

September 2016



Superintendent's News

Beginning of the School Year Reminders

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Off and Running!!! I would like to take this time to say thank you to our parents, students, staff and community for an excellent start to a new school year. Within a matter of a few days everyone seemed to be back in the routine of the regular school day. The calendar has turned to September and activities at the school will soon start to ramp up. During the next few months the school will be buzzing with excitement of students learning, completing projects, along with the sounds of extra-curricular activities. During this busy time I encourage students and families to settle in on a routine and to take time for family. Spend time throughout the week eating supper together or just taking a few minutes each day to visit about the events of the week.

Below are a few reminders on procedures and policy at Hay Springs Public Schools:

*The district website is a great source to find information on school lunches, upcoming events, happenings at the school. The student handbook and district policies can be found on our district website: www.hshawks.com.

*If you have not joined Twitter you are missing out on up-to-date information with scores, classroom events, and several educational updates or information happening around the state. Our twitter ID is @HSPublicSchool

*Security: All visitors must enter through the main office doors. There they will be greeted by an office secretary. This allows us to monitor who comes and goes during the school day. All other doors are locked during the school day. Please do not knock on the door and ask students to let you in. At 4:30 the office doors will be locked and all students will be out of the building and off school grounds unless they are involved in extra-curricular activities.

*Arriving to School: Students eating breakfast can begin eating at 7:30. Breakfast will end at 7:55. Students not eating breakfast should not arrive until after 7:45, at this time Elementary Students will be allowed on the playground and supervision will be provided.

*Cell Phones: Students are allowed to have their cell phones at school. Students are permitted to use their phones before school, after school, during lunch, and between classes. We only ask that phones not be used during class instructional time. Parents please take time to review cell phone use with your child. Phones that go off during class will be taken and sent to the office. A student can pay a \$20 fine OR a parent may come to the school and pick it up in person at no cost.

*Safe Driving: Parents, if your child drives to school please remind them to drive slowly around the school when they arrive or leave school grounds. Elementary students are crossing the street and do not always watch for cars. Students who are driving to school are required to park in the student parking lot.

*Elementary Students attending school activities must be accompanied by an adult to attend football games, volleyball games, or other school activities. Students that attend school events need to stay seated with parents or friends.

I would encourage everyone to take some time in the next few weeks to review the student handbook that is available on-line. As you are reviewing the handbook take extra time to review Mandatory Friday School and taking medication during school.

Thank you for sharing your child/children with us! If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please stop by the school, call, or email me at ja-son.cline@hshawks.com.

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From the Counselor's Desk

Don't complicate. Communicate!

By [RJ Vega](#) in [College](#) on August 22, 2016

Ah, college. The college planning process marks a magical time for students and parents. For many, it is the beginning of a larger step forward in independence and development. For others, it may be a time of stress and pressure. (Don't worry, you will be fine!)

Great communication is essential during this time. Talk with one another about these items:

⇒ Learn the basics of college planning and financial aid.

Recognize that you should make an effort to learn the basics (you don't need to be an expert) so that you can have a more effective and less stressful process. A great place to start is with your school counselor, the [EducationQuest](#) website, or [attend an event](#) in your area.

⇒ Make time to set goals and talk about goals.

Everyone is busy. High school is no exception, and adults are busy adulting. However, a fifteen minute conversation with one another over ice cream can help students and parents remain on the same page. Check out the [Junior/Senior Timeline](#) from EducationQuest to stay on track.

⇒ Share expectations about college.

Similarly, do not hold back when it comes to sharing one another's expectations and goals. If you don't address these topics now with sincerity, they will bubble up to the surface later. Students, if you really want to attend a certain college, or [declare a certain major](#), let your parents know now of your mindset. Parents, share your preferences and the budget you'll be dealing with for college. Arrive at an agreement both sides are happy with.

⇒ Let your student be in the driver's seat.

Parents, please don't do all the work for your student. Sure, this process is deadline driven and effort is very important. However this process is a big step for your child's development; learning independence and accountability now will be the best preparation for the rigors of academia and the professional world.

