



NEWSLETTER

Together, we prepare our students to successfully meet the challenges of the future.

Happy Friday! I hope you have had a great week! It's been a super week for our Bennet students and staff! Hopefully routines are starting to take hold, and the kids are getting used to getting up earlier.

Just a reminder to please help us keep our kids safe with drop-off and pick-up. Please do not park in the bus circle from 7:45-8:30 AM and 2:45 to 4:00 PM each day. Also, remind your child to walk on the sidewalk and not cut in between or in front of the buses to get to your car.

MAPS (Measure of Academic Progress) will begin next week. This information will be shared with you at Parent Teacher Conferences in September.

I continue to welcome the opportunity to visit with you should you have any questions, concerns, or comments. Thank you for your continued support! Mrs. Walter



Grandparents/Special Friends

This year Grandparent's Day is Sunday, September 8th. We are inviting grandparent's/special friends to join their grandchild for breakfast on Monday, September 9th. Please make sure you call the school ahead of time, so that we may plan for you to attend. Breakfast costs \$2.50 for an adult.

Student Forms

Today your child is bringing home a Authorization/Waiver consent form. Please return this form by Friday, September 6th.



Electronic Newsletter

We will begin sending the weekly newsletter electronically this week if you signed up for this option. All oldest and only students will bring home a newsletter this week in addition to your email. If you do not receive the newsletter in your email, please contact the school office at 782-3535.

Reminder NO school Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day!

Picture Retakes are Thursday, September 26th.

Accelerated Reader (AR) for students in 1st-6th grade has started. Happy Reading!!

Drop Off and Parking

Please remember when dropping off your child to remind them to use the sidewalk to walk up to the building. We also ask that you park in the new parking lot to the east of Bennet Elementary when dropping off or picking up.

Pick Up and Drop Off Reminder



The circle drive is closed during bus loading and unloading times of 7:45-8:30 AM and 2:40-4:15 PM.

MAPS Testing

Students in first-sixth grade will be taking the MAPS (Measure of Academic Progress) test beginning Wednesday, September 4th. The schedule will be sent home today with your child. MAPS tests are important to our teachers because it lets them monitor/track progress and growth in skill areas. MAPS information will be shared with parents at parent teacher conferences in September.

Upcoming Events:

September

- 2nd No School Labor Day
- 4th MAPS Testing 1st-6th Grade
- 9th Grandparent's Breakfast Day

Bennet Booster Corner



The Bennet Boosters meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Elementary Commons. We hope to see you Tuesday,

September 10th for our next meeting. Please visit the Bennet Elementary Boosters Facebook page to learn more about upcoming events.

THE PANTHER WAY



- P- positive attitude
- A-act responsible
- W-work together
- S- show kindness and respect



Panther Weekly Bulletin

August 30th, 2019

Breakfast Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
No School	Breakfast Bar Cereal	Waffles Ham Patty	Sausage Patty Biscuit Egg Patty	Cinnamon Roll Cereal

Lunch Menu

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
No School	Hamburger Tater Tots	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Carrots	Crispitos Green Beans	Cheese Crunchers Broccoli Marinara

Weekly Athletic Practice Schedule

<u>HS Football</u>	<u>HS Volleyball</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>Junior Football</u>
Monday-Thursday 3:45 pm	Monday 6:30-8:30 pm Wed. 3:45-6:00 Friday 3:45-6:00	Monday-Friday 4:00 pm	Tuesday, Thursday, 3:45-5:45 pm Wednesday 3:45-4:45 pm Friday 3:45-5:15 pm

Happening this week at PHS

Saturday, August 31st– FFA State Fair Livestock Show

Monday, September 2nd– NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 3rd– Early Band 6:45 am, HS Volleyball @ PHS C-Team 5:00 pm, JV 5:45 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 4th– Show Choir 6:30 am, National Honor Society 7:45 am, Student Council 7:45 am, FCCLA Meeting 3:45 pm

Thursday, September 5th– Drum Line 6:30 am, V Volleyball @ PHS Triangular PHS vs. Dorchester 5:00 pm, Dorchester vs. Weeping Water 6:00 pm, PHS vs. Weeping Water 7:00 pm, FCCLA Meeting 3:45 pm

Friday, September 6th– Show Choir 6:30 am, HS Quiz Bowl 7:30 am, Golf @ Hidden Acres 9:00 am Van leaves @ 7:00 am, Cross Country @ Tecumseh Country Club 9:00 am Bus leaves @ 7:15 am, HS Football @ PHS 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 7th–

Upcoming Events:

Monday, September 9th– JH Volleyball @ PHS. JH Football @ Southern

Tuesday, September 10th– Early Band, HS Volleyball @ Conestoga

Wednesday, September 11th– Show Choir,

Thursday, September 12th– Drum Line, Golf @ Woodland Hills, HS Volleyball @ PHS

Friday, September 13th– Show Choir, HS Football

Saturday, September 14th– JV Volleyball @ Syracuse

FYI-

This was the last free week for eligibility. All grades count now and everyone is eligible to be ineligible.

