

HHS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

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December 3, 2018

Dear Students and Parents,

We are quickly approaching the middle of the school year as the dates for Semester Tests are already in sight. If we stop to consider all the accomplishments of our students so far, I think it's been another great year. In our activities, we've had award winners as well as conference, regional and state recognition for many students, including another State Championship for our Girls in Cross Country. In our classrooms, we have continued to expand our uses of our digital platform and find new tools on an almost daily basis, and we're updating our projector/TV capabilities to better fit current classroom use in the area of assessment, we've gone through another round of MAP testing to help better quantify the academic strengths and needs for our students and we are preparing again for the Juniors to take the ACT as a state measurement tool. In the social/community domain, the Seniors have done an outstanding job of working to bring all the student programs together and support each other. Freshmen have started to experience "grown up" freedoms that come with "grown up" responsibilities. With each year, we have some disappointments along the way, but our 18-19 school year has been very successful thus far, and the students are beginning to find their way as adults in a complicated world. The challenge now will be to avoid complacency with the status quo and keep looking for new opportunities to learn and help these youth become productive members of society.

As we enter into this holiday season, we all need to pause for a moment and realize how many reasons we have to be thankful and how many opportunities we have to share with one another. On behalf of the faculty and staff at Holdrege High School, I'd like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,
Robert Drews, Principal
Holdrege High School

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

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| December 5 | - | National Honor Society Induction @ The Tassel 11:00am |
| December 13 | - | 6-12 Instrumental Concert 7:00pm @ The Tassel |
| December 17 | - | 7-12 Vocal Concert 7:00pm @ The Tassel |
| December 20-21 | - | Semester Testing Schedule (1:35 dismissals) |
| December 21 | - | End of 1 st Semester |
| December 22-26 | - | Gym Moratorium – No practice/contests in gym |
| Dec. 22-Jan.6 | - | NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break |
| January 7 | - | School Resumes for 2 nd Semester |

SCHOOL DISMISSED FOR CHRISTMAS: School will be dismissed at 1:35 pm on Friday, December 21 to begin Christmas Break. School will not be in session from Monday, December 24, 2018, through Friday, January 4, 2019. School will resume as usual on Monday, January 7, 2019.



NSAA MORATORIUM: The NSAA (Nebraska School Activities Association) has declared a moratorium from Saturday, December 22 through Wednesday, December 26. During this time, schools are not permitted to schedule practices or contests. Also, gyms and other areas may not be opened for students to practice their sport, even if no coach is present.

**Holdrege High School
Semester Test Schedule
Fall 2018**

Thurs. Dec. 20, 2018

Period 0	7:00 - 8:00
Period 1	8:15 – 9:15
Period 3	9:20 – 10:20
Period 4	10:25 – 11:25
LUNCH	11:30 – 12:30
Period 6	12:35 – 1:35

Fri. Dec. 21, 2018

Period 2	8:15 – 9:15
Period 5	9:20 – 10:20
Period 7	10:25 – 11:25
LUNCH	11:30 – 12:30
Period 8	12:35 – 1:35

SENIOR RECOGNITION ADS IN THE YEARBOOK: Approximately a month ago, senior parents were sent information about purchasing a Senior Recognition Ad in the yearbook for their son or daughter.. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Buck as soon as possible.

FACS Classes Bake for the Senior Center

Students in FACS classes at HHS and HMS cooperated with The Phelps County Senior Center to provide baked goods for their annual bake sale the the day before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Windholz helped plan the recipes with Denise Smith, Director at Phelps County Senior Center. 1st and 5th Hour Foods, Creative Living and 8th Grade Foods all helped make Banana Bread, Pumpkin Bread, Zucchini Bread, Poppy Seed



Bread, Angel Food Cake, Chocolate Cake, Pecan Pies and four types of cookies for center and practice their baking skills at the same time. The students learned many baking skills through this process and were able to provide a service to our community as well.



