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Signs of success!

Lots of excitement for CPS community in 2023

By Dr. Josh McDowell
CPS Superintendent

As the superintendent of this great school district, I am happy to say your Crete Public Schools Cardinals are in full flight for the 2023-2024 school year.

At the bottom of this and the following three pages, you will see a glimpse of the future. We have before you photos of the seven - YES seven! - kindergarten classes at Crete Elementary School.

These are your graduating seniors in the Crete High School Class of 2036.

We take great pride in this community trusting us with these children. Together it is our responsibility - as a community and school district - to see to it each of these students is a proud member of that graduating class in thirteen years.

To get there, it is going to take a lot of hard work and follow through, but the paving of the road to May 2036 has been underway for quite some time.



We've updated many of you before about the exciting things happening in our district that will keep these Cardinals moving and engaged in the journey to graduation, but we thought it would be wise to share again some

of the reasons we're so excited about the future for these kindergartners. On the following pages you can read about just a few of the many impressive aspects of CPS building momentum for all students.

Additionally, I want to make sure you all know we continue to see signs of success every day inside our school buildings.

These signs of success happen when staff are working together behind the scenes to ensure each individual child has a plan.

They happen when a parent interacts with their child's education.

They happen, not just when the Cardinals win, but during the early season practices while no fans are watching.

The signs of success are not just when we're tested, but when we're learning.

Together, we find these signs of success and we build on each of them.

We have much to be proud of in getting to this point, but there is much to be excited about for the future.

I can't wait to see the journey these kindergartners take in getting to graduation day in May of 2036.

It's going to be filled with many, many more signs of success along the way.

CRETE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2036



Mrs. Oltmans's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Charles Blacketer, Clarisa Sanchez Ramos, Liam Lee, Elsa Burkhardt, Isabella Palmero Dorta, Frida Ramirez Garcia
Second row: Maria Lucas Lucas, Bryan Lopez Bernabe, Elliott Post, Paxton Rische, Bugay Larkapaw, Oklan Small
Back Row: Mrs. Oltmans, Dylan Cordova Martinez, Michelle Figueroa Lucas, Anahi Gonzalez Banos, Diego Mendez Perez, Jonathan Mosqueda Magana, Erika Colindres Monroy, Azelynn Walker

Welcome Back to School!

Good luck and best wishes to all the students and teachers kicking off another great school year!



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First Flight gives all kids chance to play



First Flight CARDINAL YOUTH PROGRAM

First Flight is a fun, accessible and inclusive youth sports experience for Crete Public Schools students of all abilities and backgrounds to develop an understanding of activities, develop skills and promote physical well-being alongside peers.

"We have a rich tradition of excellence at Crete High School, and we are excited to help continue that tradition by offering these opportunities for our young Cardinals to be introduced to all these athletic options," said Dr. Josh McDowell, CPS superintendent.

Fall 2023 offerings

First Flight had several camp offerings for the fall of 2023. Students could register for all camps they were

interested in, but were only charged one \$10 fee for the program itself.

Here is a look at what was offered this fall:

Catch With The Cardinals

Girls in kindergarten, first and second grade worked with the Cardinals' high school players and coaches to work on the fundamentals of throwing and catching. Students were also introduced at a home softball game.

Girls Volleyball

Girls in first through six grade are being instructed in the basics of volleyball in a fun environment. A variety of age appropriate games are incorporated into the instruction. Optional 4 vs 4

home tournaments also available for first and second graders, and optional weekend tournament games in Lincoln or Omaha available for third through sixth grade girls.

Flag Football Fundamentals

Students in third and fourth grade get to be instructed in the fundamentals of throwing, catching and blocking. Some of the basic Crete High School plays and formations will be taught. Students will progress to competing in Flag Football Scrimmages.

Other programs throughout the year include basketball, track, tennis, golf and more. To learn more, visit www.creteschools.org/services/first-flight.

CRETE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2036

Mrs. Lopez's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Linda Tercero Ramos, Dannilynn Koelzer, Kimberly Ramos Chavez, Jesus Palmerin, Yosdiel Perchez Pedraza

Middle Row: Mateo Olivares Ceja, Sunny Smith, Teylor Gonzalez, Iker Anguiano Campos, Zayleigh Jackson, Arika Vicente Vicente

Back Row: Alyanna Enriquez, Jason Garcia Sanchez, Augusta Holsing, Otilie Newmyer, Baylor Brandt, Maria Perez Tercero, Alexis Lopez Pablo



Mrs. Lee's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Everett Keller, Brandon Montejo Mateo, Angelo Lima Lopez, Brianna Enriquez

Middle Row: Jesiah Ramos Rafael, Grace Chichinsky, Adrian Morales Matias, Abby Garcia Tercero Teacher: Mrs Lee

Back Row: Eva Erickson, Elizabeth Mendoza, Eddie Strain, Rue Hoesche, Lane Aksamit

Not Pictured: Abraham Subirias, Adonias Thauriaus



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Intermediate School honored nationally

Crete Intermediate School is one of only 100 schools in the nation to be honored last year as a National ESEA Distinguished School.

