



# Warrior News

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## Elementary Principal:

### School Day

- 7:30 Front Door Open
- 7:35 Breakfast
- 8:05 Announcements
- 8:15 Class Starts
- 3:30 PK-6 End of Day
- 3:33 7-12 End of Day
- Afterschool Program ends 5:00

It is hard to believe it is the end of September already. It has been an honor to be able to work with the students, staff, and community as we build a culture of positive learning in our school. One of our main focuses this year will be attendance. Research shows students who miss two days or more a month are predictably lower academically in math and reading. This means they are not at grade level. We really appreciate the effort everyone is making to have their students in school. We are steady at about 96% attendance so far. Students are earning various certificates and recognition for their attendance.

The school hosted our first Parent/Teacher Conferences. We had a 30% turnout for the event. Please remember this is a way to support your student's education and academic success. We hope that percentage will be higher next conference time. Please remember to contact your student's teacher with any concerns, that is the chain of command.

I would like to tell you how hard the staff is working to be prepared for great learning in their classrooms. They have been attending workshops on high probability strategies for student engagement and teacher effectiveness with lesson planning. There is a lot of time spent beyond the school day to make sure new strategies are being implemented to our best ability.

I want to remind you no school on Monday, Oct. 10. A big event to mark on your calendar is our Family Night - Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 5:00 to 6:30. We are going to have a "spooktacular" night with reading, math, and science activities. Jeannie and kitchen staff will be serving a "ghostly" meal that night as well. Information will be sent out later on that event.

Have a great month,

Cindy Nagel PK -6 Principal

...for more exciting news

from Santee Community

School don't forget to

check out the school website at

[www.santeeschools.org](http://www.santeeschools.org)

Facebook page

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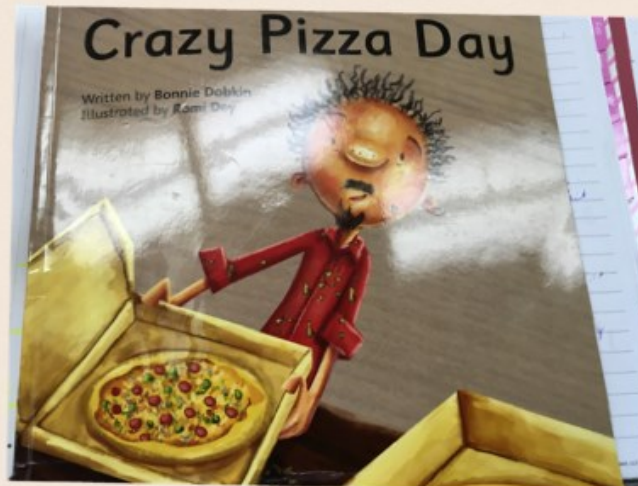
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# Little Warriors Preschool



**THEY MADE PIZZA WITH CRAZY THINGS LIKE FISH, MOTOR OIL, BUGS, AND JEWELS.**

**WE WILL BE STARTING A NEW STUDY CALLED "BALLS"**

**PICCOLLAGE**

Hello Santee Community!

Many of you may be unaware that the 4th, 5th and 6th grades have departmentalized this year. What does that mean? This year Science, Social Studies and Health for grades 4-6 will be taught by Mrs. LaPlante. Mrs. LaPlante is also the fourth grade homeroom teacher. Math is taught by Mr. Chambers and he is the fifth grade homeroom teacher. I (Mrs. Crosley) will be teaching English language arts (ELA) to grades 4-6. I am also the sixth grade homeroom teacher.

My 6th graders for Homecoming parade...



Laci Denney

In Mrs. Crosley's English Language Arts (ELA) classes...

#### 6th Grade

Sixth graders have been focusing on using timelines to record nonfiction information in sequence. This reading strategy also helps to identify cause and effect events.

#### 5th Grade

Fifth graders have been focusing on identify main ideas and supporting details. The class has been struggling with this concept, so we will be continue to focus on this reading skill.