⇒ Be a pain... in a good way.

Just like our [KnowHow2Go program](#) tells 8th, 9th, and 10th graders that college doesn't just happen, the same still applies to 11th and 12th grade! Reach out to your school counselor. Chat with college admissions representatives. Talk with [EducationQuest](#). Set up a campus visit and ask questions. If you don't know what to ask, [here is a list of questions](#). Don't be reactive, be proactive!

⇒ Practice patience.

The college process is one where you need to "hurry up and wait." You will work to meet deadlines for college admissions, [the FSA ID](#), and [early FAFSA](#). You will apply for [scholarships](#) and then wait, wait, and wait some more until you hear back from them. Be patient. Stay busy.

Homecoming is set for the week of September 26th!

Football Parents Night is September 23rd—stay tuned for details!

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Café'teria News:

(Miss Wendy)
dy Andersen



It is so great to see all my friends back in school. I have missed those cute faces through the summer. Although Summer Food program was a great success and I did see many of my friends.

Summer food Program fed about 60 for breakfast and 100 for lunch through the month of June. The month of July kids slept in until Lunch. Breakfast slowed to 15. Lunch averaged around 35 – 40.

Now we are back in school and I would like to answer some questions that I have received.

First Question: What time does breakfast start?

Breakfast starts each school day at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 7:55 a.m. If there is a Late Start, I will have muffins, breakfast bars and cereal available beginning 30 minutes before advertised school start time. Every morning Students will be able to choose between Cold Cereal, Cereal Bars, Apple Pie, Chocolate Pie, Muffins, Yogurt, string cheese, Milk, Juice, Fresh Fruit and canned fruit, as well as a hot choice.

Second Question: What does Breakfast and lunch cost?

Breakfast :

Students	\$1.50
Adults	\$2.15
Seconds Main meal.	\$.60
Seconds Milk or Juice	\$.40

A qualified breakfast consists of a minimum of 3 items and must include a fruit. Juice does count as a fruit. Maximum items for a qualified breakfast is 4 items and must include a fruit. If the student does not take a qualified breakfast the items will be charged at .60 cents or .40 cents.

Lunch:	
Elem/PK	\$2.75
MS/HS	\$3.25
Adults	\$3.50



Seconds Main Meal	\$1.00
Seconds Grains/dessert	\$.50
Milk/Juice	\$.40
Salad Bar Only	\$2.00

Qualified Lunch includes a minimum of 3 items and must include a fruit/vegetable. Maximum items for a qualified lunch is 5 items and must include a fruit/vegetable. Students get to choose between Main meal, PBJ, Box Meal, and coming soon a Pizza Bar. There is always Milk, Juice and a full Salad and Fruit bar.

Third Question: How does the After School Sales work?

After School Sales begins each school day at 4:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Students and Adults are able to purchase food and drinks at the kitchen. Food items can be charged to the lunch account with parents' permission or, items can be paid for with cash. Costs of items are either \$.50 or \$1.00.

If you ever have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



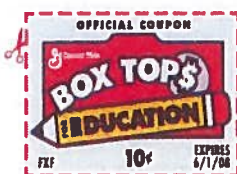
September 5th—NO SCHOOL

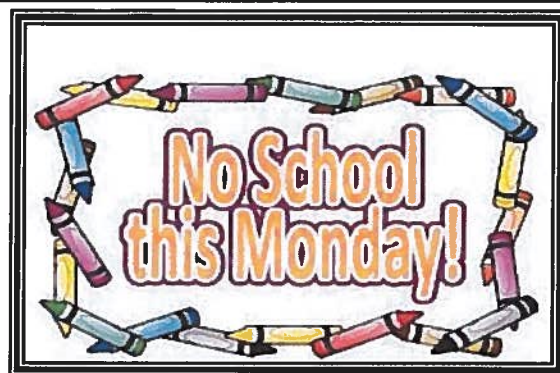
**September 13th—Education Quest—
Financial Aid @ 5pm**

**September 15th—Dental Day and Family
Nature Night 5-7pm**

**Week of September 19th — School Picture
Day**

Ways to help your school:





Juniors:

National Merit Scholarship Program

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test ([PSAT/NMSQT®](#))—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements. This year Hay Springs will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT test. When you take this test as a Junior in High School you will automatically be screened for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The PSAT/NMSQT is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016. If you are interested in taking the PSAT/NMSQT please register with Mrs. Marx by September 20, 2016. Cost for the assessment is \$15, payable at the time of registration.