The award, presented by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators, recognizes Crete Intermediate for exceptional student achievement in 2022.

Crete Intermediate was honored in Category 3, excellence in serving special populations of students.

"It is an honor to be recognized as a Distinguished School serving special populations," Principal Lisa Fye said. "Our staff works relentlessly to carry out our school's vision: Where students want to be, staff choose to work and families want to connect."

"Anyone walking through our halls can see, hear and feel the collaboration of our staff as they embrace challenges with positivity and determination."

Lisa Fye

Crete Intermediate School principal

Dr. Josh McDowell, Crete Public Schools superintendent, said this honor is a recognition of the work put in by everyone at the school.

"The entire Crete Intermediate School staff has bought into the process and has been dedicated to

each student," McDowell said. "We are so proud of this staff for their hard work on behalf of students and their families."

Crete Intermediate serves 414 students in third through fifth grades.

Fye said the school ensures that students feel safe and ready to learn. The school uses a system that allows students to communicate what they need to be successful throughout the day.

Students who receive English language and special education services are supported through Tier 1 instruction, she said.

"Anyone walking through our halls can see, hear and feel the collaboration of our staff as they

embrace challenges with positivity and determination," Fye said. "The community recognizes the supportive environment we've worked so hard to establish. It's what makes our school special."

Established in 1996, the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program recognizes qualifying federally funded schools for the outstanding academic achievements of their students.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides additional resources for vulnerable students and federal grants to state educational agencies to improve the quality of public elementary and secondary schools.

CRETE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2036

Mrs. Byrne's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Austynn Harvey, Ellie Skillett, Zenadia Garcia Ramirez, Mason Hodges, Maria Lopez Mendez, Nellie Keller

Middle Row: Ava Svarc, Raleigh Mook, Christopher Ayala Sanchez, Joseph Linares Leyva, Camila Adame Ortiz, Samuel Keller

Back Row: Addison Cole, Erick Gonzalez Turquiz, Isabella Luna, Pascual Tercero Ramos, Julian Lopez Murillo



Mrs. Meyer's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Paola Mendez Ibarra, Grant Ramel, Romeo Lima Lopez, Jesus Adame Guiza, Maria Lopez Garcia, and Kira Orlov

Middle Row: Josephine Fortin, Kyson Havlat, Avalina Heinen-Bickford, Nathaly Franco Balderas, Dawson Harvey, Anette Vazquez Alarcon, and Holden Wheatley

Back Row: Julian Reynoso Chavez, Lindsay Juan Perez, Lucas Sell, Parker Sisouvong, Mia Ni, and Aitana Mendez Alarcon, and Mrs. Meyer



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Cardinal Academies: The future of CHS

Are we preparing students with the career and skill sets needed for their future? To answer this question, Crete Public Schools brought together teachers, employers and community leaders, transforming their high school to make learning more meaningful and give students the skills they need to be ready for what comes next. This transformation resulted in the Cardinal Academies Crete. The Cardinal Academies will provide all students with more of the advanced skills they need to be successful, productive citizens in college, career and life.

So what is an academy?
A career academy is a small, safe and supportive learning environment that is

contained within a larger high school setting. An academy has a career and college theme preparing students for both post-secondary schooling and work. Nationally, it has three major components:

- A small learning community (SLC) is a group of students within the larger school that takes classes together and is taught by a team of teachers from different disciplines.
- A career theme within a college prep curriculum enables students to see relationships and connections between academic subjects and their application to a broad field of work.
- Community engagement includes partnerships with employers, the community and colleges, bringing resources from outside the high school to improve

student motivation and achievement.

How does an academy work?
All ninth-grade students will take Freshman Seminar. In this class, they will spend time discovering the different pathways we will offer. At the conclusion of their freshman year, they will list their top three choices and be assigned to a pathway to explore over the next three years. Pathways are like college majors; students choose which to pursue based on their interests. During their sophomore, junior and senior years, students will explore learning opportunities and be immersed in college and career preparatory programs through a focused lens of instruction. At the conclusion of their

final year, students will have developed a senior capstone project to culminate their pathway learning experiences.