SENIOR PICTURES FOR YEARBOOK: Seniors have been notified throughout the first semester about the December 1 deadline for submitting a senior photograph to the yearbook staff. If you are unable to reach that deadline, please contact Mr. Buck. Staff photographers have been trained in portrait photography and can take your son or daughter's photograph.



GRADING INFORMATION: Holdrege High School awards credit for classes based on semester grades. Quarter grades are only an indicator of current achievement in the course. Consequently, 1st Quarter progress reports are only any indicator of the current grade for the student. No credit is awarded based on the 1st Quarter grade. At the end of the 1st Semester, December 20, students will be given a semester grade only. Credit will be awarded based on the semester grade and attendance. Students will not be given a 2nd Quarter grade as the semester grade is the grade the students have earned for the semester. Honor roll will be determined using semester grades only.



CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY YEARBOOKS FOR SALE -



December 15 is the deadline to reserve your copy of the 100th edition of the Holdrege High School Yearbook. Be sure to bring your \$48 check or money to Mr. Buck or Mrs. Perry as soon as possible.

**Check your student's grades on the internet.
Get your *Infinite Campus* password today!
Call the Holdrege High School Office for details.**

HEALTH UPDATE!

With flu season in full swing, school nurse Keegan Anderson, RN reminds parents and students to stay on guard. Influenza is a respiratory virus with symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, stuffy/runny nose, headaches, and fatigue. The flu is spread through droplets from coughing, sneezing,



and talking so hand hygiene is vital. Also, please do not send students back to school until they have been fever free (without Tylenol or Ibuprofen) for at least 24 hours. Flu season begins in October, but it is not too late to receive your vaccination if you have not done so. The CDC recommends everyone age 6 months and older receive an annual flu shot.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:



All Students

-Peer tutors for a variety of subjects are available to HHS students. Stop by the guidance office for more information.

-Schedule changes for second semester can be made at any time. Students are encouraged to make any changes as soon as possible. The last date to make changes will be Wednesday, January 9.

-All students are reminded that the guidance office offers a variety of services to help all students. Everyone is welcome to stop in for assistance.

Seniors

-If you haven't made your final decision about your plans for next year, now is the time! Make your final campus visits to narrow and clarify your choice.

-Families of seniors: If you've not already done so, the FAFSA should be filed as soon as possible using your 2017 tax information. If you need assistance, Education Quest offers free help with the FAFSA. Their office in Kearney can be reached at 800-666-3721.

-Please visit the guidance page at www.dusters.org for important information including an up-to-date scholarship list. This list has also been shared with all seniors in the Google drive. Information will continue to be added to these lists as we are made aware of scholarship offerings. There will soon be a Google Classroom available to all seniors that will have current and ongoing scholarship information.

-Kara Faber from the Phelps County Community Foundation will be in Mrs. Olson's English classes during periods 1, 2, 3, and 7 on Tuesday December 4th to inform students about the many scholarships offered through the Foundation. She will go over the application process and all seniors should make arrangements to attend one of the sessions even if they don't have English during one of those periods.

-The Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship is a wonderful opportunity for students who qualify based on figures from the FAFSA with plans to attend a public college in Nebraska. This application is due February 1 and is lengthy and requires an essay--students should be working on it now! More information is available at www.buffettscholarships.org

-Cut-off dates for scholarships at many colleges and universities will be sometime in February.

-Colleges will be sending important information to their incoming students regarding housing applications so be watching email for that.

-Seniors planning to enter the workforce upon graduation should be polishing their resume in order to be ready to make applications.

Juniors

-The annual junior career day is on Wednesday, December 12. Students will tour Phelps Memorial Health Center, Allmand Brothers, and Becton-Dickinson. Following lunch the results of their ASVAB interest inventory will be shared and explained to them.

-The ACT is offered seven times per year. College bound students are encouraged to take it 3-4 times to maximize their opportunities to get the best possible score. HHS is a site for the October and December national test dates. All juniors will be taking the April 2 statewide test. This test is provided at no cost to the students and provides college-reportable scores. Registration information for all national testing dates is available at www.act.org.