September 5, 2016

Music Notes

By Raima Varvel

I have no idea what happened to summer, but it sure is nice to be getting back to making music with your students.

5th grade has been testing on instruments and are getting ready to get started with beginning band. Haggard's music store out of Rapid City will be here on Tuesday, September 8th from 4-5pm in the music room for any instruments or supplies you may need. Contact me if you have any questions.



After School Band Club (ASBC) has started up again this year, meeting on Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00. Any music student is welcome, however it is mainly geared for 5th-8th grade students working on their Band Ninja belts. This is a great opportunity for students who are behind to catch up or for students who are excelling to move ahead.

4th grade students will be learning recorders this year. Anytime the specials schedule is a B Week 4th graders need to bring their recorders on Thursdays. We will be doing Recorder Karate, which is a program very similar to the Band Ninja program they will begin in 5th grade. Even though they only have recorders once every 3 weeks, please encourage them to find a consistent time to practice everyday!

Like our facebook page at **HS Hawks Music Notes** to keep up with what's going on in the music room.

FCA News

By Jim Varvel



The Hay Springs Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) booster club is preparing for another school year. The mission of FCA is to present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

The booster club has set up a tentative date to start up the huddle.

Monday, September 12th – Huddle start with the Junior High and High School Students in Lister during lunch. This Huddle will continue on a weekly basis every Monday. You do not have to be an athlete to attend.

You will also see us serving in concession stands or serving meals at games. The use of these funds is to pay for Hay Springs student athletes to attend summer camps and paying 100% of those costs. We paid near full tuition for 8 student athletes this past summer to attend FCA camp in Spearfish, SD.

We would also like to recognize the wonderful coaches and athletic director who devote their time, talents and service to our athletes. Thank you for all that you do!

If anyone has any questions in regards to FCA or wants to become involved please don't hesitate give me a call at (308)320-4445.

God Bless,

Jim Varvel

Hay Springs Youth Football 2016

By Jim Varvel



After a very successful 2015 introduction to tackle football, 28 third through sixth grade young boys and girls will take the field for another season this fall. You will see the white helmets practicing with the "big boys" every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Games will be played every Saturday or Sunday beginning in early September through mid-October against competition on Highway 20. Game schedules will become available in the next few weeks, come and support these future hawks. A big thank you goes out to our coaching staff this year to include Ryan Turman, Brad Johnson, Aaron Rasmussen and Chris McDonald.

Junior High Football

By Coach Ehrman

Coach Hughes and I are excited to be back at the helm for the upcoming season for our Junior High boys. We've got a good group with familiar faces returning from last year and are looking forward to the new talent from our seventh graders. This year will throw some new challenges our way with the switch to six-man, but we have no doubt that the kids will dig their heels in and overcome the obstacles. We know our kids are excited to get the season underway and we all look forward to continuing our success from last year.

Junior High Volleyball

By Coach Marx

Hello, my name is Kerisa Marx and this is my second season as the Junior High volleyball coach. Over the past year I have worked a lot with Coach Kudrna in order to help build our volleyball program. This included taking two teams of girls to a team volleyball camp in Ogallala the first weekend in March. This was a great experience for the girls, as well as for myself. Trisha also arranged for the WNCC coach to host an individual camp in Hay Springs for both Junior High and High School to attend. I was also pleased with the number of girls who attended open gyms throughout the summer.

