



Superintendent's News

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Winter officially does not start until December 22nd but with the cold weather, snow, and more snow coming the most common question from students is, "are we having school tomorrow?" So in an effort to clarify our winter procedures please read the following.

School Closing/Late Start Announcements: When snow, ice, or poor driving conditions are predicted it is our intent to make the decision to close school or start late, as early as possible. When the school decision is made the first place we post the information is the school district's website (www.hshawks.com). Then we will post the announcement on our Facebook Page, www.chadrad.com, and send out a text alert from Remind 101. If school is cancelled during the day, parents will be notified.

Parents may decide to keep their children at home in inclement weather because of personal circumstances. Students absent because of severe weather when school is in session will be marked absent. The absence will be treated like any other absence for legitimate causes provided parents properly notify the school of their decision. Parents may pick up their children in inclement weather at any time during the school day. Students may be dismissed from school during the severe weather with a telephone request from the parents.

Dress appropriately for winter weather: It is suggested that students dress in layers to allow them to take off a layer if they get too hot or add a layer if they get too cold. The school buildings tend to get a little drafty on windy days.

Elementary students will not be allowed to go out to recess without appropriate winter clothes as determined by the playground monitor. Students who wish to play in the snow must wear boots, snow pants, and gloves.

Christmas Vacation: Students will be dismissed for Christmas vacation at the end of the day on Tuesday, December 22nd and return to school on Monday, January 4th. During the vacation encourage your children to read while they are home during this time.

End of Second Quarter/First Semester: The end of the second quarter/first semester is December 23rd. Students must have all assignments turned in at the end of the day on December 22nd. Students' report cards will be available after Christmas vacation.

Like always, pay close attention to the calendar and the district website, www.hshawks.com for current activities, times, and changes in the schedule. Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

*Christmas Dinner is
December 22nd.
Please RSVP with
office.*



Merry Christmas

Counselor's News

Mrs. Cline

This has been a wonderful time of year celebrating and discussing Caring with our elementary students. Each grade has and will be making pictures of the importance of caring. Elementary will end this semester with Fairness. Each week classes have been discussing a pillar of character education which ties in with an activity. Over this semester, students have learned about Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Citizenship, Caring, and Fairness. Our theme has been Character Counts!

Students have enjoyed creating posters and projects which hang around the school. Next semester will kick off Safety with coloring books.

Middle school has been discussing choices regards to drugs which ties into Red Ribbon Week. Learning how to keep calm in situations and how to make good choices. Knowing how to talk to parents and when to ask for help. Students have developed problem solving skills too. Taking responsibility and making positive choices has been the topic.

High school has been discussing texting while driving. Postcards were handed out with statics on them and discussed in class. Making positive choices and keeping calm in situations was also discussed with Red Ribbon Week. Seniors has been working on applications and scholarships during English class and will continue once a week till the end of the semester. Juniors have been making plans for the ACT as next year the new guidelines come out and due dates move up to October 1 for Financial Aid deadlines. Sophomores are also looking at ACT test dates as Junior year will be big for ACT testing. As the semester is near, all high school students will need to update their activities resume. Most students created their activities in EducationQuest.com. This makes it easier on students during Junior and Senior years when students are filling out scholarships.

Lots of changes are coming and our school website is up to date and will continue to keep up dating. I have enjoyed this semester and working with your child(ren). This school year is going extremely fast with due dates approaching for Seniors and ACT dates. I can be reached at heather.cline@hshawks.com or 635-4434. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ACT DATES:

February 6 Deadline: January 8

April 9 Deadline: March 4

June 11 Deadline: May 6

Senior Parents:

* Prepare to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (One for student & one for parent)

* Complete student & parent taxes early for use on the FAFSA

Junior Parents:

* John Baylor ACT prep is available, ask your student if he/she has began preparing



**** Quarter 2 ends December 23rd, 2015. Report cards will be ready after Christmas vacation. ****



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2015 – 2016 School Profile

Community and School

Hay Springs, Nebraska is a small rural community of about 600 people located in Northwestern Nebraska at the junction of US Route 20 and State Highway 87.

Hay Springs Public School is located on the northeast side of town. The school serves students from preschool through grade 12. Total enrollment for the 2015-16 school year is 198.

Hay Springs High School provides a full high school program including math, science, language arts, social studies, music, physical education, business, industrial technology, world languages, and special education. Dual credit classes are offered as well as the opportunity to access online college classes. Activities include athletics, band, choir, and drama.