What will be the outcomes?
Transition to the academies will result in:

- Increased graduation rates
- Increased daily attendance rates
- Increased student achievement
- Students invested in the community
- Fewer discipline incidents
- Higher ACT scores
- Improved teacher efficacy

Learn more:
Visit www.creteschools.org/CardinalAcademies to learn more.

CRETE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2036

Mrs. Baird's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Avery Newmyer, Maria Perez Raymundo, Luna Maciel, Etko Tiberke, Adriana Perez Miguel, Tahayla Pester
Middle Row: Isaac Bautista Ixen, Liliana Paiz, Jeremiah Amaya Lopez, Carter Muff, Fatima Perez Regalado
Back Row: Daimion Terry, Travis Ries, Sophia Ni, Scarlett Strehle, Wilmer Escobar Gomez, Abigail Sebaaly

Not Pictured: Armani Banos Rodriguez, Dariana Escalante Lopez



Mrs. Cain's Kindergarten Class

Front Row: Samantha Villalobos Bejarano, Guillermo Chavez Alfaro, Dylan Luna Sanchez, Sabrina Sanchez, Aaron Carreto Ixen
Middle Row: Shaylea Schnell, Junior Sanchez Arellano, Kayden Linares Mejia, Marcos Chavez Ortiz, Riley Havlat, Cecilia Perez Reynoso
Back Row: Madaline Divas Godinez, Sofia Adame Franco, T.J. Hildenbrand, Petra Dewey, Oscar Marsh, Remington Weiss, Mrs. Cain



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THE WOLF PACK IS BACK!

Kindergarten



Above: Members of the 2023-2024 Exeter-Milligan kindergarten class are, from left to right, front row: Kyah Rischling, Katelynn Lock, Bentley Ring, Karch Arbuck, Kolbie Kahlandt and Laycee Zelenka; second row: Baylor Johnson, Lynnette Wirth, Cora Foutch, Rylee Kassik, Ava Capek and Addyson Zoubek.

Photo by Doug Carroll

Positive Character Traits

Kindergarten has been working on positive character traits. One thing they have done to practice is to have weekly kindness challenges. Mrs. Pettygrove introduces the challenge on Monday, then students have the whole week to try to complete the challenge. One challenge was to give staff members compliments. Once the student completes the challenge, the parents are notified that their student was caught being kind. Students also received a good behavior ticket stating what they did and announced to the whole school on Friday morning.



Courtesy Photo

Right: Pictured are students who completed the compliment challenge. Left to right: Bentley Ring, Kolbie Kahlandt, Cora Foutch, Addyson Zoubek and Katelynn Lock. Not pictured: Rylee Kassik.

First Grade



Letter Sounds

First grade has been reviewing letter sounds and using our knowledge to create words. First graders work together to create a given word and the audience is in charge of helping them if needed.

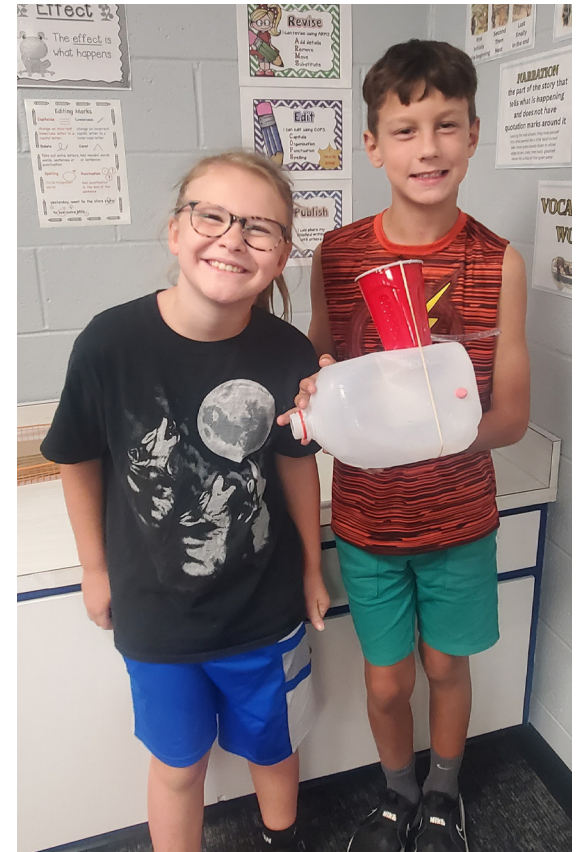
Left (from left to right): Penelope Harrison, Harper Sudrla, Emma Case, Rexton Wince and Finley Due giving a thumbs up. Right: Barrett White, Harper Sudrla, Penelope Harrison, Emmett Schlegelmilch and Finley Due.



