

# The Red Review

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## From the Administrator's Desk

By Rich Lemburg

As we start the 2nd semester, I hope everyone's 2023 is off to a great start. Hopefully everyone had a great holiday break and was able to spend quality time with their families.

As we continue our transition from a traditional grade-based system to an Equitable Grading based system I wanted to update everyone with the progress being made during the first semester. We have shared out information on the new grading policy and how late work is being handled. To help parents understand how graded practice (formally known as homework) and how it is being handled, we have asked our teachers to pick their "priority standards" for one class. During the process the goal is to prioritize our learning and make sure the students are learning and concentrating on the most important standards in each class. By the end of the year, the teachers will start to work on priority standards for a 2nd class. As we go through our process, we will continue to keep parents updated with flyers and other information so everyone can be on the same page.

With the changes we have noticed an increased rigor in the classroom. We are also seeing a truer grade for students as now you can't get bonus points, participation points, and also are not punished academically for behaviors in the classroom. Our goal is to make sure that our student's grades give a true reflection of their learning.

Our plan for the full transition to Equitable Grading is a five-year process as we want to make sure that it doesn't overwhelm students, staff, and parents. We are being aided by staff developers at ESU 7 as we are one of four schools who are making the transition. If you have any questions about the grading changes, please feel free to reach out and get clarification on any questions or concerns you may have.

Please remember that January and February are very hectic months as we head into the back part of the winter sports/activity season. Between Youth, Jr. Hi, C Team, JV and Varsity contests and then throw in Speech meets and Ag Contests, these months really keep everyone hopping. This doesn't include the joy of dealing with the weather and dealing with postponements and rescheduling of activities. Please make sure you are communicating with your kids and make sure they are keeping up with their work.

It is a Great Day to be a Patriot!!

## Notes from the Principal

By: Lee Schneider

Happy New Year! Hope everyone was able to enjoy their time with their families and enjoyed the Holidays! We had an incredible first semester and are excited to build on that second semester. There is a lot to be proud of at Clarkson Public Schools, what I'm most proud of is the way our students took care of business first semester and really made the most of it. That is a great testament to the school culture that we have built and the students keep improving every day!

The winter sports season is in full swing and our Patriot athletes will have some holiday competitions over the winter break and will start up early in January. I hope everyone tries to make time to come out and support our athletes on the court or on the mat. They put in a lot of work and do a great job of representing our schools! Make sure to watch the calendar because we will have adjustments, changes, postponements or add-ons.

GO PATS!

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## Math News

By Tony Horacek

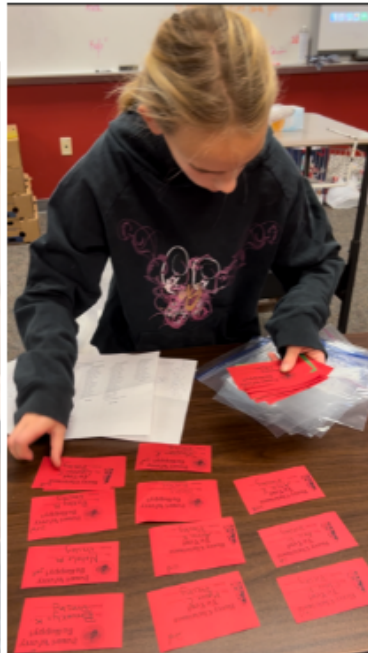
We had a hectic finish before Christmas break. We had to tie things up and prepare for and take finals while navigating a schedule full of activities. The students had to be on their toes. With a busy finish to the semester, Christmas break is always looked forward to and enjoyed. As we begin the new year hopefully the students will be glad to return so we can pick up where we left off.

In Algebra I we will be moving from working with linear inequalities to working with systems of linear equations and inequalities. Geometry will continue to work with different types of triangle congruence and other triangle relationships. Algebra II will be working with polynomials and polynomial functions, and Pre-Calculus will be working with polynomial functions, rational functions and nonlinear inequalities.



The 6th graders and I would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all students, staff, parents, and The Clarkson Bakery for supporting their donut hole sales! We raised almost \$600 in six days! The class delivered over 1,700 Clarkson Bakery donut holes to students and staff at Clarkson Public Schools and St. John Neumann! The Clarkson Bakery donated the donut holes which give us more opportunities to help out Clarkson 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 and The Clarkson 6th Graders



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# Kindergarten News

By Wes Pokorny

I hope that you all had a fulfilling holiday season. I know that it can be a hectic time but I hope you all take some time to reflect on how good we have it. I tease my family that it is Christmas every day at our house. We are very spoiled and blessed.

