

THE BOLT

Sherri Edmundson, Superintendent

Winter season is upon us! We had the good fortune of great weather so far, but we are Nebraskans! We know this isn't going to last, so be prepared. Make sure you have enough food and water to last a couple of days and make sure your children are coming to school prepared for the weather. We feel it's important for students to get outside as much as possible, so please make sure they are prepared for recess, and especially if they walk to school or to and from the bus stops. I have included some information from the National Weather Service about wind chills, being prepared, and what to do if you get stuck outside your home in a storm.

Out parking lot project has been working out awesome. The students that drive had done a great job of parking appropriately and setting an example for patrons that come to games, etc. Parents have done a great job using the designated spots for dropping off and picking up students. We have added additional lighting and will continue to monitor parking during games. Please make sure you are going through the parking lot for drop off and do not go around those with stop signs monitoring the bus loading zones.

Congratulations to football and volleyball All-Conference and area recognitions. FFA qualified a team for state in livestock judging. We hosted Pioneer Conference One Act on November 14th and our students placed 4th. We have a fantastic group of students that have started basketball and participate very hard in the extra-curricular activities on top of their full academic schedules. We are very proud of them for their

Nurses Notes

I tend to remind everyone about our policies for fevers and illnesses this time of year. However, this year I want to address a different issue. Beginning in January, there will be new car seat laws in effect. There are significant changes to the current laws, so I have included a chart for you to see the changes. Please be prepared to make these changes to keep our children safe in vehicles. I also encourage you as adults to always use your seat belts as well. Your kids watch you and can develop this life saving habit without even realizing it. Many deaths and serious injuries can be prevented by wearing seat belts every time you are in a vehicle.

By Laura Leech

Nebraska Child Safety Restraint Law Following Passage of LB 42

Current Law (effective through December 31, 2018)	New Law Following Passage of LB42 (effective beginning January 1, 2019)
All children up to age six must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved car seat or booster seat.	All children up to age eight must ride correctly secured in a federally-approved car seat or booster seat.
	Children ride rear-facing until up to age two or until they reach the upper weight or height limit allowed by the car seat's manufacturer.
	Children up to age eight must ride in the back seat, as long as there is a back seat equipped with a seatbelt and is not already occupied by other children under eight years of age.
Children ages six to eighteen must ride securely in a seat belt or child safety seat (car seat or booster seat).	Children ages eight to eighteen must ride securely in a seat belt or child safety seat (car seat or booster seat).
Childcare providers must transport all children securely in an appropriate child safety seat (car seat or booster seat) or seat belt.	Childcare providers must transport all children securely in an appropriate federally-approved child safety seat (car seat or booster seat) or seat belt.
Children up to age eighteen are prohibited from riding in cargo areas.	
Violation carries a \$25 fine plus court costs and 1 point is assessed against the operator's driving record.	

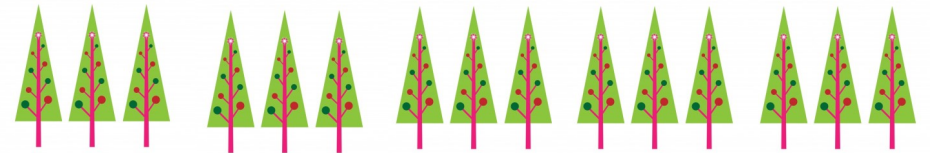


HTRS STARS Youth Leadership Fruit/Meat/Cheese

HTRS STARS Youth Leadership Fruit/meat/cheese sales will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, December 10th (we do not know the time as of yet). The fruit is then sorted and should be ready for delivery. If you do not get your fruit/meat/cheese delivered in a timely fashion, please call the school 402-862-2151.

Thanks for purchasing from the STARS!

By Mrs. Mezger



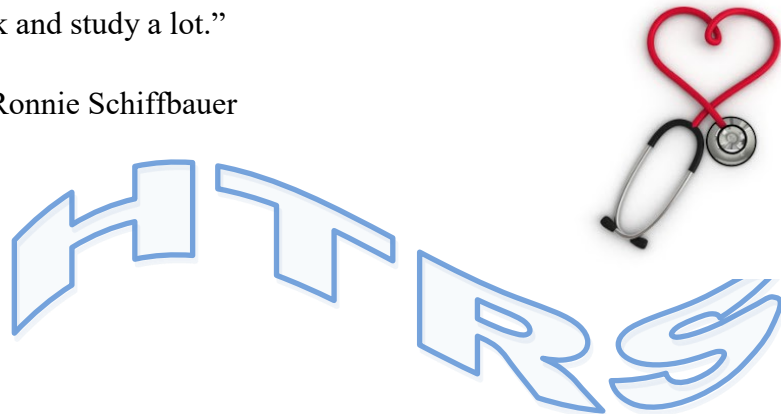
Delayne Schuster



Delayne Schuster is a senior this year at HTRS. She is the daughter of Lisa and Kendall Schuster and the sister of Megan VanDeWalle and Lexie Schuster. She is involved in softball, basketball, FFA, 4-H, show choir, choir, band, drill team, powerlifting, math contest, PIK, mentoring, and leadership. Delayne also enjoys baking in her spare time especially pies. Her favorite school memory is placing at FFA state. She hopes to attend Bryan Health after graduation and get her BSN. Her favorite teachers in the school are Mrs. Weldon

and Mr. Platt. The most rewarding part of working hard in school for her has been getting good grades. One lesson Delayne wants to pass on the younger students is, "Do your homework and study a lot."