Third Grade

The Engineering Process

The 3rd grade students finished their science unit on The Engineering Process. The objective was to create an irrigation system that would water classroom plants over a 2 week period while we were on break. They had to design, test, and improve their solutions before presenting them to the class.



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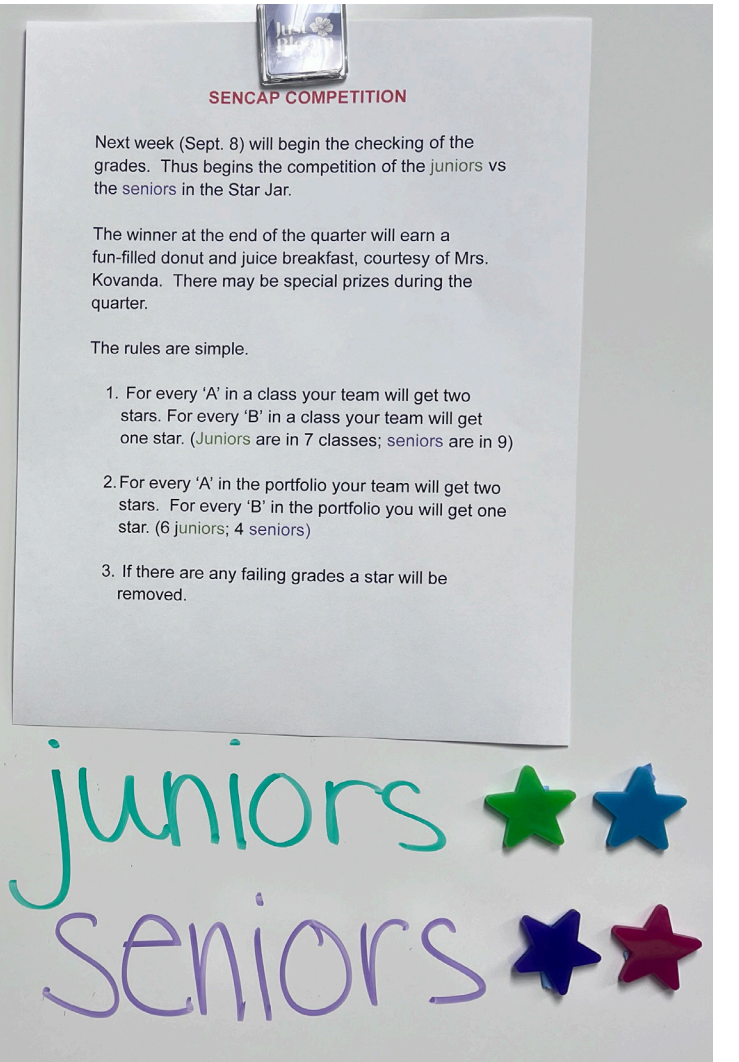
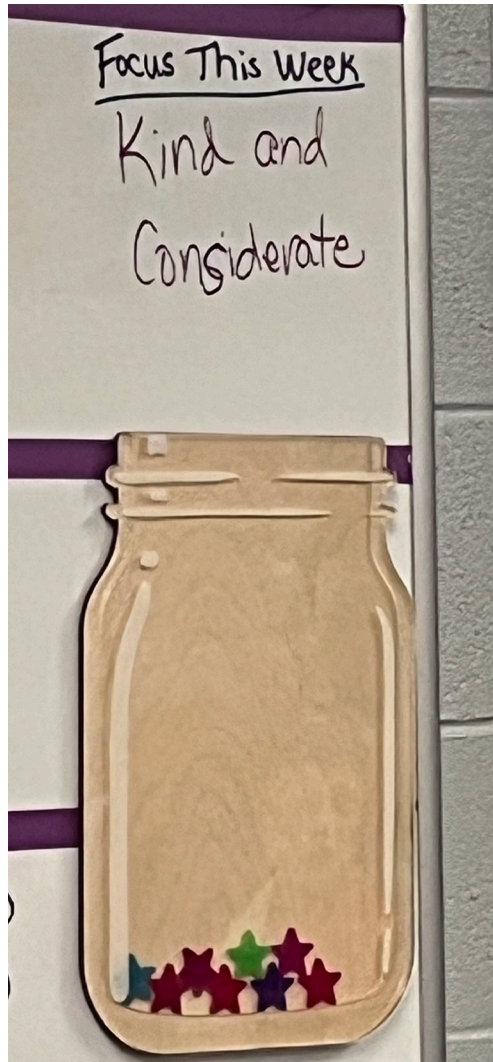
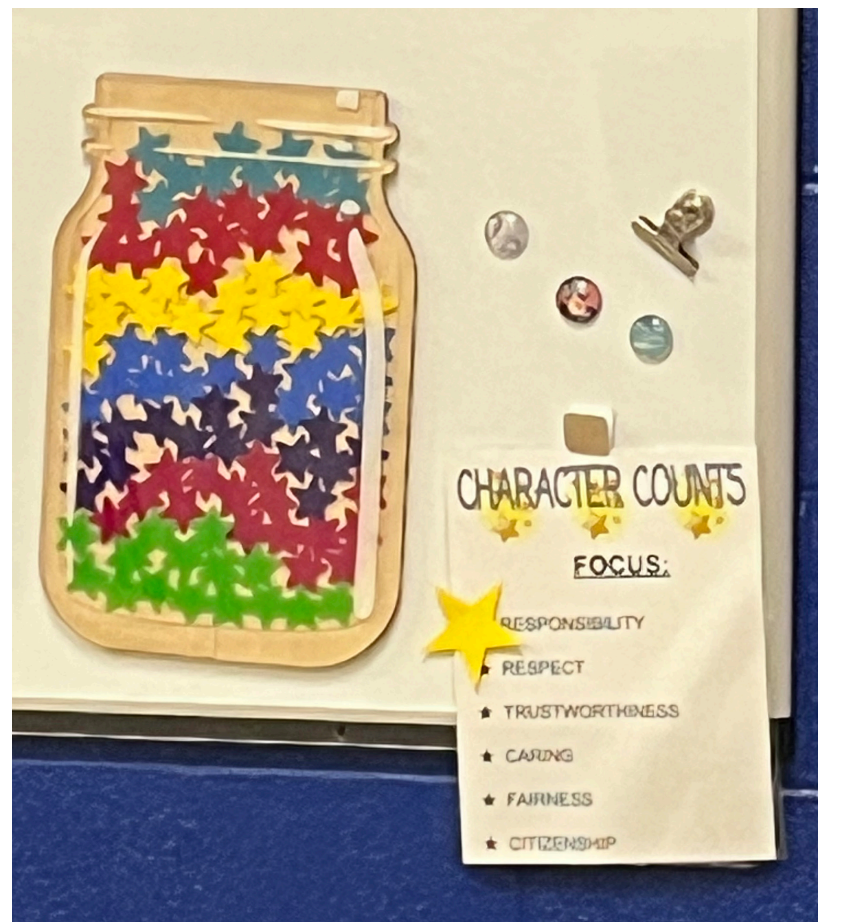
Character Counts