Enrollment

Preschool	26
Elementary	96
Middle School	37
High School	<u>41</u>
Total	200

Academic Program

School year calendar: semesters

Block scheduling: No

Grading Scale: 4.0

Calendar:

Monday through Thursday

Preschool 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Or 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Elementary 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Middle Level 8:00 am – 4:15 pm

High School 8:00 am – 4:15 pm

Class Schedule:

Middle Level & High School

7 periods per day

64 minutes per period

Credits:

High School

5 credits for semester course

10 credits for year course

240 credits for graduation

GPA:

High School only; Unweighted

Grading Scale

A 93 - 100

B 85 – 92

C 78 – 84

D 70 – 77

F 0 – 69

Graduation Requirements

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	40
Math	40
(including senior year)	
Science	30
Social Science	40
Phys Ed/Health	10
Fine Arts	10
Foreign Language	10
Career/Tech	20
Electives	<u>40</u>
Total	240

Post High School Information

2012 – 9 Graduates
89% attending college

2013 – 14 Graduates
79% attending college

2014 – 8 Graduates
63% attending college

2015 – 19 Graduates
84% attending college

ACT Scores

2015 – 16 students tested		
	<u>Hay Springs</u>	<u>NEBRASKA</u>
English	22.1	21.1
Math	23.0	21.0
Reading	24.0	21.9
Science	23.1	21.6
Composite	23.2	21.5

Nebraska State Assessment Data

Students are tested grade levels:

Grade				
3	Reading	Math		
4	Reading	Math	Writing	
5	Reading	Math		Science
6	Reading	Math		
7	Reading	Math		
8	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
11	Reading	Math	Writing	Science

100% of students were tested at each grade and subject.

No students were exempted from NeSA assessments

Graduation Rate

Hay Springs High School 100%
Nebraska 87%

AYP

Not Met at all levels – To be Met 100% of students must test proficient.

For more information see the Nebraska State of the Schools website:

<http://reportcard.education.ne.gov/>

or for Hay Springs information:

<http://reportcard.education.ne.gov/Default.aspx?AgencyID=81-0003-000>

Music Notes



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The Night, The Lights & Music Concert will be held on Friday, December 11th at 7:30pm in the auditorium following the Santa Soup Cook off. This concert will include High School Band & Choir, Middle Level Band & the Community Choir. This will be an wonderful evening of many Christmas songs to get you into the Christmas Spirit! There will be a free will donation for this concert with proceeds going to the Hay Springs Music Department.

The Kindergarten-6th grade Christmas concert, "A World of Christmas," will be on Thursday, December 17th at 7pm in the auditorium.

There will be a mass rehearsal for ML music students, HS choir members & Community choir members on Sunday, December 6th at 6pm. ML students should be done between 6:45-7pm and the community choir and HS choir members will be done by 8pm.

"Semester Enrichment" opportunities. We are down to our FINAL two semester enrichment opportunity. If your student has not attended at least 1 concert this semester they need to attend the concert on December 11th OR write a paper about a given composer. This needs to be completed by Tuesday, December 21st.

Thursday, December 3rd at 7 pm Wind Symphony and Community Band

Tuesday, December 8th at 7pm Vocal Jazz & Guitar concert

ASBC meets on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00 and is open to any 5th-ML band student. Make sure to complete your belts by Monday, December 21st.

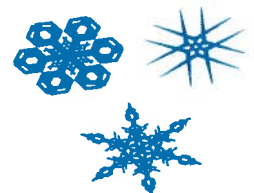
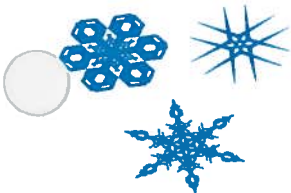
Friday, December 11th at 7:30pm The Night, The Lights and Music (ML/HS students)

Thursday, December 17th at 7pm "A World of Christmas" (kindergarten-6th grade)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Dec. 11th—Santa Soup Cook-off and The Nights, Lights and Music Concert (Community Choir, ML/HS Students)

Dec. 17th—Elementary Christmas Concert (KG-6th grade)



Boys Basketball Season Preview

By Coach Badje



With the loss of 3 starting seniors, the Hawks are going to look like a different kind of bird this year. Which is not necessarily a bad thing. Our size will shrink a little, but our speed will increase. We lost a good ball handler, but look for a balanced set of shooting and ball handling guards this year. I am excited for this season and the changes it brings. It challenges me to be on my toes and use the young men to the best of their ability.

We are bringing back six letter winners with two new freshman prospects and two other returners who are showing excellent potential, our roster totals ten. Not a lot in many school systems, but ten quality individuals none-the-less.

The boys are all very coachable, and have an excellent work ethic, which is the best place to start. Except for our two returning seniors, we will be young, but most of the incoming juniors and sophomores experienced some valuable court time last year. As a team we have made it a goal to not just have the will to win (which most everyone already has), but to have the will to train to win, so when game time comes we can take care of business in a business-like manner.

