

The Red Review

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From the Superintendent's Desk

by Rich Lemburg

As the month of August arrives, we begin looking ahead to the start of the 2026-2027 school year at Clarkson Public Schools. The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time, but this year the anticipation is even greater as we continue making progress on our building project.

Because construction is still being completed in the new elementary addition and the original 1953 building, this year's Back-to-School Night will be postponed. Once construction is complete, we will host an Open House so students, families, and community members can tour the new addition and see all of the exciting changes that have taken place.

We officially kick off the school year on Tuesday, August 25, with our traditional first-day schedule, which includes a 1:00 p.m. dismissal. Full school days will begin on Wednesday, August 26th. Our preschool students will begin their school year on Wednesday, September 2nd.

As the school year begins, please remember that you can stay up to date on school events and all Coyote activities by visiting our website at www.clarksonpublicschools.org. You can also download the Clarkson Public Schools app for convenient access to important information. Amy Gurnsey does an outstanding job keeping our school calendar updated, and parents can use the app to monitor their children's grades, lunch accounts, and attendance. Be sure to follow the Clarkson Public Schools Facebook page as well, where you'll find photos and videos highlighting student life and school activities throughout the year.

As always, if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns during the school year, please don't hesitate to contact me. You can email me at rlensburg@clarkson.esu7.org or call the school office. We look forward to another outstanding year at Clarkson Public Schools and can't wait to welcome everyone back!

It is a great day to be a Coyote!

News from the Principal

by Dr. Lee Schneider

Happy August and welcome to the start of the 2026-2027 school year! We're excited to kick off another year full of learning, growth, and opportunities. Fall sports are underway, and it's important that all athletes, especially those in grades 7-12, have completed and submitted their physicals to the office *before* participating in any practices. High school athletes need to submit them by Monday, August 10th. JH needs them in by Monday, August 17th. As we settle back into our routines, please make sure all necessary paperwork has been turned in. Staying on top of these details helps us all start the year on the right foot.

I can't express enough how proud I am of the community and the support that has been given toward the school. We have the great opportunity to start a new chapter as the Clarkson Coyotes and create new traditions, records, and memories!! As always, if you have questions or concerns, I welcome your calls or emails. Thank you for your continued support; let's make it a great year!

Go Yotes!

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Due to the construction, we will not be hosting Back to School Night at the start of the year. Instead, we hope to see you at the Coyote Kick-Off at the Park on Friday, August 14th, 5:00pm.

"Back to School paperwork" will be sent home with the oldest child of the family the first day of school. This will include your username and password for JMC; we encourage you to go online and update your family information.

Coyote Kick-Off

🐾 Save the Date! 🐾 The Clarkson Booster Club, FFA Booster Club and PTA invites our entire community to the Coyote Kick-Off! Join us on Friday, August 14th, at 5:00 PM at the Clarkson City Park as we gear up for an amazing school year. Come hungry for a free-will donation meal (hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks), listen to live music by Vesele Harmonicke beginning at 6:00 PM, and cool off with a FREE pool party! 🏊☀️

We want to give a huge Thank You to the coaches and community supporters! 100% of the money we receive in donations and memberships goes back into your community through local purchases for Burger Bashes, scholarships & various donations to our students and school activities. Without your help, we would not have a successful year.

If you have any questions about the Clarkson Booster Club please feel free to call Kortney Sayers 402-860-2315 or Brandy Balzer 402-750-9956.

Picture Day

The photographer from Digital Solutions will be at Clarkson on Friday, September 11th. Students will each receive a packet with two proof pictures for parents to choose from when ordering. Each student and staff member will have pictures taken. Fall Sports pictures will be on Tuesday, September 22nd. Picture retakes will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd. More information will be handed out to students before picture day.



School begins AUGUST 25th!!

Classes for grades K-12 will commence at **8:05 a.m.** on Tuesday, August 25th. High school students should report to the new gym at 8:05 a.m. for orientation. Elementary students report to the multipurpose room. **The first day of school will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. with buses running.** A normal school day will run from 8:05 a.m. to 3:37 p.m., this includes kindergarten.