This year our team is made up of 13 girls in sixth through eighth grade. Of the 13; 6 are eighth, 3 are seventh, and 4 are sixth graders. With such a mix of ages and skill levels one of my main focuses for the season will be on fundamental skills. I want everyone to know how to do every skill, that way in the future if they need to be put in another position they are prepared. I am excited to see all of the girls' hard work over the summer and throughout our first two weeks of practices pay off for them throughout our season.

High School Football

By Coach Borm



The Hay Springs Hawks football team got off to an exciting start on Friday, August 26th in Harrison, Nebraska. The Hawks beat the Warriors 60-34 in the first 6-man football game in school history. At halftime the score was 34-27 in favor of Sioux County, but the momentum shifted our way in the second half. The Hawks outscored the Warriors 33-0 in the second half to take the 60-34 victory.

Stars:

All 17 players on the roster saw playing time in the game on Friday, however a few put up impressive numbers. Trent Reed ran for 243 yards on 18 carries and punched it in the end zone 6 times to lead our team in rushing and scoring.

On the defensive side of the ball, Garrett Weyers and Kaelob Marx had outstanding performances. Kaelob had a fumble recovery, 10 solo tackles and 2 assisted tackles to lead the team in total tackles. Garrett recorded 6 solo tackles and 3 assisted tackles. He also added 2 pass break ups, a fumble recovery, and a touchdown on a fumble caused by Kaelob Marx.

Baiden Planansky had a positive effect on both sides of the ball. He recorded 5 solo tackles and 3 assisted tackles while also adding a fumble recovery and an interception. On the offensive side of the ball, Baiden had one catch for 57 yards and a touchdown.

Next Week:

Hay Springs will travel to Big Springs to take on the South Platte Knights on Friday, September 2nd. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. The Knights beat Minatare in their own 6-man debut 60-20 on Friday in Minatare.

High School Volleyball

Coach Kudrna



The Lady Hawks volleyball team has great potential this year. We have really focused on team building and passing in the first few days in practice. Returning starters include: juniors setter Emma Roberts, middle hitter Ciara McCance, outside hitter Hailey Summers, senior outside hitter Brandy Running Hawk, outside hitter Sydney Tlustos, and middle hitter Tanna Badje. The lady hawks will be gaining four new players: freshmen Katie Agler, Ashley Burrows, junior Payton Schoenhals, and senior Alexis Olson. The Lady Hawks biggest competitors include Hemingford and Crawford. Some of the goals for the 2016 session that the girls are hoping to reach are more accurate serves and consistent serve receive. We are looking forward to a great season with much improvement. Also, I would like to welcome our new assistant coach Nicole Sherburne.

Meet Our New Teachers

Nichole Sherburne is a new member to the Hay Springs school district. She is now teaching title 1 reading, 7 & 8th grade math, and 7th grade science. She previously taught at Gordon-Rushville for the past 4 years. Her position there was 6th grade reading and language arts. Nichole was born and raised in Albion, Ne. She attended and graduated from Boone Central high school. She proceeded to go to Wayne State College and graduated in Elementary Education. She came out west for her first teaching job. She is currently enrolled at Chadron State College finishing up her Masters in Reading Specialist. She resides in Hay Springs with her fiancé Luke Marcy. She will be assisting with high school volleyball and girls basketball.

Jessica Sherlock

My name is Jessica Sherlock and I am very excited to be the preschool teacher this year! I grew up in Alliance and graduated from high school in 2008. I then moved to Chadron and attended Chadron State College where I graduated with an Early Childhood and Elementary Education degree in 2013. After graduating, I moved to Rapid City, SD. I lived in Rapid for two years and worked as an infant and toddler teacher at a Child Development Center that was a part of Youth and Family Services. I loved my time at this center and especially grew attached to the children, but I knew that I wanted to be closer to my family and home. I like living in a small town and am glad to be a part of such a great school and community. I now live in Chadron with my cat, Jace. I enjoy reading, baking, and spending time with family and friends. I am looking forward to a great year of teaching and plan to learn and grow with my preschool students.