Anticipate a faster pace of play, a more attacking offense and defense, and a deeper bench this year. I really can't guess what all our game outcomes might be, but everyone on the team including myself has high hopes. Our goal is to play each game with a 0-0 record when we step on the floor against each new opponent. Not be defined a series of wins or losses, so as to lose hope or rest on past performances.

Please come and support your hometown team. It means a lot to them and all the work they put in. Plus it helps to create community and a culture of support and encouragement that these athletes will pass along to their children someday.

Girls Basketball Season Preview

By Coach Young

This is going to be a rebuilding year for us. We lost a lot of seniors last year and we only have one senior this year. Therefore we are looking to our younger girls to step up and play at the varsity level. With being a young team, we should be quick with the ball offensively and defensively. Offensively, we are looking to improve our shooting percentage from the field and the free throw line. Also we are going to improve our turnover rate. Defensively, we want to hold teams under 40 points. We are looking to grow and improve a lot throughout the season. We should be competitive this season if we play and work as a team. If we have strong defense, great conditioning, and good shooting. We are excited for the season and hope to do well this year.

High School Wrestling Preview

By Coach Planansky

We enter the 2015-2016 wrestling season as always short on numbers so as a team we will not be competitive. Individual wise I feel we have 5 out for the team and all have the potential to win matches with the state tournament as the ultimate goal. At 105 we have freshman Austin Anderson , 132-138 Soph Coy Wolken, 145-152 Junior Nathan Tobiasson,, 160-170 Senior Colten Wolken, and Senior Jake Johnson possibly 145-160. At this time all weights a approximate. With the new ruling of the NSAA on scheduling we have added several new dual formats. Jake is a returning state qualifier and the remaining four all have potential to break into the top four at districts and qualify.

Library News

Mrs. Matthews



Library Resources

Links of the Month

December's calendar of links

(starting on Dec 1) includes easy crafts for Christmas, snack recipes, ideas for outdoor fun and more. One site is the PNC 12 Days of Christmas site which explores the fluctuating cost of the gifts featured in the song the 12 days of Christmas. The format of the PNC 12 Days of Christmas site changes each year. This year the PNC has created a life-size bank made of gingerbread in Philadelphia. Visitors to the site can take a virtual tour of the gingerbread bank. [Click here for the calendar.](#) or click on the MRS. MATTHEWS link on the HSHawks homepage.

Book Fair

The book fair was a success. Many books from the fair were added to the school collection and have been enjoyed by the students. These include both fiction and nonfiction book for all ages.

MS/HS titles include: *Vietnam War : heroes*, *The mark of the dragonfly*, *The sky is everywhere*, *Red thread sisters*, *Nightmares!*,

Elementary titles include: *Judy Moody*, *mood martian*, *Shadow of the shark*, *Captain Underpants and the sensational saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot*, *The Joplin tornado, 2011*

Picture book titles include: *Prince Fly Guy*, *Click, clack, ho ho ho!*, *Oskar and the eight blessings*, *The Little Shop of Monsters*, *Beep! beep! go to sleep!*

A more complete list is on [Mrs. Matthews' homepage.](#)

Family Hour of Code

Hay Springs School will be holding a Family Hour of Code on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 7 pm until 8 pm in the Main Floor Computer Lab. This is a time for families to discover what their students are discovering. There will be activities for all ages, both online and offline. Coding is a popular word for programming or computer programming. It is simply creating instructions telling the computer to perform certain tasks. It can be as simple as telling the computer to draw a square or as complicated as moving around a course and picking up objects to running a subway system.

At the same time coding teaches problem solving, analysis, and synthesis. To write the required programming the project must be analyzed and broken down into smaller parts. When each part is solved then the parts are put back together completing the project.

Socks for Senior's

A non-profit community service project to help senior citizens keep their feet warm this winter

HSPS Student Council, in conjunction with KSDZ radio, is sponsoring a sock drive for Senior Citizens. Our priority is to bring cheer and a pair of new socks to warm the hearts and cover the feet of our elderly neighbors.



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The funnier and funkier, the better!

All donated socks will be distributed in our community!

This year the Student Council has decided to shake our food drive up a bit.



We are sponsoring a **Block the Door** campaign

Bring enough food to block your teacher's door with non-perishables and you will get a break from that class!

Elementary will get an extra 30 minute recess!

Middle level and High school will get the remainder of the hour off to hang out in Lister! Want to get out of more than one class? Start stockpiling now! Non-perishables cannot be used more than once, so choose an hour, or bring plenty of cans!

Mark your calendars for December 9

Get prepared now!