Grades 7th – 12th –
Reminder to please get your child's Sports Physical to their coach or into the office before August 10th. Thank you.



Bus Service

Buses will arrive at the school after 7:50 a.m. Parents are asked not to bring children before that time. Buses will leave school at 3:42 p.m. (5 minutes after classes are dismissed).

Drivers will contact parents concerning times prior to August 20th. Exact routes will be sent home with your child. Contact the Jeremy Indra (1-402-750-9121) for any needed clarification.

If you wish to have bus transportation and haven't previously had children riding the bus, or if your children will not be riding the bus this year, please notify Jeremy Indra as soon as possible (1-402-750-9121).

Season Activity Passes

For the 2026-2027 school year, admission to East Husker Conference athletic events will be adults \$6.00 and students \$5.00. Clarkson students will receive FREE admission into games, excluding tournaments and NSAA playoff games.

We are offering individual fall sports, winter sports, or yearly sports passes. Each pass will be good for all home athletic games, excluding tournaments and NSAA playoff games.

Individual fall - \$25.00
Individual winter - \$25.00
Individual year - \$45.00

These passes can be purchased at the school office (892-3454) after August 25th.

Free Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for sporting events for those who qualify (65 years of age or older). These passes may be picked up at the high school office during school hours. If you have a Senior Citizen pass from last year it will still be honored. There is no need to get a new one.

JMC Messaging

Clarkson Public Schools will be using the JMC Messaging Program to notify parents, students and staff of school information such as school cancellations, postponements, early dismissals, calendar changes and other pertinent school information. A database will be developed to get this information out to parents, students and staff. We would like you to provide us with the telephone numbers and email you would like to be used for notification. This program will call or text the number(s) you have listed with a message from the school. If you do not answer, a message will be left. The system will not be able to leave a message on your cell phone if you have to type in a mailbox number to get to your voicemail. You can list your email address, home number, cell phone number, and any other number(s) you want called or texted. The number that will show on your caller ID will be the school's number. If you have any questions regarding this please give the school a call.

Kindergarten News

By Ms. Breanna Ruwe

I am so excited for the new school year and cannot wait to get to know the kindergarteners! One of my favorite parts of kindergarten is getting to know each child by building relationships, making memories, and watching each student grow throughout the year!

Kindergarten is a year filled with lots of learning and many new experiences. Students will build important skills in reading, writing, math, science, and social studies while learning through hands-on activities, practice, exploration, and play.

We will also spend lots of time learning classroom routines, becoming more independent, making friends, solving problems, and building confidence. The beginning of the year will include plenty of practice as we learn how to be a classroom community together.

Family involvement is essential to student success. Families can expect regular communication throughout the year about upcoming events and important reminders. I believe that working together as a team and keeping an open line of communication between home and school helps make kindergarten a successful and special experience for every child. Your support, encouragement, and involvement make a big difference in your child's learning and growth!

I can't wait to get to know each student and see all the wonderful growth and learning that will happen this year! 🌟❤️

Hi, First Graders!

Can you believe it? You're officially a FIRST GRADER! I am so excited that you're in my class this year! I have been waiting all summer to start our adventure together.

This year is going to be extra exciting because we'll be learning in our brand-new elementary school! We get to explore new classrooms, make new memories, and be some of the very first students to fill our new school with laughter, learning, and lots of smiles.

We also get to start a brand-new tradition as the Clarkson Coyotes! Do you know what it means to be a Coyote? It means we work hard, help others, show kindness, and never give up, even when something feels tricky. Coyotes cheer each other on, make good choices, and always do their best!

This year we'll read incredible books, solve math mysteries, do fun activities, create awesome art, play games, and learn so many new things. We'll celebrate big accomplishments, laugh together, make new friends, and grow a little more every single day.