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19TH!!**



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College Planning Bulletin

A monthly college planning guide for Nebraska high school students

September 2016

Seniors...it's time to prepare for the early FAFSA!

Beginning **October 1**, you can apply for federal, state and college-based financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a change from previous years when students had to wait until after January 1 to apply.

Here's how you can prepare:

Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You and a parent will each need an FSA ID to access and sign the FAFSA.

Be aware of your college's FAFSA priority date. Complete your FAFSA before that date as some financial aid is awarded first come, first served. Contact your college's financial aid office to learn their priority date.

Attend an EducationQuest Financial Aid Program (FAP) to learn about the FAFSA and the financial aid process. If you attend, *you'll be eligible to register for a \$500 scholarship!* FAPs will be held at high schools across the state. Click here for dates and locations.

See FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org for free tools that will help you prepare. For free personal help, call the EducationQuest location nearest you to make an appointment: Omaha – 888.357.6300, Lincoln – 800.303.3745, Kearney – 800.666.3721, and Scottsbluff – 800.303.3745, ext. 6654.

Attend a College Fair this fall!

This fall, EducationQuest will sponsor five College Fairs across the state.

Before you attend, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Print the barcode and take it to the fair so that college reps can scan it. You should also register for a barcode if you plan to attend an Educational Planning Program (see article below).

2016 College Fairs

Norfolk Area College Fair, Sunday, September 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Northeast Community College

Grand Island Area College Fair, Sunday, September 25, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Heartland Events Center

Tri-State Area College Fair, Sunday, October 2, 12:30-3:00 p.m. – Marina Center, South Sioux City

Lincoln Area College Fair, Sunday, October 9, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Southeast Community College

Omaha Area College Fair, Sunday, October 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – University of Nebraska at Omaha

Tech Bytes

by Larel Reimann

Phishing is defined as “the attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and sometimes, indirectly, money), often for malicious reasons, by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.”



This should go without saying but never, ever type your passwords into a website because someone you know sent you a message with a link to a page that is asking for them. Just because you received the message from the email address of a person you know doesn't mean that they are the ones who sent it to you.

Once a person has fallen for a phishing scam the phishers have access to their email account and entire address book and will make use of it to lure more people to provide their information. Pay attention when you are reading email and wary if something looks suspicious. If something doesn't look right, it probably isn't. In most cases, a legitimate message should never contain a link to a web page asking for your email address and password.

Library News

By Mrs. Matthews

Our elementary students are enjoying their new Chromebooks. With a grant from Great Plains Communications awarded last spring we purchased 20 Chromebooks. Over the summer a locked charging and storage cabinet was purchased and set up and the Chromebooks were activated. Chromebooks are very portable and quick to logon, making the very useful in the classroom. As the year goes on more classes will use these computers for Accelerated Reader, online activities, and research.



Thank you Gordon Lions Club for the 3rd Grade Dictionaries!!



PE Class Reminders

- ◇ Please do not dress in a skirt or dress for PE.
- ◇ Remember that every student participating in PE needs to have a separate pair of athletic shoes for the Lister-Sage building

Students are encouraged to bring deodorant to use after PE

Tips from Home & School Connection

Be there! Regular attendance in elementary school sets up a good pattern for your child's entire school career. Show him/her that school comes first by trying to keep days off for illnesses and family emergencies. Also, schedule routine appointments for after school, days off, or over school breaks.

After-school chats! Set aside time each day to go through his/her papers. Look over your youngster's work together. Help him/her feel proud by making positive comments about what they've done. Have your child talk through a math problem or explain the assignment to show what was learned.

Family Nature Night

Thursday, September 15, 2016

5pm - 7pm

Hay Springs Public School Auditorium



**Get ready for a night of hands-on
activities focused on the
wildlife of Western Nebraska!**

Learn all about:

Mammals

Senses of Nature

Reptiles

Animal Tracks

Birds

And more!

All ages welcome!



For more information, please contact Amber Schiltz at
amber.schiltz@birdconservancy.org or (308) 783-1019.



