

# The Red Review

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## From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

I hope everyone's 2020 gets off to a great start. I know everyone was looking forward to the Christmas break and I am hoping everyone had a great holiday season with their families and is refreshed and ready to go for the 2nd semester.

As we start the 2nd semester we will also be spending some time planning ahead and working on items for 2020-2021 school year. We are currently working on the calendar and soon will start on the class schedule for next school year. Something that will be entirely new that we are starting to work on is laying the foundation for Clarkson Career Pathway Program that will be started during the 2020-2021 school year. The goal of the program will be to provide the junior and senior students opportunities to do job shadowing, job visits and then in their senior year do internships at businesses to gain insights on possible career fields.

Clarkson will be reaching out to businesses not only in Clarkson, but surrounding communities to provide a wide range of career opportunities for our juniors and seniors. We will be visiting Boone Central and Sutton Public Schools to look at other established programs to help guide us in the process. We are really excited about the program and how it will aid benefit students in the career choices.

Testing dates for this year's NSCAS state testing are March 16th-April 24th. We will be testing grades 3rd-8th in Math and ELA (English Language Arts). This year our 5th and 8th graders will also be taking a pilot Science test for the new NSCAS Science standards. Early in the 2nd semester we will work out a schedule to share with parents to make sure you know when your children will be taking the NSCAS for these different tests so when you are scheduling appointments you are able to avoid testing days.

To finish our required state testing, our juniors will be taking the ACT test on Tuesday, April 7th. This is the third year of the requirement for all juniors in the state of Nebraska to take the test. The good part of the mandatory ACT testing is the test on April 7th is free to all juniors, so they get one free opportunity to take the ACT as they prep for college.

## Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! What an extremely fast & exciting 1st semester we had for the 19/20 school year! The Holidays are a great time for everyone to take time to reflect on family, friends and acknowledge all the things that we have to be thankful for, no matter how big or small.

I'm very thankful that I have had the opportunity for the past 4 years to lead and guide your students, to represent Clarkson Public Schools and have an incredible staff I get to work with everyday. Everyone is working towards the same end goal with our students and it very rewarding seeing the students and staff reach their goals!

Finally, I want to say thank you to the parents for giving the school and I the incredible opportunity to get to work with your children. We are entrusted with a large responsibility to help not only educate your children but to also help them grow into young responsible adults. We appreciate the support that you offer to our school and teachers and with your support is how we are able to continue providing an incredible learning opportunity and positive learning culture!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Go PATS!



**winter break**

**We will see everyone back at school  
when school resumes on Tuesday,  
January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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January 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> is Nebraska School Lunch Week. We would like to invite parents, grandparents, and friends to come and join the children for lunch that week. Please let us know if you plan on having lunch by calling the Clarkson High School at 892-3454 by 8:45 the morning you plan to attend. The cost for an adult guest meal is \$3.75 and a child's guest meal is \$2.75. The meals planned for that week are as follows:

- Monday – Chicken Patty on a bun
  - Tuesday - Sub Sandwich
  - Wednesday – Chicken Fajita
  - Thursday – Taco Salad
  - Friday – Chicken Fried Steak
- We hope to see you there!**



By Vicky Miller

¡Hola! The 7th graders have been working hard in Spanish class since mid-November. Some of the topics they've tackled so far include putting on an out-of-fashion show, using numbers up to 1 million plus, and describing family members. They will finish out this semester with school supplies.

Spanish 1 recently finished a cumpleaños (birthdays) unit. We explored a little bit about talking about age and birthdays, sending a birthday message, reading invitations, giving our opinion of gifts, and decorations. The highlight of the unit was making and decorating some piñatas of our own!

Spanish 2 spent a few days exploring Día de Gracias (Thanksgiving). We figured out how to say some popular Thanksgiving foods in Spanish and share our opinion of them, we compared our traditional Thanksgiving foods to those eaten by some Hispanic families living in the U.S. who celebrate the holiday, and we were able to talk a little bit about the history of the holiday and our plans for this year.

While Spanish 3 didn't have time to enjoy some of the extras that the other groups did, they managed to finish the essentials and have a chance to review a bit

for semester finals. Quite a feat since they only get to meet 3 days a week this year!

As the classes finish up their last unit and review for semester finals, some have a couple days to explore felices fiestas (happy holidays) traditions. Some of our activities include reading holiday cards and making our own holiday messages, talking about Christmas gifts we like to give and receive, looking at winter/Christmas characters from other countries around the world and attempting to sing along with popular hispanic Christmas carols.



By Jim Clarkson

Ho Ho Holy Moly who can believe that Winter Break is already here. Semester tests have been taken in the High School and the parties have been had in the elementary. It is time to take a few deep breaths and gear up for 2020. We had an elite first semester. The weight room was popping. The PLT4M program that we are using now allows the students to track their progress and I can keep tabs on them as well it is a great addition.

We have touched several mainstream sports in our other classes, in semester number two we will dabble in some non-traditional sports and games, always good to learn a new skill, right? Speaking of new things as this article is being written the daughters and I just saw that the State of Georgia just made girls flag football a sanctioned High School sport. So as the conversation progressed they were very excited at the thought of that coming to Nebraska. That would be something for sure, maybe we should get girls wrestling first, but the point is you never know when skills learned in a school PE class could come into play.