The semester break is also a time where I reflect on what the kindergarteners have accomplished and what skills we still need to practice on. With the help of Mrs. Bunner and all the other teachers/paras I am very happy with the skills the kids have acquired in the first semester. The stakeholders of our district can be assured that the students in the lower elementary are being taught the science of reading. Reading is a complicated process that our brains are not necessarily designed to do; the task of turning symbols into sounds, sounds into words, and words into sentences on a page can certainly be a challenge. As challenging as it may be, it is one of the most rewarding parts of my job.

The students of our district are also being taught math with practices that are developmentally appropriate and with sound backing in how the brain learns. With the help of [Greg Tang Math](#) and in our math series the kindergarteners should leave the room 80 days ahead of their teacher!

In our quest to build a body and brain that is capable of learning Mrs. Bunner and I have created an environment where a kid can be a kid. We take pride in the fact that the classroom is not only inside the four walls of the schoolhouse. That is where the Child Development Lab and Harlan's Hill come into play. Here at Clarkson Public School we are able to offer an experience that not many other schools around can provide. An area where kids can take risks and engage in open ended play is how kids naturally learn how to solve problems in a creative manner without "much" interference from adults. By this time if you have read any of these newsletters you know that I am a huge advocate for play. Play keeps us young and I encourage you to incorporate some form of play into your own lives!

Thanks for reading and thanks for all the gifts and well wishes during the holidays. If you ever want to see what goes on in kindergarten the door is always open, dress warm cause we are probably headed outside! Win The Day!

## Junior High Wrestling

By Ryan Molacek



The Junior High wrestling team completed their season on December 10th in Centennial. We had ten wrestlers compete this fall. Our wrestlers consisted of eighth graders: Levi Andersen and Beau Baumert and seventh graders: Hayden Andersen, Justin Eisenmann, Cash Fehringer, Jakob Fenster, Hunter Gall, Austin Matthies, Owen Schnoor, and Cole Vodehnal.

Throughout the last two months the Patriots have battled hard, attending tournaments in Newman Grove, Howells-Dodge, Schuyler, Battle Creek, and

Centennial. The boys fought hard while showing improvement throughout the season. Clarkson-Leigh's top performance was at our last competition in Centennial; Clarkson-Leigh had five medalists at the Centennial Invitational consisting of Justin Eisenmann-4th, Cash Fehringer-2nd, Levi Andersen-2nd, Hayden Andersen-3rd, and Hunter Gall-4th. The boys have a bright future as we will begin the club season soon!



## **Clarkson Public School Students Attend Elevate FCS Conference at Wayne State College**



**Wayne State College, December 7, 2022**– Ashly, Rosie, Caleb, Summer, Nile, Sage, Teagan, Emma, Alyssa, Addie, Cadence, and Chloe attended the Elevate FCS (Family and Consumer Sciences) Conference at Wayne State College. The event was hosted by the college’s Family and Consumer Sciences Department. The conference drew more than 200 students, teachers, and presenters from across Nebraska.

During the Elevate FCS conference, attendees heard from keynote speaker Brandi Settje, LIMHP, who graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Human Resources and Family Sciences Bachelor’s Degree, and then received her Master’s Degree in Agency Counseling from the University of South Dakota. She shared her journey of finding her career and how family and consumer sciences classes helped to build her foundation of critical thinking within the individual and family practice settings. Settje has practiced mental health counseling in agencies, private practice, and in schools in both South Dakota and Nebraska.

Settje shared a powerful message about the importance of self-care and “filling your soul” – finding things that motivate and are fulfilling. She shared the idea of creating a vision board to think about values and goals and creating a direction for individual growth and achievement. She closed with statistics on mental health challenges for teens and suicide prevention information, while encouraging students to go back to their schools and advocate for their mental health needs and the education to help them address these challenging issues.

Students later participated in breakout sessions focused on a variety of careers and leadership within the Family and Consumer Sciences field such as Child, Youth, and Family Services; Early Childhood Education and Services; Nutrition and Wellness; Education and Training; Design; Counseling and Mental Health; Interior Design; and Health Science related occupations. They also were able to take a tour of the WSC campus and the newly renovated Benthack Hall, home of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department.