You don't have to know everything on the first day, that's what first grade is for! All I ask is that you come ready to try your best, be kind, and have fun. I'll be right there to help you every step of the way.

I can't wait to meet you, hear all about your summer, and make this the BEST. YEAR. EVER!

Mrs. Karly Gall

Welcome to Third Grade

By Mrs. Gall

Hello, Future Third Graders and Families!

I am SO excited to welcome you to third grade! I hope you're enjoying your summer because we have an amazing year ahead of us!

This year is one we'll never forget; we're making history as the first-ever Clarkson Coyotes in our brand-new elementary building! How cool is that? We get to start new traditions, make new memories, and fill our new classroom with lots of learning, laughter, and Coyote pride.

Get ready for exciting books, hands-on projects, fun math challenges (hello multiplication & division), science adventures, creative writing with cursive, and plenty of smiles along the way. Third grade is a year to try new things, ask lots of questions, and grow in so many ways. You are no longer learning to read but learning from your reading!

I can't wait to see all the amazing things we'll accomplish together. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and get ready for a fantastic year!

See you soon, GO YOTES!!

Clarkson FCCLA Excels at National Leadership Conference

Nine members of Clarkson FCCLA traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the FCCLA National Leadership Conference (NLC), where they competed in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events against students from across the country.

The following students represented Clarkson FCCLA with outstanding performances:

- Rowan Stodola and Kendall Schneider competed in Event Management, Level 3, earning a Silver Medal.
- Chloe Indra and Kanon Clarkson competed in Chapter in Review Display, Level 2, earning a Silver Medal.
- Tynzlee Hake and Alaina Sayers competed in Professional Presentation, Level 2, earning a Silver Medal.
- Brecklyn Baumert competed in Food Innovation, Level 1, earning a Gold Medal.
- Kara Eisenmann competed in Fashion Construction, Level 1, earning a Gold Medal.
- Taelyn Baumert competed in Repurpose and Redesign, Level 2, earning a Gold Medal.

Two Clarkson FCCLA members were recognized as Top 10 Finalists in their events. Taelyn Baumert captured 1st Place in the Nation in Repurpose and Redesign, while Kara Eisenmann earned an impressive 5th Place National Finish in Fashion Construction.

In addition to her competition success, Kara participated in the FCCLA National Leadership

Conference Fashion Show. Taelyn also represented Nebraska as a member of the State Peer Officer Team (SPOT), where she participated in the FCCLA Showcase during the conference.

While in Washington, D.C., the students also enjoyed several memorable educational and cultural experiences. They attended a Washington Nationals baseball game, took part in a dinner cruise on the Potomac River with Nebraska FCCLA, experienced the Monuments by Moonlight tour, and visited many of the nation's museums and historic sites.

Clarkson FCCLA extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who supported the chapter's fundraising efforts and helped make this unforgettable opportunity possible. The chapter is incredibly proud of these students and their accomplishments representing Clarkson, Nebraska, and FCCLA on the national stage.

Sexual Harassment Policy

It shall be the policy of the Clarkson Public School District to prohibit sexual harassment of employees, applicants for employment, and students on any work premises where the District has total control of the premises or can otherwise lawfully exert its jurisdiction. For further information contact Superintendent, Rich Lemburg, Human Rights Officer of the District (892-3454).



Cafeteria News

Welcome Back!!!

Breakfast will be available on the 1st day of school. Just a friendly reminder that on late start days there WILL NOT be breakfast served. Serving times will be 7:30-8:00 am. All students are welcome every day!

Remember to fill out the Free/Reduced Price Meal Application. This application actually serves 2 purposes. 1) It helps the school to determine if your family qualifies for full-price, reduced-price or free school meals. 2) The application is also used to determine how much state funding our school receives for supplies, classroom furniture and other school resources. It is important that all families complete and return this application to the school!

