

HHS NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

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May 2, 2021

Dear Students and Parents,

The calendar has flipped to May, and that means it's time to look back at what has happened at HHS since August. There was joy with state level competitions and agony with defeats that ended seasons for our sports teams. Our fine arts programs gave us many memories of the beautiful and thought provoking talents that Holdrege students have within them. Books were read and discussed, formulas were used to solve problems and analysis of our world was conducted, all under the watchful eye of a dedicated teaching staff. Some may have memories of grand achievements or significant loss. We need to be able to look back at what we went through and consider what we learned from our experiences, both academically, and for our world in general. What do we know now that we didn't know before, and how can we put that knowledge to good use? The answers to these questions are different for each of us, but hopefully, as we reflect on the most recent semesters at Holdrege High School, we will all be able to say it was an experience that helped us to grow and develop into better people.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduating class of 2022. You've faced significant challenges, and will see more in your future, but always remember that you have a "choice" to make each day about your attitude and approach to life. It is this choice that gives you all the "power" you will ever need to be happy and successful. We've had a memorable year at HHS. Good Luck in the future!

Before I leave this community, I also want to say "Thank You" to all the wonderful people I've had the chance to meet and work with over my tenure as principal in this school. I can't say that everything has been smooth sailing and every day was a happy one, but the ups and downs tend to even out. In the end, it's the people we connect with that give our lives meaning. I'm happy to say that my years as a Duster have helped me grow as a person, and that my world is better for having spent time with so many great educators and outstanding students. I wish you well in all you do!

Sincerely,
Robert Drews, Principal
Holdrege High School

IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

- May 8 - Baccalaureate - (Location/Time TBA)
- May 9 - HHS Honors Night 7:00pm @ The Tassel
- May 10 - HS Evening of the Arts 5:30pm @ The Tassel
- May 11 - Seniors Last Day (Grad Rehearsal May 13 – 8:15am)
- May 13 & 16 - Semester Test Schedule 1:35pm Dismissal
- May 15 - Graduation 2:00pm @ HHS Gymnasium
- May 17 - Last Student Day – grade level checkout begins approx. 10:30am

MAY GUIDANCE NOTES:



ALL STUDENTS

Schedules for the 2022-23 school year were released for all 9-11 students in the past few weeks. Current 8th grade students will receive their schedules on Monday, May 2 when they visit the high school for a tour of the building. Students needing to make a schedule change should stop by the Guidance Office.

SENIORS

- Honors Night will be held on Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Tassel. All seniors are encouraged to be in attendance. Local scholarships will be awarded.
 - Be sure to pay attention to the guidelines for claiming scholarship monies and remember to do that for **both** semesters.
- Remember to thank the organizations and/or individuals who are awarding scholarships to you by sending thank you notes soon after graduation.
- College bound students are reminded to pay attention to all correspondence from the college or university you will be attending. You don't want to miss important messages regarding new student orientation, class registration, housing, financial aid, etc.
- All graduating students are reminded that if the dusters.org email has been your primary email address, you should change that preference with your college and other organizations so that you will continue to receive important messages. We have encouraged you to use another account as you have completed college and scholarship applications since the dusters.org account will be disabled prior to the start of next school year.
- The Guidance Office page at www.dusters.org is a valuable source of information, including the Parchment link where students can request transcripts be sent. Seniors will have to request their final high school transcript be sent to their college. I will assist all of them in doing this prior to their last day of school.
- If you have taken classes for college credit you must request those grades be sent to the college you will be attending in order for them to be included in your college records. HHS does not have the ability to send your college transcript.
- www.educationquest.org continues to be a source of excellent information for students. Check out the Repayment Calculator to figure out your future loan payments, or check the College Students section for tips on how to be prepared for college.

Best wishes to all 2022 graduates as you pursue your next phase of life!

It has been my pleasure to work with each of you!

JUNIORS

- All juniors participated in statewide ACT testing on March 22. If not already able to do so, students will be able to log on to their ACT account to view their scores.
- Upcoming opportunities remain for you to take another ACT test to count for scholarship consideration: June 11, July 16, September 10, October 22, and December 10. HHS will again be a testing site for the October and December test dates. Register at www.act.org. You should use your ACT ID from the state test to link your account information. If you need help with that process, come into the guidance office for help.
- You are encouraged to be actively pursuing options for after graduation. Summer is a good time to visit campuses and help you begin to narrow your college choices. You should have narrowed your choices to four by the beginning of the school year.