#### 4th Grade

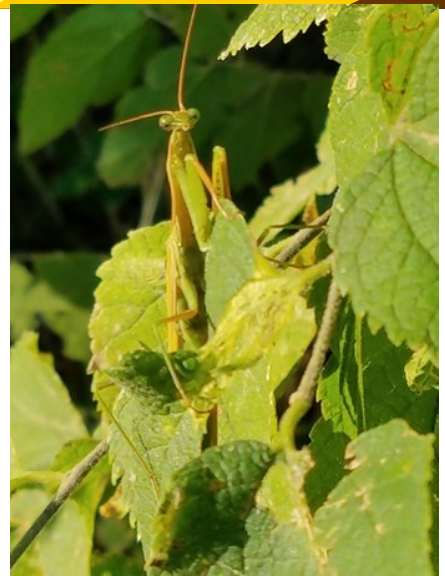
Fourth graders have been focusing on the skill of summarizing. Working to locate the most important information in a text will help them to become better at note taking and studying for tests.

My door is always open and I would love to see parents in my room! Any time, any day, any body.

May you all stay safe, happy and healthy.

## Second Grade NEWS... Mrs Steffen

Hi! Here is some news from the second grade! Starr-Lyn brought a preying mantis to school, and we were able to keep him in a butterfly net for three weeks before letting him back into the "wild". The students did an excellent job taking care of him and making sure he had enough crickets and grasshoppers to munch on. Our classroom sounded like a forest with all the chirping. Besides catching bugs, we have been busy wrapping up units and starting new ones!



Our new science unit is all about animals, and in social studies we are learning about the history of Native Americans in the United States.

In math we are working on counting money, and I encourage you to practice with your child at home. We also had a blast homecoming week dressing up in our pajamas, hats, twins, and Warrior gear. Have a great week!



**Third Grade News - Mrs. Hrbek** Greetings from the Terrific Third Graders! We have been extremely busy in these first weeks of school. Everyone has adjusted well to the routine and being Third Grade Leaders. We have enjoyed learning about the Midwestern states, the design process and building our tree houses, highlighting keywords in all subjects, and reading for enjoyment.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who came for conferences. I enjoyed visiting with all of you. We had a great turn out! Please come visit



# OCTOBER

Fourth grade has been learning about the Life Cycle of a Plant in Science. We recently planted 3 types of seeds and will continue to log their process for 2 weeks.

In Social Studies, we borrowed a Nebraska Giganto map from ESU #1 and have been doing different lesson with the map to learn more about Nebraska and its counties.

Fifth grade has been learning about the body (bones, muscles, respiratory system). Today we learned how the lungs work by making our own lungs out of a water bottle, balloon and plastic bag.

In Social Studies, we learned some fun facts about some things that were invented in Nebraska...DID YOU KNOW Dr. Harold Edgerton of Aurora, NE invented the strobe light!?

Sixth grade has been learning about the Solar System, the different types of galaxies and stars. Come check out our "How Can You Describe Earth?" wordles 😊 The students are so creative!

In Social Studies, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders have also been doing some fun lessons on the Nebraska Giganto map.

## CALENDAR

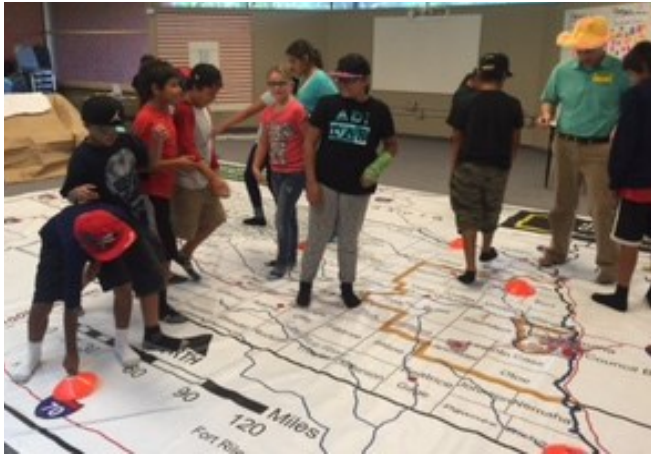
Oct. 4: Wendy's Bday  
Oct 9: Tasunka's Bday  
Oct. 10 NO SCHOOL  
Oct 15 Benny's Bday  
Oct 25 Akeem's Bday  
Oct 31 HALLOWEEN

## Fun Fact:

Butterflies taste food with their feet



## 4th Grade—MAPS



# Homecoming Parade





## Music Notes: Santee Musicians Take to the Stage! Miss Knight

*Anpetu waste*, friends! Wonderful news from the music classrooms, and I do mean multiple classrooms. Our music program has been blessed with a FANTASTIC renovated performance space that is new this year. The stage has been updated, given new bi-fold doors for privacy, a new sound and light system (that I am still figuring out!), and excellent classroom amenities (such as practice rooms, many power outlets, a smartboard). It now serves as the daily classroom for 7-12 ensembles, which have craved room to grow and develop, but can easily be converted into the beautiful stage we saw at Coronation, and will see again at the December concert!