Just a friendly reminder for the school year that any student/family with charges of \$30.00 or more will not be able to charge for extras and will be on a cash only basis for the extras. Please talk to your child/children so they know if they are able to charge or not, as we will not keep track. It will be their responsibility to know. Also, please keep a running tab in your account at all times. You will be able to monitor your account through your JMC account.

The cafeteria looks forward to a great 2026-2027 school year!

Sarah Koliha skoliha@clarkson.esu7.org

Linda Vodehnal

Deb Brabec

Puzzled by All the Forms??

Your children will receive numerous forms on the first day of school. The following instructions will help you speedily process this important information.

- 1) Each family should receive a JMC Messaging form with your family's username and password.
- 2) The oldest child in each family should receive a Student Assurance Services insurance application form and cover letter with waiver form.

If you decide to insure your child through this insurance plan you need to:

- 1) complete the application form,
- 2) enclose a check made out to Student Assurance Services, Inc. and

If you do not intend to purchase Student Assurance Services insurance:

- 1) indicate on the waiver form (or the insurance application form) that you do not plan on purchasing this insurance,

It is acceptable to return only one waiver form per family provided all students in your family are listed on the form.

- 3) We will be placing the student handbook online.
- 4) If you have a child(ren) in grades 7-12, you will have to fill out the 1:1 Computer Usage Agreement and pay the laptop user fee. Please read with you child(ren) and fill out the paperwork.
- 5) The oldest child in each family should receive a Free/Reduced Lunch Application packet. If interested,

please complete the application and return it to the office by Friday, September 26th.

We will also have the forms available during the Open House so you can get them done before school starts. If you do not receive any of the above forms contact Amy. **The deadline for returning all of the above forms is: Friday, September 4th.**

Annual Asbestos Notice

Current Federal Regulations require all schools to identify and manage asbestos containing materials (ACM) and develop a management plan to identify and control ACM in their buildings.

The presence of asbestos in a building does not mean that the health of the building occupants is necessarily endangered. As long as asbestos-containing material (ACM) remains in good condition and is not disturbed, exposure is unlikely. When building maintenance, repair, renovation, or other activities disturb ACM, or if it is damaged, asbestos fibers are released creating a potential hazard to building occupants.

The plan is now available for inspection to the general public, or any school personnel at the office. For further information, contact Rich Lemburg, 892-3454. The school may charge for copies of the plan. The plan for the Clarkson Public School has also been submitted to the Nebraska Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health and Housing Surveillance, in accordance with current federal regulations.

Clarkson School District Seeks Children with Special Needs

The Clarkson School District is looking for unidentified children with special needs as it participates in "Nebraska Childfind." This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved children with disabilities, birth through age 21.

Children who would benefit from special education services may not be receiving them because parents may not know of available programs or because they do not recognize the handicapping condition of their children.

Special programs are available through public schools for children with disabilities, which may pose restrictions on learning. These areas may include: speech/language; hearing/vision; learning disabilities; mentally handicapped; behavioral disorders; physical, severe, or multiple handicaps. Nebraska law guarantees a free appropriate public education to children.

Parents who feel their children should be receiving special education services are asked to contact Superintendent Rich Lemburg, at the Clarkson Public School, 892-3454. Nebraska Childfind provides information also through their toll free number 800-742-7594.



The poster features a background image of a colorful, modern playground with slides and climbing structures. Overlaid on this is a large yellow circle containing the text "CLARKSON INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND" in blue, followed by "DONORS NEEDED" in large, bold, red letters. Below this, it says "Help make a difference! Become a donor today and be part of something big!". A box labeled "Benefits" lists: Children of all abilities, Town Attraction, Health, Education, Growth, and Future Generations. A QR code is on the right. At the bottom, contact information for Karly Gall is provided: 402-380-8743 and kgall@clarkson.esu7.org.

Thank you for helping make inclusive play possible for ALL children in our community! We're so excited to be taking the next steps in bringing this playground to life, and we'd love for you to be part of it. If you're interested in donating, please fill out the short survey below. Together, we can create a space where every child feels included, valued, and free to play.