By Ronnie Schiffbauer



Sixpence

The November Socialization for Sixpence families was held on the 7th. Sara Rue from Community Medical Center was the guest speaker. She shared a variety of information on Women's Health. It was very informative and beneficial for all those who attended. Sara provided multiple handouts and brochures relating to her topics of discussion. A cookbook was also given to families to assist them in making healthy meals.

By Amy Werts and SueAnn Tripp

Tidbits from the "Title Team"

Take a look at the enclosed insert called "Home and School Connection." The December issue gives ideas for *Smart Discipline* as well as ways to get your child excited about learning new knowledge such as your own, personal exclamation, "I love to learn."

By Ashlee Meyer and Dennette Wheeler

Mrs. Zentner's Preschool Class

While learning about the seasons, we have watched how things change. The tree on the west side of the school has given us a great place to take pictures to see how the leaves first changed colors, the leaves fell off, and then we could see the leaves on the ground with bare branches. When the leaves were gone we also could see where there was an old nest.

For our unit on fall, we read books about how pumpkins grow. We cut a pumpkin open and took out the seeds. We counted all the seeds and had 677. We are going to keep the seeds over the winter and plant them in the spring to see if the seeds will sprout. Then we put the pumpkin in a plastic container to see what would happen. Now the pumpkin has a lot of black and gray mold on it and there is a lot of liquid in the bottom of the container. We'll keep watching to see how the pumpkin continues to change.

By Mrs. Zentner



accomplishments. Both exceptional students and staff make this possible for our school.

As we head in to the holiday season, please drive safely if you are traveling. The last day of school for students before **Christmas break is December 20th** and teachers will have a **work day on December 21st**. Enjoy the holidays!

Go Titans!
Mrs.Edmundson

**Merry
Christmas**



Technology

HTRS Has an APP

HTRS has a new website. We also have an app for your smartphone so you can keep up with all the events at HTRS Schools. All you have to do is go to your app store and search for HTRS. Download the corresponding app and let the fun begin.

Christmas Tech Shopping

Christmas is quickly approaching. I can't believe that soon half the school year will be over. Time just seems to fly. I better get started on my Christmas shopping. I think I will check out digital devices that are available. I do love gadgets! I think I'll check out Amazon and ThinkGeek maybe even SAMs for something unusual.

My youngest son lives in the digital world. He is really hard to shop for because the tech that he wants he buys. He has several video game consoles, which he purchased himself. He also has a gaming computer. This is a computer that he built especially for video gaming over the internet and using virtual reality programs. He doesn't have a Drone. It could be used around the farm to get aerial views of places and fields.

Bethany Worthey - Senior



Bethany Worthey is a senior this year at HTRS. Bethany is the daughter of Joe and Pandora Worthey, and has siblings Ryan, Bekah, Desi, Tori, and Aiden. She says that her biggest role model is her mom. Her hobbies include reading, sports, running, and watching *Dancing with the Stars* with her mom. In school, she is involved in volleyball, track, FCA, FFA, mentoring, leadership, PIK, and annual, as well as being the senior class treasurer. Bethany said that her favorite class that she has taken during high school was psychology. Once out of high school, Bethany plans to attend

Peru State College and wants to work with animals. She said that she would prefer to stay close to home rather than to move far away. Bethany said that her favorite year of high school was her senior year. She's excited to get out of high school, but will miss the caring environment of HTRS. Bethany said, "My favorite thing about the school is when they serve cinnamon rolls or biscuits and gravy in the cafeteria." Bethany's most embarrassing moment from high school was during basketball last year, she threw the ball and it hit the backboard, so people thought she tried to shoot it. In reality she had only been trying to pass the ball to Matilyn Stalder.



Aliesha Walker - Senior



Aliesha is a senior here at HTRS who has been here since fifth grade. Her guardian/sister is Sasha Hatfield and her brother is Adam Walker. During her time in high school, she has established her favorite teacher as Mrs. Weldon. She participates in leadership, Prevention Is Key (P.I.K.), mentoring, speech, track, and golf. Aliesha plans on going to college at the University of Nebraska-Kearney (UNK) to become a pediatric or trauma nurse. In ten years, she hopes to be working in a big hospital in a big city so it will never get boring.