Mrs. Kroll kicking off our Character Counts for the year with a book read for the K-5 Ss. "What Would Danny Do?" Teachers will be looking for Students being responsible. Cora was a big helper today.



Reward Jars

Exeter-Milligan Public School has implemented a school-wide initiative for the 2023-24 school year which involves focusing on the positive through the use of Reward Jars. Each K-12 teacher was given a plexiglass reward jar with multiple star pieces to be used in each classroom. The focus or challenge for each class may be different, but the premise remains the same: *Focus on the positives!*





MEET THE NEW PUPS



Kindergarten Bulldogs 2023

Photo by Doug Carroll

Members of the 2023-24 Friend Kindergarten class are, left to right: (front row) Madison Kemp, Taylyn Paden, Emerson Payne, Emmett Robinson, Brexley Willcoxon and Hayden Cross; (back row) Abby Brandt, Julia Anderson, Nash Beck, Mia Brandt, Kip Bresson, Oakley Moore, Malachi Williams, Julie Bartels and Anna Sluka. Not pictured is Wilder Mitchell.

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Dorchester LONGHORNS



THE RODEO BEGINS

Longhorn Line-Up

Students at Dorchester School get into mixed-age groups once per month for an activity called Longhorn Line-Up. In these groups, students participate in different activities that focus on the Dorchester School tenets of Longhorn PRIDE: Politeness, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. Example activities include: writing letters to veterans on Veterans Day, collaborating with Saline County Aging Services to send valentines to elderly in the community, playing active BINGO, and learning about ways to be better citizens.