Being physically literate is an important part of the whole body and mind education. Try to get out during the cold winter and move around, be active and stay young between the ears. That is where it counts right? Have a Good one Y'All!



# EducationQuest Foundation College Planning Bulletin

*A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students*

**Winter break: a good time for college prep!**  
Here are a few things you can do:

The 6th graders and I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all students, staff, and parents for supporting their donut hole and cookie sales! Everyone was pleasantly surprised by the success of our fundraiser. We ended up taking 645 total orders! We will be delivering over 800 Clarkson Bakery donut holes and 375 Kookie Cookies made by Jaime Stodola! All of our profits will be going back to Patriot families this Christmas. We are truly grateful for everyone's support, donations, and time given to making it such a great success! We look forward to doing it again next year!

Merry Christmas!  
Mrs. Sayers

## Seniors, complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Need help? Use our [FAFSA Tools](#) or call us to make an appointment for free help: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800.303.3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

## Juniors, prepare for the ACT

All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. Ask your school counselor about test-prep options at your school. These [resources](#) are also available.

## Search for scholarships

Use our free [ScholarshipQuest](#) tool to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.

## Update your Activities Resume

Our free [Activities Resume](#) is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

## Volunteer

In addition to giving back to your community, your volunteer work can lead to scholarship opportunities. Make sure you track your involvement on your *Activities Resume*.

## January "To Do" List

### Seniors:

- \_\_\_ If you haven't already, complete the [FAFSA](#).
- \_\_\_ Apply for scholarships; see [ScholarshipQuest](#) for Nebraska-based awards.
- \_\_\_ Update your [Activities Resume](#).
- \_\_\_ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

### Juniors:

- \_\_\_ Update your [Activities Resume](#).
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by January 10 for the February 8 ACT.
- \_\_\_ [Register](#) by February 14 for the March 14 SAT.
- \_\_\_ Follow EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) for a chance to win a [\\$500 scholarship](#).

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# Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marathon BB vs. Columbus Lakeview at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – Wrestling at Pierce 10:00 am

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – No School - Teacher In-Service

Wrestling at Wisner-Pilger 4:00 pm

JH GBB at Humphrey St. Francis 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes

Marathon BB vs. DC Aquinas at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – Wrestling at Burwell 11:30 am

JV/Var. GBB at East Butler 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – Wrestling at Wisner-Pilger 10:15 am

Marathon BB vs. Tekamah-Herman at Clarkson 2:00 pm (Game to broadcast on 107.9 The Bull/840 KTIC)

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Boone Central 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choral Clinic

Wrestling at Oakland-Craig 4:00 pm

Girls C team BB at David City 6:00 pm

School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Speech meet at Dodge

Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – JH BBB at Shelby-RC 4:30 pm

JH GBB vs. Stanton at Leigh 6:00 pm

Girls C team BB vs. Columbus Lakeview at Clarkson 6:30 pm

Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers meeting at 7:45 am

Marathon BB at Humphrey St. Francis 4:30 pm

Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Speech meet at North Bend

JH GBB vs. Howells-Dodge at Dodge 9:00 am

JH BBB vs. Humphrey-LHF at Leigh 9:00 am

Wrestling at Cross County 10:00 am

Marathon BB vs. Pender at Clarkson 2:00 pm (JV boys to play 2 quarters)

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Girls C team BB vs. Howells-Dodge in Clarkson 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Wrestling double dual at Scribner-Snyder 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Speech meet at Howells-Dodge

Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – JH BBB at Columbus Scotus 4:30 pm

Marathon BB vs. Twin River at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB at Lutheran High NE 4:30 pm

Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – JH GGG tournament at Bancroft 9:00 am

Wrestling at Neligh-Oakdale 10:00 am

Girls C team BB tournament at Wisner-Pilger 10:00 am

Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – JH BBB vs. Howells-Dodge at Leigh 6:00 pm

Girls and Boys C team BB vs. West Point-Beemer at Clarkson 6:00/7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB vs. Wisner-Pilger at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA District STAR at Howells-Dodge

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – FFA District CDE at NECC

JH BBB vs. David City at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – Conference BB tournament, TBD



Menus are subject to change.

	<b><u>Breakfast</u></b>	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>
January 6	NO SCHOOL	
January 7	PB&J	pizza
January 8	egg, sausage, & cheese on a biscuit	sloppy Joe sandwich
January 9	French toast and ham	pork steak sandwich
January 10	breakfast tornado	
January 13	roller dogs	BBQ pork sandwich
January 14	pancake & sausage on a stick	grilled cheese or tuna sandwich
January 15	waffle and sausage	corn dog
January 16	omelet and ham	hot turkey sandwich
January 17	biscuits and gravy	lasagna roll-up
January 20	scramble pizza	chicken patty sandwich
January 21	breakfast hot pocket	sub sandwich
January 22	pancake and sausage on a stick	chicken fajita
January 23	egg, sausage and cheese on a bagel	taco salad
January 24	homemade breakfast burrito	chicken fried steak
January 27	mini breakfast bagel	popcorn chicken
January 28	egg, ham, & cheese on a croissant	hot dog on a bun
January 29	homemade breakfast pizza	hamburger
January 30	breakfast sausage	Oriental chicken on rice
January 31	Clarkson Bakery rolls	calzone

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