Aliesha's advice for students is, "Never skip school because it's a good way to get to where you want to be." She says school sometimes is hard and stressful but she's been ready to graduate since her freshman year. She describes her class as dedicated, mostly because they're a really athletic and well educated class. Two changes she wished to have in school, was to not have as much homework and have better lunches. Her most embarrassing moment was when she twisted her ankle during basketball warmups



By Jacob Joy

My oldest son loves to hunt. He is easier to shop for and doesn't really need technology items. One thing that he would like is a trail camera. There are tons to choose from at Cabela's and Bass Pro Shop. I'll go online and see what is available. This type of camera is one that you can put out in the timber, at the shop, or in the pasture and has a motion detector in it. It can be placed anywhere there might be animals like deer and coyotes. We could use it for a security camera as well. The one drawback on them is that he has to go get the camera card and insert it into the computer to view the images. He is techie enough that he can do that.

My great-nephew is a quick and bright 3-year-old. I'm thinking he might be ready for some technology. Amazon has some tech toys for tots. He loves to build things and put things together. Maybe a Robot or a Code-a-pillar. He can put them together in many ways to make them do different things. The code is sent to the devices by how you put the parts together. The device then moves according to the code.

It doesn't matter what I buy, I have to be cautious. Just because the item has a really good price doesn't mean the site is reputable. There are some websites that are fake and just want to get my money and credit card information. These sights look like sites for shopping, but do they look like they were created by a professional? If they are fake, I might not get my purchase or if I do get it, the object might not work. Not only are there fake sites, but also fake ads and email addresses so that the hacker can get my contact and credit card information. I need to be careful when asked to update my credit card information or creating an account on a new site. I will check the address of the website and search various places for the items I want to purchase. I think I will just stick with websites that I have ordered from successfully in the past.

Wishing you a "Happy Holiday" and "Safe Shopping"

By Mrs. Withers





Terrance Bohling - Senior



Terrance Bohling is the son of Mike and Susan Bohling and Shanna Rice and a brother to Aaron, Sammy, Bailey, Jaylyn, Hunter, and Darius Bohling. His older brother, Aaron, has been his biggest inspiration during high school. He is involved in leadership and mentoring, and enjoys hanging out with friends, watching TV, and playing football with his little brothers. Terrance's favorite class is when he gets to be an office aide. Terrance plans of attending Southeast Community College (SCC) in Lincoln to earn his culinary degree. One thing that Terrance said he's learned in high school, is how to do math. When asked about senioritis, Terrance said, "I combated senioritis, by having the drive to not be that type of person." Something Terrance feels he's gotten back from working hard in high school, is the fact that he had less homework. Terrance has one piece of advice for students, "Grow up, and act your age." Although Terrance isn't sure whether he'll stay close to home, or move far away, he will always miss his well-rounded class, the atmosphere of the community, and HTRS as a whole.

By Anastasia Popham



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Camille Frey - Senior



Camille Frey is the daughter of Deserae and Chris Frey, her siblings are Alyssa and Nolan Frey. She and her classmates are fairly close and they don't have any problems with each other. She says that they have definitely grown closer during the last four years. Camille says, "Not everything ends in success, sometimes you have to try and try again to do something right." Her advice to other students is, "Do your homework, and don't make any excuses not to." Camille likes coming to school because she likes learning new things and being around other people. During her free time, she likes to think about speech and do

makeup. Her most embarrassing memory is when she was cheering at a football game and she accidentally kicked mud at the people in the stands.

Kindergarten Letters to Santa

Dear Santa

I will be on the nice list, because I am really, really good. I mind my mom. We leave our doors unlocked so you can put the presents by the Christmas tree. I would like a Case excavator for Christmas. I will leave carrots for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you. What do you have at your house Santa? Say "Hi," to the elves.

Love

Collin Mezger

Dear Santa

I am on the nice list, because I am good to my brother. I would like a water gun and another train. You can come in the door and leave the presents in the living room. I will give you Santa cookies. How do you get to my house? Say, "Hi," to Rudolph for me.

Your Friend

Corbin Herr

Dear Santa

I've been very good this year. I did what my mom said to do and I cleaned my room. Santa, I don't know how you get in my house, because I don't have a chimney. I will leave my door unlocked. I want a mermaid doll and a diamond ring. I had a diamond ring once but the diamond was so small I could not see it. Maybe I could leave you milk and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Say, "Hi," to the snowman at the North Pole.

Goodbye

Irelynn Foster

Dear Santa

I am on the really good list. I am not bad when I played Candyland. Santa you will come down our chimney and put our presents under my Christmas tree. I would like a Barbie Dream House and a Barbie Bake Set. Every year we make Christmas cookies to set out with milk. Do you love Mrs. Claus? Say, "Hi," to Mrs. Claus, because she is my favorite person from Christmas. I met her at the North Pole Party.