Courtesy Photo
Pictured left to right: Mrs. Nicole Schweitzer, Blake Cerny, Mitzu Real, Ms. Cassidy Olson, Dominyk Winter, Savannah June, Kasen Fuller, Raelyn Neeman, Mackenzie Cowins, Sawyer Nerud.

Patriots Day Program

Each year, Dorchester School hosts a Patriots Day Program to honor local emergency responders, veterans, and those that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This year's program featured patriotic musical performances from grades K-6, a speech by Dr. Curt Cogswell, DPS Superintendent, and a moment of silence in honor of the victims of 9-11.



Kindergarten



The Crow's Nest

Dorchester School built a new crow's nest at Nerud Field over the summer. BZ Construction was the builder, and to spruce the field up, the senior class painted the bleachers in beautiful Longhorn orange.



Courtesy Photos
Pictured left to right: Victoria Leavitt, Suyapa Armas, Ashton Jirsa, Elsy Loarca (obscured), Nancy Alcaide.

Sixth Grade

Penmanship & Poetry Awards

During the 6th grade language arts class at Dorchester Public School in the spring of 2023, students prepared entries in penmanship and poetry for the 2023 Nebraska State Fair. Annaleah Tellez earned 2nd place in the penmanship category and Javier Cornejo earned honorable mention in the poetry category. Congratulations to these students for putting forth effort in these education competitions. The current 6th grade language arts class plans to prepare entries for the 2024 Nebraska State Fair. Keep up the super work, students!



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"All About Me" Shoe

The Dorchester Public School 6th Grade Class completed an "All About Me" Shoe activity to kick off the new school year in their language arts class. This project helped them learn more about their classmates, especially those that are new to the district. They decorated their shoe with information about their favorite book, favorite subject, favorite color, and also the year they were born among other topics. They enjoyed decorating their shoe and then used the finished product to decorate their locker. When you are in sixth grade at Dorchester Public School, you have a locker for the first time in your school career. Welcome, Dorchester School Sixth Grade Class!



7th & 8th Grades

Arts in Education Week

Seventh graders cut out walking wooden ducks in Industrial Tech class taught by Mr. Brandon Bruha. They are painting them in the art room, under instruction of Mrs. Stacy Lutjemeyer. Eighth graders have been working with clay. They have been learning how to use the potter's wheel, some different glazing/coloring techniques, and how to show texture in clay. The Art Room has been so busy this week with students getting ready to decorate their halls and floats for next week's homecoming.



Courtesy Photos
Clockwise, from upper left: Thor Nerud and Blake Cerny observe their pots they built and discuss how they will glaze them. Livia Schweitzer and Briana Tellez make flower puffs for their hall. Annaleah Tellez and Brennalay Vazquez choose to paint their ducks as Mallards. Landon Shaw and Josh Gordon diligently working on their ducks. Seniors Hailey Schweitzer and Madison Theis cut out lettering for their hall. Troy Dawes choose his style of duck that has a white base coat. 8th grade Textured clay tree plaques colored with oil pastel and watercolor paint



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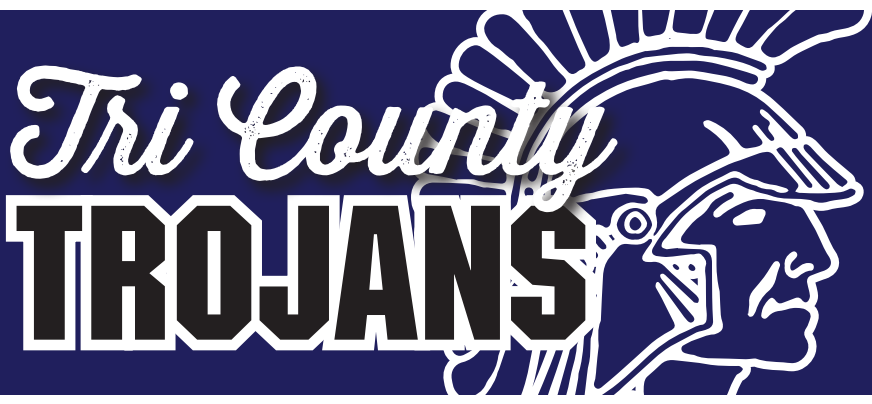
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Elementary School

What's New at Tri County

The beginning of the year is always an exciting time as we open the doors and let students back in after being absent for three months. This year was no different as teachers and para educators set up their classrooms and counted down the days to see students once again.