Additionally, elementary classes get to keep our “Music Box,” a less-stimulating space for us to store our hand instruments and music, and a good platform for our dancing and music games. Fifth and sixth grade, who are beginning band this year, get to do double duty: choir in the Music Box once per week, and band on stage once per week.

The students and I are excited and filled with gratitude for the chance to continue building our program through these new amazing resources! **A resounding thank you to the school board and administration for approving the update, all parents and family members who support and encourage our students (and attend our events!), the staff for their continued assistance (especially those lucky summer crew members who had to arrange and put away storage, clean, paint, and sand and varnish the stage, among other things). It is with the harmonious help of each of you that our students have the confidence, the ability, and the backing to take to the stage each day, and demonstrate their beautiful music at the close of each term.**

### **5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade band students: Practice, Practice, Practice!**

Parents and family, please encourage your students to get their permission forms signed, and if they are, to bring their instruments home and practice. Most of our students do not have the chance to play with their group each day, and 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade are learning an instrument for the first time this year. I know it can be a headache when we first start making joyful noises, but unless students prac-

tice, we will not make progress. Thank you, as always, for your support!

### **Niobrara Valley Conference Choir Clinic: Monday, November 7**

High school choir is studying some difficult pieces, with fast rhythms and lovely harmonies, so we can join the rest of the schools in our conference for a clinic on Monday, November 7. This is a great chance for our students to experience singing with a large three-part choir, and learning from a new teacher (in the form of the guest clinician) with a different perspective. Details will be sent to families soon. **The performance will be in Lynch this year, and all community members are encouraged to come hear the impressive choir!**

### **Warrior Choir:**

All Santee musicians from 4<sup>th</sup> grade on up know the National Anthem. In fact, many of us have it memorized! **Five minutes before each home varsity game**, be it football, volleyball, or basketball, we honor our country with the singing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Any student who is brave and willing can join the Warrior Choir in singing the anthem at these times. Students get extra points for extracurricular music performance, and we take a picture that gets featured on a bulletin board between the Music Box and the Multipurpose Room, where everyone can see and congratulate these students on their school spirit and lovely singing! *Pidamiyaye,*

## Flu Shots (for Staff)

Thursday, October 6th  
11:30-1pm

## Flu Shots (for Students)

Provided by Santee Health  
Clinic

Wednesday, October 12th

Starting at 1pm

Forms will be sent home or stop by school to complete one!!

**Forms must be completed** for your child to receive a Flu Shot!!



## HEALTH OFFICE

**Nurse Chelsey**

# Tuesday, October 4, 2016



Triangular vs. West  
Boyd & Bloomfield  
Junior High plays at



The Santee Lady Warriors are raising money to donate to stage 4 breast cancer research. They have a goal of \$500. In order to reach this goal they are selling t-shirts, asking for local business to participate in "Cash for Aces" and Inviting community members to participate in a pink out night. Please come to the games and support them in this endeavor by wearing pink to the games!

## FCS—Mrs. Flyinghawk

FCS class has been doing a variety of activities! This class has been an exciting addition this year for SCS middle and high school students.

We have made mozzarella cheese from a gallon of milk. 8th grade made their own play dough to practice their knife cuts.

The students are gaining new skills and exploring the boundaries of culinary action!

During October Family Night, the class will be making goodies for a bake sale fundraiser for our program! Come check it out!







Science students testing the cohesive properties of water with paperclips.

## Wonderful World of Water Program held in Pierce

The Wonderful World of Water Festival was held September 21 at Gilman Park in Pierce. Twenty-four teams of ninth and tenth grade students from 13 schools across Northeast Nebraska descended upon the park for a day of outdoor hands on activities and a chance to vie for championship honors.

