfeld

As the sophomores have been working through a unit on poetry, they have spent time evaluating what “good poetry” is. Along with this, the students have been trying to emulate some of the poems read in class. “The Dance” by William Carlos Williams (which follows this paragraph) is a poem that describes the action of a painting by Pieter Brueghel titled “Wedding Dance in the Open Air.” Students in English 10 were asked to write a similar type of poem by describing a favorite picture using poetry. Here are a few of their compositions.



The Dance

William Carlos Williams

In Brueghel's great picture, The Kermess, the dancers go round, they go round and around, the squeal and the blare and the tweedle of bagpipes, a bugle and fiddles tipping their bellies (round as the thick-sided glasses whose wash they impound) their hips and their bellies off balance to turn them. Kicking and rolling about the Fair Grounds, swinging their butts, those shanks must be sound to bear up under such rollicking measures, prance as they dance in Brueghel's great picture, The Kermess.



Untitled

Breanna Ashton

I concentrate on getting it just right
careful not to go against the fur
She stands there patiently, waiting
for me to get done, although I can tell
she's enjoying it because her tail is flicking
against my leg like an excited dog getting
ready for a car ride. As I slide closer to
her tail she shifts, her head turning towards
me, a signal that means “careful now,” the
brush knows what it's doing, it moves down
the leg finishing the job, she knows it's time,
and she's been waiting for this for a while
now.



Untitled

Derek Gurnsey

I kneel here, admiring my kill.
A 6x5 white tail. Oh! What skill.
My bones are shaking like the bow shooting.
The grass under me starts bowing and praising.
The dawn is on the brink of dusk.
So decide to say a prayer on my buck.
I say “I hope your kill was clean.
Why does killing have to be so mean?”
I stay looking down in these leaves and trees.
As I thank God for cammo, bows, and meats.

Calendar Events February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Conference BB Tournament, TBA JH BB 1:30 at St. Edward-Girls A team at 1:30, followed by Girls B (2 quarters) then Boys C Team Boys BB 5:30 at Madison NOPE CHANGE OF LOCATION	2 Wrestling Dual 7:00 at West Point Beemer Conference BB Tournament, TBA Quiz bowl 10:30 vs. Lehigh	3 Activity Director's Meeting at West Point Beemer	4 JV Wrestling Tourney 5:00 at York Conference BB Tournament, TBA	5 Conference BB Tournament, TBA NLS Blood Drive 11:30 - 5:30	6 Winside Speech Meet Conference BB Tournament, TBA ACT Test Date
7 JFA State Degree Interview and Proficiency Review in Osceola	8 Conference Honor Band at Madison JH Girls BB 3:30 HSL at Humphrey JH Boys BB 3:30 HSL at Humphrey School Board Meeting	9 Parent/Teacher Conference 5:00-8:00 pm	10	11 JH Boys BB 3:45 Madison at Lehigh Marathon BB 4:30 Stanton at Clarkson	12 Wrestling Districts 3:30 at Crete 1:00 Dismissal PreK-12 teacher meeting 7:45 a.m. Marathon BB 4:00 Elgin/Pope John at Elgin Public Lindsay Holy Family Speech Meet	13 Humphrey Speech Meet Wrestling Districts TBD at Crete
14	15 Girls BB Subdistricts, TBA	16 Girls BB Subdistricts, TBA	17	18 State Wrestling Tournament at Century Link in Omaha Girls BB Subdistricts, TBA State Cheer & Dance Competition	19 State Wrestling Tournament at Century Link in Omaha State Cheer & Dance Competition Fire Drill	20 Wisner/Pilger Speech Meet State Wrestling Tournament at Century Link in Omaha
21	22 1:00 Dismissal (Teacher in-service) Boys BB Subdistricts, TBA	23 Newsletter article deadline Boys BB Subdistricts, TBA K-12 Assembly 10:50 a.m.	24 Newman Grove Speech Meet External School Improvement Visit	25 Boys BB Subdistricts, TBA	26 High School Teacher Meeting 7:45 a.m. Girls BB Districts, TBA	27 Wrestling Dual Tournament at LNK Conference Art Show in Twin River Conference Speech Tournament at Twin River
28 +11 Open House in the new gym 2:00-5:00	29 Boys BB Districts, TBA					

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	Valentine's Day Breakfast - breakfast roller dogs Lunch - calzonettes	Presidents' Day Breakfast - egg sausage biscuit Lunch - chicken patty	Breakfast - breakfast pizza Lunch - cheeseburger casserole	Breakfast - homemade burrito Lunch - popcorn chicken	Breakfast - muffin Lunch - cheese crunchers																																																										
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