- Families of juniors: be aware that the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will open on October 1, 2022 and you will use your 2021 tax information. This is essential to determine need-based financial aid and is also a component of many scholarship applications.
- Students considering participating in college athletics should register at www.playnaia.org for the NAIA level and www.eligibilitycenter.org for the NCAA level.

SOPHOMORES

- The sophomores took the Pre-ACT test in early April. The scores have arrived and I will be visiting their English classes to go over the results before school is out.
- If you are beginning to think about college, think about when you may want to take the ACT as a junior; you should *not* wait for the statewide test next spring to be your first experience with it.
- Remember that the activities and experiences you are participating in right now will have a direct impact on making you a desirable scholarship applicant in the future. Try to get involved in some volunteer and community service activities in the next couple of years.

Enjoy your summer break!

Contact information:

HHS Guidance Office 995-8988

Email: julie.freburg@dusters.org

Follow the Counseling Office on Twitter @HoldregeGO

Holdrege FFA Holds 85th Annual Banquet

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High School

The 85th Annual Holdrege FFA Chapter Banquet was held on April 24th at the Phelps County Ag Center. The meal was coordinated by Holly Stevens, Josh & Nicole Tidyman, Tracy & Joe Helwick, Joanne & Wendell Connell, Dana & Brian Brinkman and Stevie & Ben Meyers. Over one hundred members and guests attended the banquet.

Chapter members received various awards throughout the evening. The Chapter Star Greenhand Award was presented to Freshman Nick Taylor. Chapter Advisor, Jeff Moore, presented the DeKalb Leadership Award to senior Kade Komenda. The Chapter Star of Ag Placement was awarded to senior Jeremiah Johnson. The recipient of the Star Chapter Farmer was awarded to senior Bailey Edgren.

The top three Holdrege FFA chapter fundraisers for 2021-2022 were Jeremiah Johnson, Charli Wells and Gavin Forkner. Each received a gift certificate for their efforts. Chapter Leadership pins were awarded to seniors-Kade Komenda, Jeremiah Johnson, Erika Wilkins, Bailey Edgren juniors; Malachi Connell, Emily Helwick, Chyenne Tidyman, sophomores; Jaren Moore, Zac Sundquist, Charli Wells Freshmen; JJ Bell, Chase Brinkman, and Nick Taylor.

Chapter Activity Point Awards were awarded to senior Kade Komenda, junior Chyenne Tidyman, sophomore Charli Wells, and freshman Nicholas Taylor. Each earned a seventy-five dollar award from the FFA Catalog and a thirty dollar gift card. Also recognized for having high points were Seniors Erika Wilkins and Jeremiah Johnson, juniors; Emily Helwick and Malachi Connell, sophomores Jaren Moore & Zac Sundquist and freshman Chase Brinkman and J J Bell. These members received gift certificates to local businesses.

Scholarship awards were given to Freshman: Keeley Vaughn and Nick Taylor, Sophomores: Charli Wells, Zac Sundquist, Beau Jensen, Juniors: Chyenne Tidyman and Malachi Connell, Seniors: Kade Komenda and Jeremiah Johnson.

Members Receiving Chapter Proficiency Awards were: Jeremiah Johnson, State Gold Ranking in Diversified Ag Production - Placement. Sheree Russell was a bronze district ranking in Swine Production, and Entrepreneurship with Jaren Moore in Turfgrass Management - Placement.

Star Awards for Public Speaking were awarded to Malachi Connell in Natural Resources, Charli Wells in Junior Public Speaking, and Nick Taylor in Creed Speaking.

The Chapter honored three individuals and parents for their support of the FFA Chapter with the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree. Those awarded the Honorary Chapter FFA Degree were Kyle and Linda Edgren, Robert Drews, and Mark Kreutzer.

The night ended with the Chapter slide show, the retirement of senior members, and the installation of the 2022-2023 Holdrege FFA Chapter Officer Team. The new officer team will consist of President- Cheyenne Tidyman, Vice President- Malachi Connell, Secretary- Charli Wells, Treasurer- Emily Helwick, Reporter- Sheree Russell, Sentinel- Nick Taylor, and Parliamentarian- Tyson Meyers. The next major activity for the Holdrege FFA Chapter will be their annual Spring Plant Sales starting Friday, April 29th from 2-5 pm. Sales will also be held April 30th from 10-12 pm. Other dates include May 2nd and 3rd from 4-6 pm and Saturday, May 5th from 2-5 pm, and May 6th from 10-12 pm. This year's new officers will also be attending Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) May 18th-20th.