-Juniors will begin working on ACT preparation in math and English classes after the new year. In addition, the ACT prep program On To College with John Baylor is available to any student who wants to do extra work preparing for the ACT. HHS makes On To College available to students for \$20.

-Juniors should begin thinking about their college selection process. Spring is an excellent time to visit colleges. HHS allows juniors and seniors in good standing to have a total of three days to visit colleges. Stop by the Guidance Office if you need help arranging college visits.

Education Quest December Newsletter

<https://www.educationquest.org/pdfs/CPB/CPBulletinDec18.doc> (Word document)

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Contact us:

HHS Guidance Office 995-8988

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Follow the Guidance Office on Twitter @HoldregeGO

From the Holdrege Chapter of the National Honor Society.



Below are the selection procedures for the Holdrege High School chapter of the National Honor Society. It must be noted that nationally only about 10% of students qualify for membership. There are no quotas for membership in the National Honor Society, but it is not uncommon for less than half the students with the required GPA to be invited for membership. The selection procedures are dictated by the National Charter and the High School faculty has very little to say about how the procedure works.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCEDURE

It first must be noted that selection into the National Honor Society is a privilege, not a right. It is a misconception that students are inducted in the National Honor Society solely because of grades. Scholarship is just one of the four criteria that a student must excel in. The students must also **excel** in Service, Leadership, and Character as perceived by the high school faculty. Students who are average or weak in any of the four criteria may not be invited for membership.

While there are no set minimum or maximum number selected every year, it is not uncommon that less than half of the students with a GPA of 3.50 or greater are inducted as members. Again, students must excel in all four areas of the National Honor Society, Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

The Holdrege Chapter of the National Honor Society selection Procedure:

1. At the end of the first quarter juniors and seniors with a GPA of 3.50 or greater will be identified.
2. A letter will be sent to these students asking them to fill out a Student Activity Information form.
3. Only students returning the Student Activity Information form by the date listed on the form will be considered for membership.
4. The faculty will then rate the students who returned the Student Activity Information form in the areas of Service, Leadership, and Character. The students have already met the minimum requirement for Scholarship in order to receive the Student Activity Information form. These ratings will be based on the content of the Student Activity Information form and on the faculty's acquaintance with the student.
5. A council made up of five faculty and non-voting NHS advisors will determine which students will be admitted into the Holdrege Chapter of the National Honor Society. The Principal appoints the faculty council and the NHS advisors.

The criteria for selection into the Holdrege Chapter of the National Honor Society include but is not limited to the following:

SCHOLARSHIP * Must have at least a 3.50 GPA.

SERVICE

- a. Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- b. Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties.
- c. Volunteers, dependable, and well-organized, gladly available and willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- d. Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- e. Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- f. Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and interscholastic competition.
- g. Does committee and staff work without complaint?
- h. Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

LEADERSHIP

- a. Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- b. Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities.
- c. Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- d. Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- e. Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- f. Exemplifies positive attitudes.
- g. Inspires positive behavior in others.
- h. Demonstrates academic initiative.
- i. Successfully holds offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding, demonstrate reliability and dependability.
- j. Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities?
- k. Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

CHARACTER

- a. Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- b. Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
- c. Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- d. Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- e. Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- f. Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- g. Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom.
- h. Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- i. Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- j. Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS GETS HELP FROM TRI CITY STORM -

The Circle of Friends is selling Tri City Storm tickets for the February 22nd Hockey game against the Chicago Steele. The puck will drop at 7:05 PM at the Viaero Event Center in Kearney. Adult tickets are \$15, children 12 and under are \$5. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Circle of Friends group at Holdrege High School. Circle of Friends is a social group that helps students with disabilities learn how to socialize and make friendships. Mentors from the high school join the students during lunch once a week and do fun activities throughout the school year.



UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

Sponsored by: HHS Student Council



Instructions: HHS Students and Faculty wear your Ugly Christmas Sweater to school on **Friday, December 14** and have your picture taken by your English teacher during class that day. Email your picture or have your English teacher text it to Mrs. Buck (kelly.buck@dusters.org) on Friday. All pictures will be submitted to a panel of judges. The TOP FIVE pictures will be sent to the entire student body and faculty to be voted on. The WINNER will have an 8x10 picture taken with a trophy that will remain in the trophy case until next Christmas.