Rules are posted in the Lobby of the School!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
		JH WR @ Bayard 1	One Act Districts @ Hyannis 2	JH WR @ Bennett County 4pm 3	G/B HS BB home vs. Cody-Kilgore JV/V 3pm 4	G/B HS BB @ Arthur 12pm 5 JH WR @ Torrington, WY			
6		7	Family Hour of Code 7pm 8 CSC Vocal Jazz & Guitar Ensemble		9	G/B BB home vs. Crawford JV/V 4pm 1 HS WR TRI @ Crawford 0	SANTA SOUP COOK-OFF 5-7pm 1 THE NIGHT, THE LIGHTS AND MUSIC 1	HS WR @ Gordon-Rush 8am 1 JH G/BB @ Crawford 10 am 2 G/B HS BB @ Mullen JV/V	
1 3	JH G/BB PANCO @ Home TBA	1 4	G/B HS BB @ Morrill JV/V 4pm 1 JV (Morrill HS gym) V (Morrill elem. Gym) 5		1 6	JH G/BB @ home vs. Morrill 4pm 1 ELEMENTARY X-MAS CONCERT K-6	HS WR @ Hot Springs, SD 2 day tourney 7 4-H workshop Winter Wonderland 9-12	1 8	HS WR @ Hot Springs, SD 1 9
2 0	JH WR @ Alliance	2 1	CHRISTMAS DINNER 2 2	CHRISTMAS VACATION BEGINS Quarter 2 Ends Five Day Practice Moratorium	2 3	Christmas Eve 2 4	Christmas Day 2 5		2 6
2 7		2 8			3 0	New Year's Eve 3 1	JANUARY 2016 1 New Year's Day	G/B HS BB home vs. McPherson County 4pm 2 HS WR @ Newman Grove	
3		4	HS G/BB @ Bennett County JV/V (Girls only) 5:30 pm 5		6		7	HS G/B BB home vs. Banner County 3:30 pm JV/V 8 4-H Workshop Brain Power 9-2	G/B HS BB @ Dalton JV/V 1pm 9 HS WR @ Garden Cnty. 9am JH B/BB home vs. Sioux Cnty.

December 2015



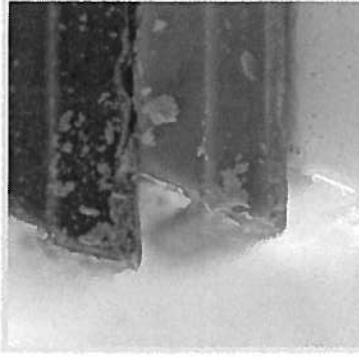
NOTES:

Christmas Break runs through Dec. 23rd – Jan. 3rd

DECEMBER 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Menus are subject to change	1 Breakfast: French Toast Stix, Applesauce Lunch: Hamburgers/PBJ/Box Meal	2 Breakfast: Muffins/Fruit/Cereal Lunch: Cavatini/PBJ/Boxed	3 Breakfast: Biscuits/sausage Lunch: Cheeseburger Casserole/PBJ/	4	5	
6 Breakfasts include: cereals/and cereal bars/yogurt/cheese	7 Breakfast: Egg/Muffin/cereal, fruit Lunch: Chicken Sandwich/PBJ/Yogurt meal	8 Breakfast: Burritos, Banana, Milk Lunch: Roast Beef Sandwich/PBJ/boxed Meal	9 Breakfast: Waffles, Pineapple, Lunch: Pork Patty/PBJ/Boxed Meal	10 Breakfast: Biscuits N Gravy, Oranges, Milk Lunch: Meaty Nachos/PBJ/Boxed Meal	11	12
13 Fruit and Veggie bar is available each school day	14 Breakfast: Turnover/Cereal, Fruit Lunch: Cowboy Special/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	15 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll, Pudding, Fruit Lunch: Soups/PBJ/Boxed meal	16 Breakfast: Cereal/scones/Fruit Lunch: Burritos/PBJ/Boxed Meal	17 Breakfast: Pancakes, Eggs, Applesauce, Lunch: Mandarin Orange Chicken/PBJ/Yogurt Meal	18	19
20	21 Breakfast: Breakfast on a stick Lunch: Ham Dinner/PBJ/Box Meal	22 Breakfast: BiscuitsN Gravy Lunch: Walking taco or Taco casserole/PBJ/Chicken Fajita Salad Meal	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL		
<p>NOTES: Milk is served with each meal</p>						



Hay Springs School Cafeteria

- *Breakfast menus
- *PK - 12 Lunch Menus
- *All menus are served with milk. Water is available in the lunchroom area.
- *Garden Bar is offered daily unless posted.