HHS Meals May 2022 - To find 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 - May 2022

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/291/district/311/school/2601/menu/18919>

HHS Lunch Menu - May 2022

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/291/district/311/school/2601/menu/18922>

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Title: Mr. Todd Hilyard, Superintendent of Schools
Address: 505 14th Avenue, Holdrege, Nebraska 68949
The 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: 816-8

Holdrege High School Semester Test Schedule Spring 2022

Fri. May 13, 2022

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

Mon. May 16, 2022

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

*9th-10th Grade students may leave for lunch with signed parent/guardian permission on May 13/16 – Form in the office

*Students in SH may check out of SH to leave building with signed parent/guardian permission – Form in the office (Release Students use regular process)

2021-2022 Final Day Bell Schedule

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Period 1	8:00 - 8:30
Period 2	8:33 - 9:00
Period 3	9:03 - 9:30
Period 4	9:33 - 10:00
Period 5	10:03 - 10:30
Period 6	10:33 - 11:00
Period 7	11:03 - 11:30
Period 8	11:33 - 12:00

***All Dismissals for Office/Locker Check-Out will be made by PA System**

- Junior Class office/locker check out begins at 10:40***
- Sophomore Class office/locker check out begins at 11:10***
- Freshman Class office/locker check out begins at 11:40***



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May, 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 2:00pm Spring Play @ Tassel Performing Arts	2 GOLF JV (Cancelled) TR Varsity (Cancelled) SOC Varsity Rescheduled to 05-03-22 SOC Varsity Rescheduled to 05-03-22	3 4:00pm TEN-G/Varsity Adams Central Junior-Senior 4:00pm TEN-G/JV Adams Central Junior-Senior 5:00pm SOC-G/Varsity (Rescheduled from 05-02-22) Lexington 5:00pm SOC-B/Varsity (Rescheduled from 05-02-22) Lexington	4 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBD	5 HES/HMS Regular Schedule HHS No Classes - Host Conf Track HHS Staff @ Track Meet TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBA 9:00am GOLF-B/JV Southern Valley 9:30am TR-Varsity Holdrege vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm 3-4 Elementary Music Concert @ Tassel Performing Arts	6 1:25/1:30/1:37pm Dismissal FACT 1:45-2:30 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity Seward vs. Multiple Schools 10:00am TEN-G/Varsity York 3:00pm TR-Middle School Cozad Middle vs. Multiple Schools	7 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. TBD TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBA vs. TBA
8 9:00am TEN-G/JV Kearney 9:30am GOLF-B/Varsity Cozad 2:30pm TEN-G/Varsity Grand Island Central Catholic 7:00pm Honors Night @ Tassel Performing Arts	9 FFA Meeting 12:30pm TR-Varsity Broken Bow vs. Multiple Schools 5:00pm High School Evening of Arts @ Tassel Performing Arts	10 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools	11 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools 8:30am GOLF-B/Varsity Minden Public Schools 10:00am GOLF-B/JV Bertrand 2:00pm TEN-G/Varsity McCook vs. Multiple Schools 6:00pm-9:00pm MS Evening of Arts @ Tassel Performing Arts	12 1:25/1:30/1:37pm Dismissal FACT 1:45-2:30 TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools	13 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools 11:00am TR-Middle School Gothenburg	14 TBD SOC-B/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools TBD SOC-G/Varsity TBA vs. Omaha Public Schools 11:00am TR-Middle School Gothenburg
15 2:00pm Graduation	16 Last Day for PK 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity McCook vs. TBA 6:00pm Board of Education Meeting 7:00pm Kindergarten Spring Program and Graduation @ Tassel Performing Arts	17 Teacher Work Day K-12 PM; PK AM-PM 12:00pm Noon Dismissal End of Quarter 9:00am GOLF-B/Varsity TBD vs. TBA	18 Make-up Days TBA if needed 9:00am TR-Varsity Omaha Public Schools	19 FFA COLT Conference TBD TEN-G/Varsity Lincoln 9:00am TR-Varsity Omaha Public Schools	20 TBD TEN-G/Varsity Lincoln FFA COLT Conference	21
22	23 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity Scottsbluff	24 TBD GOLF-B/Varsity Scottsbluff	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				