Ag class, 8th grade and FFA members get your Sept.15 6:00 pm picnic reservations into Mr. Malone by Wednesday Sept. 4. Invitations were given to students the week of August 21st.

Post Prom Information– All Junior parents are invited to join the Post Prom Parents. The next meeting will be September 30th at 7:00 pm at the high school.

Any junior high or high school student interested in photography or videography, such as live streaming games and events for school, please contact Ms. Gill. You do not have to be in our media class to learn how to work with technology. We would love to get more students involved to help capture great memories.

Student Council is selling raffle tickets to raise money for homecoming. There is a \$25, \$100 and \$50 gift card to Scheels as prizes. Tickets are \$5 each. See a StuCo member at home events or email Mr. Davenport at Davenport.jon@districtor1.net

Cheerleaders are selling spirit wear. Flyer is attached and orders are due September 20th. Please see one of the cheerleaders to order or email Ferretti.jen@districtor1.net

“Check out the Panther gear that can be purchased online at <https://qrg.four51ordercloud.com/PHSBooster/catalog>. Proceeds benefit the PHS Athletic Booster Club. Thank you for your support!”

Students are not allowed to be in the building before 7:30 am unless they are taking part in an activity that has early practice times!

The Bus lane at Palmyra is off limits to vehicles during bus pick up and drop off times before and after school!

GO PANTHERS!

Counselor Comments 8.30.19

Coming Up!



Powerful Speaker! On **Tuesday, September 3rd, at 8:30 in the PHS new West Gym, Patty Stuever**, a dynamic powerful speaker active in the Wichita Public Schools and several non-profits in the Wichita, Kansas, community will come to speak at Palmyra High School (morning) and Bennet Elementary (afternoon). Come hear her message to serve, inspire hope, and empower transformation. Giving back to the community is very important to her and she does this in various ways. She will share a message of hope that empowers us all to be the best version of ourselves. Most of her career has been working with youth by presenting and teaching a powerful process for positive change, empowering them to improve their schools and communities, connecting them to resources to help them succeed, and guiding them in making better decisions for their lives.

ASVAB Career Exploration Program *for Seniors* will take place on Wednesday, September 11, from 8:15 to 11:45. It is offered at no cost by the armed forces for students to discover occupations, interests and skills.

There is no obligation to join the military at all, however this battery of tests does much to help students discover careers they might be interested in.

EducationQuest Financial Aid Program here at PHS on **Thursday, September 26th at 2:45 (8th period)** to learn about types of financial aid and begin the FAFSA process. Seniors can register to win a \$500 scholarship! This Program is required for juniors and seniors. Senior parents are highly encouraged to attend as we will begin the FAFSA process.

Seniors...3 must-do tasks for this fall!

1. **Apply to your top college choices.** Our school participates in Nebraska's *Apply2College* campaign in October, so you'll get help with your college applications during a school-day event. If not, go to the EducationQuest website to find a college application checklist and other helpful resources.
2. **Create an FSA ID.** You and a parent must each create a username and password at fsaid.ed.gov that will serve as your Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will each need your own email address to create an FSA ID.
3. **Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after October 1.** The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The colleges you list on the application will use that information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid they will award you.

Get FREE help from EducationQuest

- Attend the EducationQuest [Financial Aid Program](#) here at PHS on Thursday, September 26th at 2:45 (8th period) to learn about types of financial aid and the FAFSA. While you're there, register to win a \$500 scholarship!
- Find free [FAFSA Tools](#) at EducationQuest.org to help you prepare for and complete the FAFSA.
- Call EducationQuest to set up an appointment for free personal help: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745



Why Are We Here? Why Does Learning Matter?

"There are a lot of reasons, but here's one. Those of you who get a two- or four-year college degree with minimal debt will have dramatically improved your life's chances. Why? You will soon enter a hypercompetitive capitalistic, global economy powered by two forces making life really tough for those without two- or four-year college degrees. These two forces will soon be fierce competitors of yours.

What are they? Intelligent machines and inexpensive foreign workers. Each month, they become more capable, plentiful, and affordable. Skills and knowledge will equip you to compete against and stay ahead of these potent foes rather than succumb to them.

A two- or four-year college degree with minimal debt is a proven pathway to the skills and knowledge so critical for future success versus these potent competitors—but avoid overspending and over-borrowing. Step one is to go to the right college at the right price.

When determining who gets in and at what cost, colleges care most about the Big Three: Grades (GPA), Scores (ACT/SAT), and One Extracurricular. Try today, become a two- or four-year college graduate with minimal debt by age 24, and then compete with skills and knowledge, free from hefty

monthly student loan payments. Students who try harder today should live easier tomorrow."

(*The above four paragraphs were taken from John Baylor's latest book Reaching Higher. The Simple Strategy to Transform America's K-12 Schools)

I am here to help you! Please be sure that you have my email address handy (Chaffee.Mic@districtor1.net) to get in touch with me about any issues that might spring up concerning you and/or your student in the realm of academics, college/career decisions, or social/emotional needs. I am here to help and I LOVE serving the students of District OR 1 !!

Mr. Michael Chaffee
School Counselor