One of the biggest changes this year at Tri County Elementary is the adoption of our new reading curriculum Wonders (McGraw Hill). Teachers spent many hours over the summer in professional development and setting up the program. It has been a positive experience for staff, students and parents the first few weeks of school. As always, we want the best for our students especially with their academics.

For many years we have followed TC PRIDE at Tri County and this year will be no different! (Problem Solving, Respect, Integrity, Dependable, Effort) When students follow their TC PRIDE they are awarded for their excellent behaviors. I am proud to announce that students have shown their TC PRIDE so well the first few weeks that they have earned a popcorn party on September 28th!

TC Elementary is excited to have four new staff members this year. Those include Mrs. Julia Garrison (1st Grade), Ms. Karlee Haecker (4th Grade), Mrs. Lisa Oltmans (5th Grade ELA) and Mrs. Kathryn Katz (Media Center). We welcome our new staff!

Staff is preparing for parent teacher conferences which are the week of September 25th - 28th. We strive to meet with 100% of our parents which has happened in the past. Parent/teacher communication is a must for student success!

Homecoming week this year is being celebrated September 18th - 22nd. This is an exciting week at school with theme dress up days for the entire week. The week ends with a pep rally, a homecoming parade and finally the Trojan football game against Malcolm.

The Tri County PTO has a few fundraisers coming up. First, Eileen's cookie dough sales will start on October 3rd. If you would like some



Courtesy Photo

cookie dough, please talk to a Tri County elementary student. Also for the first time, there is going to be a Tri County sock fundraiser. The socks are blue, gold and white with the Tri County Trojan logo on them...they look super cool! They will go on sale at a later date for \$15. Again, if you would like some TC socks, please speak to an elementary student in the near future.

A big thanks to everyone for making the start of the school year a great one! Let's go Trojans! #TCPRIDE

Upcoming Elementary Calendar Dates:

October 10 - 5/6th Spelling Bee

October 27 - No School

Kindergarten



Photo by Doug Carroll

Members of Amanda Morgan's kindergarten class at Tri County this year include, left to right, front row: Briella Card, Hadley Drewes, Grayson Pieper, Freya Sand, Brix Remmers, Maelee Roeber, James Roland and Navy Esau. Second row: Kelsey Hurd, Hailey Tietjen, Kathryn Lineweber, Piper Heinz, Finley Oliver, Bentley Prohaska, Jace Simpson and Lincoln Pofahl. Third row: Elaina Cammack, Asher Gronemeyer, Rylee Shepler, Dean Brewer, Henley Schmidt, Layla Miller, Wyatt Kerr, Elijah Ramos, Alayna Bice and Olivia Shepler.

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Markers of academic excellence include a 9-year standardized testing average of 74th percentile, 64% of students landing on the honor roll, and strong showings at annual math competitions, spelling bees, and fine art fairs. Our teachers are adept at making lessons engaging, challenging, and differentiated. Our classrooms take several field trips each year including Homestead National Monument, Lincoln Children's Zoo, and Arbor Day Farms.

St. Paul's has a strong athletic program where upper grade students can compete in volleyball in the fall, basketball in the winter, and track in the spring. Our students have numerous musical opportunities including choir, piano, ukulele, recorder, music theory, and an annual spring musical/play. St. Paul's takes advantage of numerous opportunities to get our students involved in the community including caroling, a Thanksgiving food drive, writing letters to shut-ins, and arbor day projects.

Contact us today to find out more information about St. Paul's and how we prepare students for this life and the next!



Kindergarten



Photo by Amy Hausman
Members of the 2023-2024 St. Paul Kindergarten Class are, from left to right: (front row) Emmett Schmidt, Abel Snook, Nora Dauck and Greyson Danner; (middle row) Zula Peterson, Jacck Wollenburg, Randi Miemeier and Timber Niederklein; (back row) Marcus Martinez, Alina Smith, Emmett Welch and Serenity Wiedergreen.

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Quick Bullet Rundown

- Fundraiser for the WC Elementary ended on September 28th. We raised money for playground items on the basketball court. To recognize students going above and beyond we held a Water balloon throw for students who registered online and sold one item over the first opening weekend!
- Book Fair was held during Parent Teacher Conferences. Mrs. Megan Braithwait held the bookfair in the library and the money raised purchases new books for our library.
- Thank you to the PTO organization for providing food for our teachers for the Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. They organized a google sheet that allows parents to sign up for different items to bring for teachers to snack on during conferences. This is very appreciated by teachers and administration. Thank you to all our parents that make this possible!
- Homecoming Theme was Hollywood
- Homecoming Parade was October 1st. The Parade was followed by activities at the Legion Park with all fall sports teams. Parents and community members were invited to attend. The Booster Club hosted a food truck.
- Homecoming Dress Up Days were Western Day, Barbie/Ken Day, Rhyme without Reason, BBQ Dads and Soccer Moms, and Green Day (from head to toe!) sport your Green!
- Homecoming Coronation was after the Football Game on October 6th.
- Homecoming Dance for WC students grades 9-12 was Saturday, October 7th.