Make your check payable to:

Colfax Co. SD58 Foundation
In the **memo line**, please write:
Clarkson Inclusive Playground

Mail your check to:

Clarkson Public Schools
Attn: Karly Gall
649 Cherry St.
Clarkson, NE 68629

Juniors & Seniors Taking Early College Classes

Mrs. Kappel will be at school Thursday, **August 13th from 8:00 am-2:00 pm**. Please stop in the **lobby** to get help:

1. Picking up your computer to be able to access your college classes

*College classes begin August 17th

2. Help with logins to CCC and/or NECC (usernames/passwords)
3. Fridays at Northeast paperwork and instructions
4. English Composition class instructions
5. Assistance with textbooks (if required for classes)

If you are unable to stop by on the 13th, please email Mrs. Kappel to find another time to meet!
jkappel@clarkson.esu7.org

SCHEDULES, SCHEDULES, SCHEDULES

Student schedules are available on JMC through the school website. If you would like to make any changes to your schedule, contact Mrs. Kappel at jkappel@clarkson.esu7.org or stop in at school during the days on August 19th-21st.

Step 1: Clarkson Public Schools website:

<https://www.clarksonpublicschools.org>

Step 2: Select the JMC link

Step 3: Click on the family icon or the student icon if you know your login information

Step 4: Make sure the year is set to 2026-2027. Enter your username and password. If you do not have this information from the previous year, please contact the school office.

You will be able to access information regarding:

- Parent and student contact information
- Emergency contact information
- Lunch account
- Schedules
- Progress reports and report cards
- Attendance

Updates to Clarkson Public School's Attendance Policies

The following updates are reflected in the student handbook.

ABSENCES: All absences are reported to the State of Nebraska through JMC and count toward attendance totals, whether excused or unexcused. School-sponsored activities, including academic competitions, college/job shadowing, and career and technical student organization events, do not count as absences. An excused absence is confirmed by a parent/guardian for reasons such as illness, medical appointments, or family emergencies. An unexcused absence occurs when there is not a valid reason or proper notification and may result in academic or truancy consequences.

TARDIES: Students are expected to arrive on time. Students arriving 8:06–8:30 a.m. are tardy; students

arriving after 8:30 a.m. are absent for that class period. Students who are tardy to class without a staff note will be marked tardy. **Four** unexcused tardies per class period, and each additional tardy, will result in a 30-minute detention. Tardy totals reset each quarter.

ATTENDANCE INTERVENTIONS:

- 5–7 absences: Parent/guardian will receive an attendance notice and may be asked to meet with the school.
- 10–12 absences: Parent/guardian and student will be asked to meet with school personnel to develop an attendance plan. Notifications may be made to DHHS and the county attorney.
- 20 absences: The district will notify the family of its intent to involve the county attorney and will make required notifications to DHHS and law enforcement.

SEMESTER TEST EXEMPTION: Students in grades 7–12 with two or fewer absences per quarter (or equivalent instructional time) will be exempt from semester tests. School-sponsored activities do not count toward this limit; all other absences do.

SENIOR ATTENDANCE: Seniors generally have their last regular attendance date the week before graduation. Seniors who have missed 15 or more days (or equivalent instructional time) may be required to attend through graduation.

LEAVING SCHOOL OR CLASS: Students must have parent/guardian permission and sign out through the office before leaving school. Students returning the same day must sign back in. Leaving without permission or proper procedures may result in an unexcused absence.

PLANNED ABSENCES: Parents should notify the school as early as possible about planned absences. Students are responsible for completing assigned work. Families are encouraged to schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22

Are you a Senior interested in taking another crack at the ACT? Maybe you are a junior and want to take your first official ACT test? The next test date is Saturday, September 19th, and the deadline to register is August 14th. Mrs. Kappel will be at school August 13th to help students register for this test date if help is needed.