The day began with registration at Gilman Park followed by the teams competing in a track of hands-on activities focusing on water quality and other water related issues. The teams were then quizzed regarding those sessions to accumulate points for the competition. Following the educational sessions, the teams were given one last chance to extend their point totals by participating in the Dripal Pursuit Trivia Game. Then while the final totals were being calculated each team was given the opportunity to participate in the Wonderful World of Water special project.

The special project for this year was Water Rockets, which is, a program taught through the Jr. Academy of Sciences. Each school was invited to build water rockets and demonstrate their knowledge of mass, velocity and engineering. The rockets were judged on distance and creativity. Several rockets were launched Wednesday with prizes being awarded to Allen 1 High School for Farthest Distance Traveled; Winside 1 High School for Shortest Distance Traveled; and, Niobrara High School Team 2's Batman for Most Creative Design.

Following the presentation of the special projects the winners of the 2016 Northeast Nebraska Wonderful World of Water were announced. The winner of Track 1 was Pierce High School Team 1 consisting of Sammy Svendsen, McKeilie Ziehmer, Macie Timm, Jakob Meier and Jacob Pedersen. The winning team from Track 2 was Allen High School Team 2 consisting of Cassidy Thomas, Katie Bathke, Alyssa Boese, Isaac Verzani, Kyle Smith and Bethany Kneifl. Both First Place teams were awarded Wonderful World of Water T-shirts.

Schools participating in this year's event included; Clearwater-Orchard High School, Niobrara High School, Santee Public School, Pierce High School, Elgin High School, Wausa High School, Allen Consolidated, West Point-Beemer High School, Winside High School, Ewing High School, Wynot High School, Madison High School, and Pope John High School.

Beth Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator with the Upper Elkhorn NRD, said, "The Wonderful World of Water program would not be possible without our many natural resources professionals from across the area who volunteer their time each year to share their expertise and work with students who might be interested in a career related to natural resources. They come from a variety of agencies including: The Natural Resources Conservation Service; UNL Cooperative Extension; Nebraska Game & Parks; Papio-Missouri River NRD; Lower Platte North NRD; and, the City of Pierce." The Wonderful World of Water was sponsored this year by: the Upper Elkhorn NRD; Lower Elkhorn NRD; Lower Niobrara NRD; Lewis and Clark NRD; and NUCOR.



## Homecoming Volleyball and Football Games 2016 By Courtney Thomas, Mrs. Cheney & Mrs. Romkema

Friday nights Homecoming game events started with the Junior Varsity volleyball game at 4:45 and the Varsity game at 5:30. All throughout the first set there were several occasions when the Lady Warriors and St. Edward were tied followed by several lead changes. There were many good serves that scored points for the Lady Warriors. By the end of the game the Lady Warriors and Lady Beavers would walk off the court in a tie as they only played two sets.

The Lady Warriors Varsity Volleyball team warmed up slow in the first set, but in the second set played very well and lost by only one point. In the third set they lost their steam again and lost a tough match to St. Edward. A highlight from the game was that a total of five aces were served during the match by Kiana, Kaylee, and Tailah.

The end of the evening proved to be just as exciting during the Warriors varsity football game against St. Edward. The boys started slow with the first quarter ending in a score of 0 to 19. The second quarter saw Yamni make a 20 yard run for a touchdown. In The third quarter, Tate completed a 33 yard pass to Michael for a touchdown and again for the conversion point making the score 13 to 45. The fourth quarter started with a bang as Yamni again came through and scored two huge touchdowns on kickoff returns. He ran for 65 and 62 yards. Michael and Skylar lead the team with 5 tackles each while Yamni and Tate each added four. Skylar was the team's leading rusher. The final score was 26 to 58 with Santee losing a hard fought game. Coach Hajek said the boys played very competitively against a top ranked team. Good Job Warriors.