HHS Meals December 2018 - To fund the most accurate and current menus each day for Holdrege HS, go to our website (dusters.org) and find “Lunch Menu” option as you hover over “Links” on the right hand side of the top banner, or use the links provided below:

HHS Breakfast Menu - December 2018

http://cdn.myschoolmenus.com/instance/2054371/district/21.html?school_id=25&menu_id=9973

HHS Lunch Menu - December 2018

http://cdn.myschoolmenus.com/instance/2054371/district/21.html?school_id=25&menu_id=8427

The Holdrege Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment, in its programs and activities. The following person(s) has/have been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination:

Title: Mr. Todd Hilyard, Superintendent of Schools
Address: 505 14th Avenue, Holdrege, Nebraska 68949
Phone #: 308.995.8663

If parents, employees and students do not feel that their complaints regarding Title IX, Title VI, Section 504 have met with resolution at the local level, they can appeal their grievances to the regional Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. All appeals should be directed to the following address:
Office for Civil Rights
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
Kansas City, MO 64114
816-268-0550
FAX: 816-823-1404; TDD: 800-437-0833



Holdrege

December, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00am WR-Varsity Cozad BB JV (Postponed) BB JV (Postponed) BB Varsity (Postponed) BB Varsity (Postponed)
2	3 6:00pm BB-G/Reserve McCook 7:30pm BB-B/Reserve McCook	4 FFA Fruit Delivery Begins @ Holdrege HS 4:30pm BB-G/8th Gothenburg 4:30pm BB-G/7th Gothenburg	5 11:00am National Honors Society @ Tassel Performing Arts	6 4:30pm BB-G/JV Lexington 4:30pm BB-G/7th McCook vs. Holdrege MS 4:30pm BB-B/JV Lexington 5:00pm WR-Middle School Hastings vs. Multiple Schools 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Lexington 6:30pm WR-Varsity Adams Central Junior-Senior 6:30pm WR-JV Adams Central Junior-Senior 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Lexington	7 Cheer & Dance Clinic @ Holdrege HS 1:25/1:30/1:37pm Dismissal FACT 1:45-2:30 4:30pm BB-G/JV Hastings 4:30pm BB-B/JV Hastings 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Hastings 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Hastings	8 9:30am WR-Varsity Holdrege vs. Multiple Schools
9 BB-Reserve (Cancelled) 6:00pm BB-B/Reserve Minden Public Schools	10	11 4:30pm WR-Middle School Cozad vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm Elementary Music Concert @ Tassel Performing Arts 7:00pm FFA Meeting @ Holdrege HS	12	13 4:00pm WR-Middle School Holdrege vs. Multiple Schools 4:00pm WR-JV McCook 7:00pm Holiday Band Concert @ Tassel Performing Arts	14 1:25/1:30/1:37pm Dismissal FACT 1:45-2:30 4:30pm BB-G/JV Gothenburg 4:30pm BB-B/JV Gothenburg 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Gothenburg 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Gothenburg	15 8:00am Speech & Debate-Varsity Cozad 9:00am WR-Varsity Sidney 3:30pm BB-G/JV McCook 3:30pm BB-B/JV McCook 5:15pm BB-G/Varsity McCook 6:45pm BB-B/Varsity McCook
16 We The People @ Lincoln, NE 6:00pm BB-B/Reserve Hastings St. Cecilia 6:00pm Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm Holiday Choir Concert @ Tassel Performing Arts	17 6:30pm WR-Varsity Cozad 6:30pm WR-JV Cozad	18	19	20 4:30pm BB-G/JV Grand Island Central Catholic 4:30pm BB-B/JV Grand Island Central Catholic 6:00pm BB-G/Varsity Grand Island Central Catholic 7:45pm BB-B/Varsity Grand Island Central Catholic	21 Begin Semester Break 1:25/1:30/1:37pm Dismissal End of Quarter	22 NSAA 5 Day Moratorium
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