Discrimination Statement

The Clarkson School Board believes that each student and employee should be treated fairly. If you feel you have been treated unfairly because you are a member of a certain race, you are a boy or girl, you speak English as your second language, you are from a country other than the United States, or you have a disability - please tell us! Talk to Rich Lemburg, Superintendent, 892-3454, 649 Cherry St., Clarkson, NE.

This person will help you and is in charge of our schools compliance with these laws to protect you:

*Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments

*Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

Any person may also contact the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, regarding this school's compliance with these laws: Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504.

Title I Welcomes You to a New School Year

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools. The goal of Title I is a high-quality education for every child, so the program provides extra help to students who need it most. These are children who are the furthest from meeting the standards the state has set for all children.

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I. States send the money to school districts based on the numbers of low-income families. The local school district identifies eligible schools and provides Title I resources.

Our school identifies students most in need of educational help (students do not have to be from low-income families to receive help). Goals are set for student improvement, we measure progress made each year, and welcome parent involvement.

To meet the student improvement goals Title I offer smaller classes, additional teachers and assistants, extra time for instruction, and a variety of teaching methods and materials. Title I teachers and classroom teachers work closely together.

Clarkson Public School receives Title I money. Clarkson Public School has employed certified teachers and paraeducators. They are highly qualified and meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind and Nebraska's Rule 10 expectations. You may request information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and teachers. This information can be reviewed in our District's Administration Office. Because research and common sense tell us that quality teaching is the single most important factor in helping students learn and achieve, we are committed to recruiting and keeping caring, competent school staff.



AUGUST MENU

TUESDAY 25th

B-Cereal

L-Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Fruit & Salad Bar

WEDNESDAY 26th

B-Donuts

L-Salisbury Steak, Baked Potato, Dinner Roll, Fruit & Salad Bar

THURSDAY 27th

B-Breakfast Sandwich

L-Chicken Sandwich, Baked Beans, Fruit & Salad Bar

FRIDAY 28th

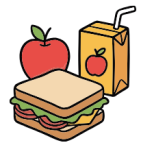
B-Uncrustable

L-Pizza Crunchers w/ Marinara Sauce, Broccoli, Cookie, Fruit & Salad Bar

MONDAY 31st

B-Empanada

L-Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Fries, Fruit & Salad Bar



This Institution is an equal opportunity provider
Menu is Subject to Change
Milk is served at Breakfast & Lunch