### Homecoming Week 2016

By Stefani Johnson

Homecoming week 2016 was very fun! The Santee Student Council and Mrs. Tucker did a great job planning this year's theme and all the great activities for the students. There was no school on Monday so Tuesday was "Pajama Day" and everyone looked very comfortable. On Wednesday everyone came to school in their favorite hat. Thursday everyone dressed as twins. Also on that day the Lady Warriors traveled to Winside to play in a triangular with the Winside Lady Cats and the Walthill Lady Jays. On Friday everyone worked on their floats and then at one o'clock we had "Minute To Win It" games! The Sophomore class won and earned a party. After that, everyone took flight on the parade route to see whose float was the best. The Juniors won first place. After an exhausting day, the Lady Warriors played their hardest against the St. Edward Lady Beavers. Everyone got pumped up for the first "FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" of the season! It was a very tough game for our boys but they kept their heads up the entire game! I would say homecoming 2016 was a very exciting week. Can't wait to see how next



# LAST DAY OF HOMECOMING

By Shyana Greeley

On our last day of Homecoming week, all the students split up into their grades and made their own unique floats for the Homecoming parade! The theme this year was "Super Heroes". The 7th graders dressed as "Spiderman", the 8th graders were "The Avengers", the Freshmen class was "The Incredible Hulk", the Juniors were "Batman and Robin", and the Seniors were the "Super Warriors"! Out of all the awesome floats that were created, the **Junior class won first place for the best float**. Second place went to the Freshmen and third place was "The Avengers" by the 8th grade.



## Hello from Bob Evans and the incredible world of Skilled and Technical Sciences, a.k.a. STS...

We are off to a great start this year and time is flying by. The SKILLS/USA chapter has attended a leadership conference in North Platte. The students had an opportunity to meet with other student leaders throughout the state. It was a good chance to have our students working toward being vested in their educational futures and becoming leaders we so desperately need in our school.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade STS class has been working on measuring and applications of measuring to complete projects. They are starting to understand the importance of measuring in their lives. We are now being to applying measurement in sketches. The entire process will give students the skills needed to transfer ideas and concept into drawings manifesting their thoughts. Being able to turn ideas into reality is a very valuable life skill that is lacking in current students.

We are building many different items in Introduction to a Built Environment. The class is designed to allow student exposure to the process of taking ideas and concepts and am physically making the products. The students have been involved in many brainstorming sessions and making hides in understanding materials and processing.

Warriorz Biz has invested a lot of time dealing with the basic concepts of how a product in made and the process involved in

manufacturing. We are currently working in the Ethical issues that are in business as related to inventory and inventory control. We are striving diligently to impress the importance of being honest and doing a good job, so that are proud of yourself and the products that you make.

Super exciting times in our Introduction to Construction Class. Mrs. Flyinghawk and I have combined resources to collaborate on projects that are unify the learning total experience of school. We have been building corn drying screens and then we actually physical dried corn. The process and end results are both excellent opportunities for our student to work within our culture in a positive educational environment. We have recently began our next adventure. We are building drying racks that we will be drying meats, pastas and many other items with. Again we will embedding our culture in our students education and helping them get back in touch with the pride we had in being self reliant.

The engineers are hard at work problem solving the task of building a bridge. The students have been learning the process of using an Engineering notebook. We have working hard to do things that require each student to brainstorm and apply skills to solve everyday problems in our community. Mrs. Flyinghawk, with the foresight and wisdom of Ms. Leader, de-



ecided to make a huge investment in and combine resources for our Life and Career Readiness class. WE are team teaching the students about many things that are so valuable them as they move through education and into their futures. We assessing careers and writing resumes. We have had many eye opening experiences related to their current educational status and their futures. This is a great class to prepare student for life outside of the walls of schools life beyond what they see everyday.



*Thanks for the opportunity to serve.*

## Student Services News—Ms. Leader



### Contact Information:

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### Upcoming Events:

**October 3-7**

**College Week**

**Many fun activities  
for all students**

**October 3**

**Door Decorating**

**Contest Begins  
PK-12**

**October 4**

**Disability Presenta-  
tions All Day**

**WSC Visitor 9am**

**October 5**

**ASVAB Test**

**9:30am Sopho-  
mores and Jun-  
iors**

**Apply to College  
Day-Seniors**

**Scholarship  
Search**

**Naviance Introduc-  
tion**

**Career Connections**

## Attention Seniors, Juniors, and Parents!

Coming in October, we will begin many college-going activities in an effort to help students begin to prepare for life after high school. Activities include College Week, Apply to College Day, Financial Aid/FAFSA Webinar for families and students, ASVAB testing, ACT Testing, and other activities. Visitors from colleges come to speak with seniors, juniors, and other interested high school students about what college is like, how to apply, and answer any questions students may have. Wayne State College and Nebraska Indian Community College are scheduled to visit at this time. We will once again be hosting an “Apply to College Day” for seniors to research colleges, complete college applications, search for scholarships, and learn about financial aid for college. Students will also be taking the ACT (if registered) and the ASVAB to explore career and college readiness. It will be a busy month! Please check the calendar for details about college-going activities! You won’t want to miss important deadlines! I am happy to say that I have already had many seniors apply to and get accepted to college! This is an improvement. We are definitely headed in the right direction!!