Participants had the opportunity to compete in FCS content related knowledge tests that assessed students’ knowledge in six different FCS content areas. Throughout the day students were able to network with other high school students from 21 different Nebraska schools.

All attendees returned home with improved knowledge and skills to better prepare them for their future career endeavors.

### **About Wayne State’s FCS Program**

Wayne State College’s Family and Consumer Sciences program is designed for students with a passion for family living, consumer economics, foods and nutrition, apparel and textiles, child development, and parenting. Students who pursue the family and consumer sciences major get to choose from one of five concentrations or the major in Early Childhood and Family Studies to prepare for careers that improve individual, family, and community well-being, and impact the development, delivery, and evaluation of consumer goods and services. For more information go to <https://www.wsc.edu/family-and-consumer-sciences> or <https://www.wsc.edu/early-childhood>.

# Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – NO school – Winter break

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marathon BB at Aquinas David City 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – School Resumes

Marathon BB vs. North Bend at Clarkson 4:30 pm Game will broadcast on 107.9 the Bull & 93.5 the Hawk

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> – HS WR invite at Burwell 11:30 am

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Speech meet at Twin River

HS WR invite at Amherst 10:00 am

Marathon BB at Tekamah-Herman 1:00 pm (JV girls to play 2 quarters)

Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Boone Central Honor Choir, TBA

JV WR invite at Oakland-Craig 4:00 pm

JH Girls BB Stanton 6:00 pm

C Team BB vs David City at Clarkson 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – School Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> – JH Girls BB vs Shelby-RC at Leigh 4:30 pm

JH Boys BB vs Shelby-RC at Leigh 4:30 pm

C team BB vs Columbus Lakeview at Leigh 6:00 pm

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB vs Humphrey St. Francis at Leigh 4:30 pm

Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> – HS WR invite at Cross County 9:00 am

JH Girls BB vs Howells-Dodge at Clarkson 9:00 am

JH Boys BB vs Humphrey/LHF at Humphrey 9:00 am

Marathon BB at Pender 1:00 pm

Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – JH Boys BB vs LHNE at Leigh 6:00

Boys C team BB vs. Howells-Dodge at Dodge 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> – HS WR Double Dual at HCC 5:30 pm

Marathon BB vs LHNE at Leigh 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Speech meet at Howells-Dodge

Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – JH Boys BB vs Columbus Scotus at Leigh 4:30 pm

Marathon BB vs Twin River at Genoa 4:30 pm (JV girls to play 2 quarters)

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Speech meet at North Bend

HS WR invite at Neligh-Oakdale 10:00 am

Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – JH Boys BB vs Howells-Dodge at Howells 6:00 pm

C team BB vs West Point-Beemer at West Point 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> – Marathon BB vs Wisner-Pilger at Clarkson 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – FCCLA District STAR Competition in Humphrey

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – FFA District 2 CDE Contest in Norfolk

JH Boys BB at David City 4:30 pm

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – EHC Conference Girls BB tournament, TBA

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – EHC Conference Boys BB tournament, TBA

EHC Conference Wrestling at Howells 9:00 am

Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – EHC Conference Girls BB tournament, TBA

Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – JH Boys BB at Schuyler 4:30 pm

EHC Conference Boys BB tournament, TBA



Menus are subject to change.

	<b><u>Breakfast</u></b>	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>
January 1-4	No school	
January 5	PB&J	chicken fried steak
January 6	Clarkson Bakery rolls	calzone
January 9	egg, sausage, and cheese on a Clarkson Bakery croissant	ribique
January 10	pancake and sausage	turkey and gravy
January 11	breakfast combos	tacos
January 12	homemade breakfast pizza	cavatini
January 13	cereal	pork patty sandwich
January 16	omelet and tri-tator	quesadilla
January 17	tornado	hot ham and cheese
January 18	egg, ham, and cheese On an English muffin	bbq pork sandwich
January 19	pancake on a stick	spaghetti and meat sauce
January 20	biscuit and gravy	hot dog
January 23	bagel and cream cheese	sloppy joe
January 24	waffle and sausage	grilled cheese or tuna salad sandwich
January 25	breakfast pizza	chicken casserole
January 26	yogurt parfait	sub sandwich
January 27	egg, sausage, and cheese on pancakes	hamburger
January 30	breakfast sausage	breaded chicken patty sandwich
January 31	empanada	chili

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**We will see everyone back at school  
when school resumes on Thursday,  
January 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Have a wonderful winter break!**

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