**WELCOME
BACK TO SCHOOL**

questions: skoliha@clarkson.esu7.org

Clarkson Public School Happenings

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Monday, August 3rd – HS FB and VB Conditioning Week begins
 Friday, August 7th – Close Up Party in the Park 6:00-9:00 pm
 Monday, August 10th – FB, VB, Girls Golf practices begin
 Wednesday, August 12th – School board meeting in school library 6:00 pm
 Friday, August 14th – Coyote Kickoff- Membership Drive for Clarkson Booster, FFA Booster Club, & PTA 5:00-8:00 pm at City Park
 Sunday, August 16th – Post Prom meeting 7:00 pm at Brass Rail
 Wednesday, August 19th – Teacher In-Service Days begin
 Thursday, August 20th – VB Jamboree vs. Pierce and Wynot at Clarkson 5:30 pm
 SB vs Polk County/Aquinas at Leigh 5:00 pm
 Saturday, August 22nd – Girls Golf at Schuyler 9:00 am
 Monday, August 24th – SB at Boone Central 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, August 25th – 1st Day of school for Grades K-12th (School begins at 8:05 am and dismisses at 1:00 pm)
 SB vs. Pierce at Leigh 5:00 pm
 Saturday, August 29th – FB vs Arapahoe in Grand Island 1:30 pm
 Var. VB tourney at Centennial 9:00 am
 SB invite at Wisner-Pilger 10:00 am
 Monday, August 31st – JV FB at Lyons 5:30 pm
 Tuesday, September 1st – C/JV/V VB vs Howells-Dodge 5:00 pm
 Girls Golf at Stanton 2:30 pm
 SB vs. Blue River at Leigh 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 2nd – 1st day of Preschool
 Thursday, September 3rd – Var. VB triangular (Madison, Stanton) at Stanton 5:30 pm
 Girls Golf at Stanton 9:00 am
 SB vs LVSS at Scribner 5:00 pm
 Friday, September 4th – FB vs. Wakefield 3:00 pm
 Monday, September 7th – No School - Labor Day
 Tuesday, September 8th – JH VB at Madison 4:30 pm
 JH/JV FB vs. GACC 4:30/6:00 pm
 Var. VB double dual at West Point-Beemer 5:00 pm
 SB vs Ponca at Leigh 5:00 pm
 Wednesday, September 9th – School Board Meeting in school library 6:00 pm
 Thursday, September 10th – JV/V VB at Pender 5:30 pm
 Girls Golf at Leigh 1:30 pm
 SB at Twin River 4:30 pm
 Friday, September 11th – Fall pictures for students and staff with Digital Solutions.
 FB at Weeping Water 7:00 pm
 Saturday, September 12th – JH VB tournament at Leigh 9:00 am
 JV VB tournament at Wisner-Pilger 8:00 am
 SB tournament at Lakeview 9:00 am
 Monday, September 14th – JH VB vs. Humphrey at Clarkson 6:00 pm
 JV FB at Stanton 5:30 pm
 JH FB at Mead 4:00 pm
 C team VB quad vs Lakeview, Wayne, WP-Beemer 4:30 pm
 Homecoming Week begins
 Tuesday, September 15th – C team/JV VB vs. Schuyler 5:30 pm
 Thursday, September 17th – C team/JV/V VB at Humphrey/Lindsay 5:00 pm
 SB vs. NEN at Dodge 5:00 pm
 Friday, September 18th – FB vs. Randolph 7:00 pm
 Saturday, September 19th – C team VB tournament at Wisner-Pilger 8:00am
 Var. VB tournament at Stanton 9:00am
 Girls Golf at Boone Central 9:00 am
 SB invite at Arlington 9:00 am
 Monday, September 21st – JH VB triangular with Lakeview & Stanton at Lakeview 4:30 pm
 JV FB at Cedar Bluff 5:30 pm
 SB at North Bend 5:00 pm
 Tuesday, September 22nd – Fall picture RETAKES and Fall activity pictures with Digital Solutions.
 Girls Golf at Leigh 1:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 23rd – NHS Blood Drive 10:30 am - 4:30 pm
 Thursday, September 24th – JH VB vs. Twin River at Clarkson 4:30 pm
 C team/JV/V VB at Lutheran High NE 5:30 pm
 SB vs O'Neill at Dodge 5:00 pm
 Friday, September 25th – FB at Leigh 7:00 pm
 Girls Golf tournament at Leigh 9:00 am
 Saturday, September 26th – Var. VB tournament at David City 9:00 am
 SB tournament at Tekamah-Herman 9:00 am
 Monday, September 28th – JH/JV FB vs. Madison 4:30/6:00 pm
 Tuesday, September 29th – C team/JV/V VB vs. Archbishop Bergan 5:00 pm
 SB triangular vs Central City & Fort Calhoun at Dodge 3:30 pm
 Wednesday, September 30th – Hwy 91 Career Fair



CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026-2027 VACATION PLANNER

PLAN AHEAD. TAKE TIME. MAKE MEMORIES.

	LABOR DAY WEEKEND NO SCHOOL	SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2026
	FALL BREAK NO SCHOOL	OCTOBER 23-25, 2026
	THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL	NOVEMBER 25-29, 2026
	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	DECEMBER 23- JANUARY 4, 2027
	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	MARCH 5-8, 2027
	EASTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	MARCH 26-29, 2027

School Success Starts with Attendance!

Use this guide to plan your vacations around the 2026-2027 CPS calendar! **#BeHere**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.

Why is attendance important to my child's education?
 As a parent/caregiver you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life.

Did you know that:

- A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life.
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSE's at all.
- Poor examination results limit young peoples options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable.