New this year, we are beginning a new program called “Naviance.” Students in grades 7-12 will have an account through which they can complete college applications, career inventories, college searches, resumes, and many other useful applications. We will be working with Nebraska Career Connections to help students determine their interests and potential careers matching their interests. In Naviance, students can track their graduation progress and map their courses to aid them in their journey toward on-time graduation with knowledge and skills that will benefit time in their future career or college interests.

## School and Community Relations

All students have received their computer logins to access the computers here at school. Along with this, they have received a GoEdustar login to check their grades and assignments, a school e-mail to communicate with their teachers and counselors, as well as a few other computer important logins to access specific websites used for classroom learning. **Parents can have access to GoEdustar to check on student progress too! If you would like an account set up or your login reset, please contact me at the school and I can assist you right over the phone.**

Other means of communication between school and home include the school newsletter (you’re reading it), the school website (<http://www.santeeschools.org/>), the marquee sign out in front of the school, and the monthly school board meetings.

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### October 17

**John Baylor Week  
ACT Prep all week  
Juniors and  
Seniors**

### October 18

**FAFSA Webinar  
6pm Juniors,  
Seniors and  
their guardians  
welcome  
(Elementary  
Commons/  
Learning Cen-  
ter)**

### October 22

**ACT Test 8am all  
registered jun-  
iors and seniors  
(@Yankton High  
School, trans-  
portation pro-  
vided)**

### We have Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram too!!

**FOLLOW US!!** If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please contact an administrator at the school to assist you with your concerns. At our October community night, we will be asking for your e-mail address and current contact information to assist teachers in improving home-school communications.

### School Improvement Efforts

This year, Santee Community School will undergo its accreditation visit. Our accreditation agency, AdvancEd, will be in our building to visit April 4-6, 2017. There is much preparation that goes into the visit. Staff and students along with parents and other stakeholders play a big part in whether our school continues to be an accredited school. We value your input and look forward to any opportunity to work with parents and community members to improve our school. If you would like to assist by being a member of a committee or school improvement group, please contact me at the school. You do not need to be a parent of a student to be involved. All community members are welcome. The school is a community resource whether or not you have children attending. If you know someone who would like to help, please send him or her my way!

In an effort to improve our school, please take the time to complete the following surveys for our school's accreditation. **These are different surveys than the surveys that were done on the iPads at open house and parent-teacher conferences. If you did one of the others, please do these too! Thank you!!**

The links are also on our school website.

### Parent Survey:

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/3999477>

### Stakeholder Survey (non-parent or other agency):

<http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/0040649>

# Santee Community School

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR — October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Lifetouch Pictures	4 WSC Visit 9 AM JH VB v. Blfd/W Boyd 3 PM VB v. Blfd/W Boyd 6 PM	5 ASVAB Test 9:30 Soph/Jr	6	7 FB v. Spalding Academy 2:30 PM	8
<b>College Week—Many fun Activities</b>						
9	10 Native American Day <b>No School</b>	11 UNMC Presentation VB at Ewing 5 PM	12	13	14 FB at Hampton 6 PM	15
16	17 Knox County VB at Bloomfield TBA  ~John Baylor Week ~ACT Prep Week	18 FAFSA Webinar 6:00 Jr Sr and parents in Learning Center	19 JH VB vs. Niob/Verdigre 2:30 PM	20	21 FB v. Heartland Lutheran 2:30 PM <b>End of 1st Quarter</b>	22 ACT Test 8:00 JR/SR, transportation provided
23	24 <b>NVC VB Tournament Begins</b>	25 Community Night 5PM	26	<b>27</b>	28	29
30	31 VB Sub districts Begin					