SEPTEMBER 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Menus are subject to change				1 Breakfast: Pancakes Lunch: Cowboy Special/Cake	2	3
4 FRESH FRUIT AND VEGGIE BAR IS AVAILABLE EVERY SCHOOL DAY	5 HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL	6 Breakfast- Sausage Biscuit Lunch: BBQ Pork or Chicken Sandwich/ Chips	7 Breakfast - Eggs/Muffins Lunch: Breaded Beef Patty/Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	8 Breakfast - French Toast stix Lunch- Corn Dogs/Mini Corn Dogs, Cookie	9	10
11 Breakfast also offer Cereals and cereal bars, yogurt, cheese sticks along with milk and 100% juice & fruit bar	12 Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole Lunch: Tator tot casserole / Rolls	13 Breakfast - Breakfast Burrito Lunch: Burritos/Chicken Queso / baked beans	14 Breakfast - Biscuits/gravy, Sliced Fruit, Milk Lunch: Roast Beef/cheddar, Green Beans	15 Breakfast - Breakfast Pizza Lunch: Chicken Noodles/cookies Grandparents Day	16	17
18 Lunch menu choices available each day is: PBJ/Box Meal/Pizza	19 Breakfast: French Toast Sticks Lunch: Sloppy Joes/Baked beans	20 Breakfast: Egg n cheese Lunch: Cavatini, French Bread	21 Breakfast: Pancakes, Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Chips.	22 Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, Grapes, Milk Lunch: Taco Casserole	23	24
25	26 Breakfast: Mini Waffle/Biscuit Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Cookie	27 Breakfast: Sliders/Chicken Fajita	28 Breakfast: Sliders/Muffins Lunch: Hamburgers/ fries	29 Breakfast: Egg Sandwich Lunch: Meaty Nachos, Churros	30	
NOTES: Milk is served with each meal. Breakfast is available to everyone beginning at 7:30 a.m. each school day.						



Hay Springs School Cafeteria

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				HS VB Tri. @ Hyannis 4pm JH VB home vs. St. Agnes 4pm	HS FB @ South Platte 6pm HS VB @ South Platte 4pm JH CC @ Gering 11am	
				1	2	
					HS FB @ home vs. Cody-Kilgore 1 pm HS VB @ home vs. Cody-Kilgore 4:00 pm	HS VB @ Gordon/Rushville Tourney 8am/JV portion @ home 8am JH CC @ Chadron 10 am
4	NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9
		JH VB home vs. Oelrichs 4 pm JH FB home vs. Oelrichs Financial Aid Education Quest 5pm	Journalism Training @ Alliance TBA	HS VB Tri. @ Edgemont 5pm		HS VB @ Hemingford 9am JH CC @ Alliance 9am JH VB @ Crawford 9am JH FB @ Crawford 10-10 am
11		12	13	14	15	16
				GRANDPARENT DAY LUNCH Dental Day Family Nature Night 5-7pm	HS FB @ Arthur County 2pm	
				HS VB Tri. @ home vs Leyton/Mitchell 4:30 pm JH CC @ Gordon/Rush 4pm Hat n- Jersey Day Coronation 3pm Pep Rally 3:30 BonFire	HS FB home vs. Banner County 7pm FOOTBALL PARENT'S NIGHT HS FB home vs. Minatare 1:30 pm HS VB home vs. Minatare 4 pm HOMECOMING	HS VB @ Mitchell Tourney 8am JH VB PANCO @ Hemingford TBA
18	Tentative School Picture Day	19	20	21	22	23
	HOME COMING WEEK Fake an Injury Day Kick Ball					
25		26	27	28	29	30
		Tacky Clothes Day Blind Volleyball	Redneck Day			

SEPTEMBER 2016

GO HAWKS!!

REMINDERS:

If you haven't already signed up for EZSchool Pay, please make sure you do. Make sure there is always a credit in your account. If you need assistance stop by the office.

Picture Day is tentatively scheduled for the week of Sept. 19th, stay tuned for details!

Homecoming is the week of Sept. 26th watch for details being sent home!