Good Attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's **180 to 185** days every year

Nationally, pupils that have only:

91%

attendance or less will drop at least one GCSE grade across their subjects

Please note we do not authorise holidays during term time. Concerns over your child's attendance may trigger:

- First day response telephone calls home
- Home visits by the attendance team
- Attendance Meetings
- Referrals to the Local Authority
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Court Proceedings

180 days are not spent in school each year

* So there is plenty of time for shopping, family holidays and appointments

GCSE's may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning.

This in turn can:

- That they fall behind in their work
- Affect their motivation
- Affect their enjoyment of working
- Lead to poor behaviour
- Affect their desire to attend school regularly
- Affect their confidence in school
- Mean the miss out on social life in school and extra curricular opportunities and experiences
- Affect their ability to leave or keep their friendship groups

Days of Education	Attendance %	Level
185	100%	Well Done
180	97%	Good
167	90%	Good
157	85%	Good
148	80%	Seriously Worried
139	75%	Seriously Worried

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School Supply List 2026-2027

We request that you provide the following for your student.
(Due to LB 249 we cannot require that you provide it.)

Preschool

- Bookbag
- 1 large box of Kleenex- morning class
- 1 roll of paper towels- afternoon class
- 1 extra change of clothes

Kindergarten

- Bookbag
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- PE shoes – non marking
- Water bottle

1st Grade

- Bookbag
- Scissors
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 large container of Clorox wipes
- Headphone (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- PE shoes – non marking
- Water bottle

2nd Grade

- Bookbag
- Pencil box/case
- 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex
- Headphone (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- 1 spiral notebook – wide rule
- PE shoes – non marking

3rd Grade

- Bookbag
- 1 Spiral Notebook (College Rule)
- 3 Paper Mate Pink Erasers
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Headphones (Over the ears)
- 3 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Box of 8 Expo Markers
- PE shoes – non marking

4th-6th Grade

- Bookbag
- 20 pencils (20 more at the semester)
- 3 red pens
- Pencil bag
- 2 Pack of 8 dry erase markers (math)
- 2 Composition notebooks (Science & Writing)
- 2 folders with pockets (math, reading)
- Headphones (Over the ears w/ baggie)
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 spiral notebooks for reading
- Basic calculator
- 2-3 highlighters
- Deodorant (stick only, no sprays)
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle

7th Grade

- Bookbag
- 20 Pencils #2
- Pens
- Scientific Calculator
- 1 – 5 Subject Notebooks (math)
- 1 Jumbo book cover
- Folders w/ pockets
- 1 Composition notebook (Science)
- 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex
- Deodorant (stick only, no sprays)
- Headphones
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle
- 50 Index Cards (Civics)

8th Grade

- Bookbag
- 3-ring binder
- 20 Pencils #2
- Pens
- Scientific Calculator
- 1 – 5 Subject Notebooks (math)
- 100 index cards (American History)
- 1 Jumbo book cover
- Folders w/ pockets
- 1 Composition notebook (Science)
- 3 lg. boxes of Kleenex
- Deodorant (stick only, no sprays)
- Headphones
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle
- * 180 index cards & storage container (Reading)
- * 1 subject notebook (Reading)

9th - 12th Grade

- Bookbag
- 3 ring binder
- 20 Pencils #2
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Folders w/ pockets
- PE shoes – non-marking
- Water bottle
- 100 Index Cards (10th Am. Hist/11th Am. Govt)
- 9th Grade English - 180 index cards (a storage container for cards - optional)
- 9th-12th Grade English - book cover, folder, writing utensils, notebook
- 9-10 Social Studies- 180 Index Cards
- Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3 & Spanish 4 students - all need a set of highlighters with these colors: blue, green, yellow, orange, pink.
- HS Art - 8.5 x 11 Sketchbook
- 9-12 Science - 3" 3 Ring Binder
- 9-12 Math - 3" 3 Ring Binder; notebook

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