Kindergarten learns place values.



Catcher Mika Chlupacek.



Seniors at the first home football game.



Cross Country Seniors Lena Eschiti and Jessica Martinez.



FFA Members attend Husker Harvest Days.



Volleyball Brianna Spilker and Claire Watson.



The Wolverine student section dressed in a white out and did "Little White Lies."

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Kindergarten




Photos by Doug Carroll

Above: Members of Brenda Cerveny's kindergarten class at Wilber-Clatonia this year are, front row, left to right: Rilyn Trautman, Klancy Kunc, Liam Hoesche, Charleigh Williams, Blair Aksamit, Haizleigh Duncan and Hayes Watson. Second row: Ivy Holsing, Brayden Haugen, Sawyer Lane, Carlos Nava, Yorleth Gonzales, Zayden Zurcher, Emma Scarf and Arthur Seyfert.

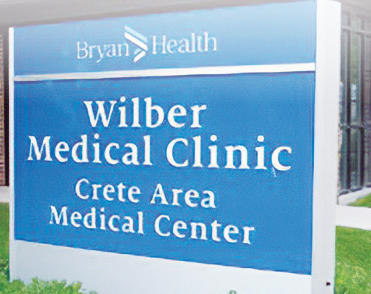
Below: Members of Darla Chrans kindergarten class at Wilber-Clatonia this year are, front row, left to right Colt West, Stella Nickel, Hazley Reck, Dalila Janecek, Darko Bukovnik, Evelyn Fritz and Rosemary Burkey. Second row: Jaxon Trautman, Cristobal Regalado Lopez, Henley Novak, Brantley Blatter, Atalie Coffey, Boone Brakhahn, Madison Smith and Weston Kruger.



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ALL THE SAINTS

St. James Continues to Shine

St. James School has been a vital part of Crete's history since the first classes were held on September 5, 1887 with 46 children. Our school takes its title in honor of the apostle James who was one of Christ's closest friends and the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred.

Today, St. James School is a Pre-K through 6th grade Catholic elementary school. It has over 100 children and boasts of a joyful and dedicated faculty and staff, including five religious Sisters from the community of the School Sisters of Christ the King. Classroom sizes average thirteen children per room. The goal of St. James School is to provide an education in wonder, wisdom and virtue enabling students to know and follow Christ and live a happy life for all eternity. St. James School emphasizes the liberal arts accentuating religion,

history, literature, math, science, music, art, and physical education. Having a heritage of beauty and value to receive, the students memorize the best of poetry and prose, strengthen their powers of observation through nature studies, and sharpen their reasoning skills through classroom discussions, debates, and mathematical logic. Playing musical instruments, participating in skillful physical activity, and praying daily adds nobility to the children's characters.

Perhaps the best description of St. James School is to be found in their scholar's pledge which the children recite each day.

Parents interested in an elementary education in the Catholic tradition of wonder, wisdom, and virtue should contact Sister Mary Alma at St. James School.



These girls enjoy reading together.



Children are happy to begin a new school year.



Students can work with books of the Bible material.

The St. James School Scholar's Pledge

I pledge to seek the truth
and to love all that is good and beautiful.

I will strive to achieve clarity of thought,
nobility of character and purity of heart.

I will pursue my education with diligence,
humility and sincerity, embracing
excellence and renouncing mediocrity.

I will treat my teachers and peers
with the utmost dignity and respect.

I will honor myself and my family
by giving my best effort daily.

I will honor God
by developing the gifts He has given me
to the best of my ability.

Above all, I will aspire to the wisdom
of a life lived in faith, hope and charity,
fulfilling my destiny as a child of God.

Kindergarten



Photo by Doug Carroll

Members of this year's St. James kindergarten class include, left to right, front row: Cesare Baeza Carranza, Jayleen Castillo Rueda, Majak Kuai and Mauricio Rios-Murillo. Back row: Mateo Garcia Mendez, Henry Kubicek, Hunter Wissenburg, Kiara Juarez and Jacob Jaimes. Not pictured are Paola Poroj Carrillo and Alan Mendez Mendez.



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Good Luck Students!
¡Buena suerte estudiantes!

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