Love

Sophie Cherry

Dear Santa

I have been nice this year, because I clean my room. You can come down my chimney and put my present by my door. I want an Imaginary T-Rex, I saw it on T.V. I can give you milk and cookies. How do you make the toys? Say, "Hi," to Rudolph.

Goodbye Santa
Jesse Bachman

Dear Santa

I am on the good list because I played inside with my toys at home. You can come through the door and put my present under my Christmas tree. I will give you chocolate chip cookies and milk. I want a Ken doll and a dinosaur robot. Say, "Hi," to Mrs. Claus.

Goodbye
Garrett Eppens

Dear Santa

I have been good this year, because I shut people's lockers and picked up their mess for them. You need to go through the garage door and put the presents in between the chair and the couch so it's not touching them. I want another barn and a new table for the kitchen. We will leave chocolate chip and cinnamon cookies with milk for you and carrots for the reindeer. Say, "Hi," to the reindeer.

Your Friend
Henry Shupp

Dear Santa

I was a little bit naughty this year. Sometimes I got in trouble and got grounded, but I have been gooder. With your magic you can make a chimney and get in our house, or come in our door. Please put the presents under the Christmas tree and in my stocking. I would like a unicorn doll or a real live horse. We will set out a lot of cookies, a pumpkin pie, and some milk. Say, "Hi," to the elves, I really would like to see one up close.

Love
Katie Belle McAuliffe

Dear Santa

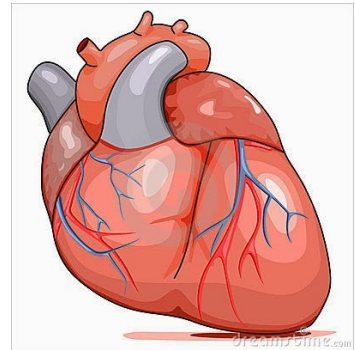
I have been on the very good list because I help my mom vacuum and wash the dishes. We will leave the door unlocked so you can come through the front door and leave the presents under the Christmas tree. I

chine, a muscular mass that had been deprived of its support beams, which seemed to be standing right in front of their coverings. A mass of tissue and bone was positioned in athletic stance, as if to dribble or pass the ball that lay before it. Some instances were colored to illustrate the different body complexities. These formed detailed diagrams showing the intricate positions of the individual parts. Despite all these gruesome sights many stayed and stared with fascination.

Towards the end of this bizarre pilgrimage was a section dedicated to the fetal Homo sapiens. While saddening to the parental side, it was still quite an interesting prospect. Two rows of cases lined the path through the room. On one side, the embryo development was evident, for the displays were arranged by age, each one bigger than the last. The other side showed fully developed infants who had not made it to adulthood as a result of some genetic ailment. Around the next bend, masses of blood vessels stood bare in their cases, colored a dark yet vibrant red, alluding to what they had once contained. One in particular was still wrapped about the body it belonged to, now just a lifeless structure covered in the vessels like moss crawling over rocks. The whole spectacle looked like a demented chia pet. Past the portal from the last room were the organs that they allowed the people to touch. A diseased liver, a lung, a heart, and a bisected brain, all looked strange when arrayed on the table in a singular fashion, not attached to anything. Their surfaces contained a type of sheen and felt like no functioning organ should-smooth and hard to the touch-with no sign of bodily fluids, these having been removed in the process to preserve the oddities.

Outside into the open air, the bright morning sun a more natural tint on the cityscape, was in stark contrast to the semi-stifling rooms within the seemingly regular building. Vehicles roared through the concrete thoroughfares, as people milled about in front of the towering monoliths of modern architecture, all completely unaware of the scientific tomb they were passing by.

By Clarence Schuler



The following is a descriptive essay written by senior, Clarence Schuler about an anatomy field trip taken to the “Our Body: The Universe from Within,” exhibit in Omaha.

Anatomical

The fluorescence shone harsh on the glass cases and the grotesqueries underneath and on display nearby. Every detail of the shriveled masses caught the eye. The atmosphere of the ordeal was that of clean air despite the many different instances of body preservation. The veritable maze of organs, chunks of flesh, folds of skin, and sections of bone were arrayed in a manner that suggested academic examination, yet looked much like a haunted house display. The many misshapen figures seemed to stare with unknown thoughts behind their sightless eyes. Various disfigured organs massacred by disease were strewn about the rooms, and sections of tissue that were splayed in motley patterns across the displayed figures were dotted the complex. Writings of Hippocrates, Galen, Gray, and Da Vinci, adorning the black collapsible walls, illustrated the anatomical displays.

A tour of this menagerie of exhibits, would evince gapes and gasps at the spectacles. However educational, these bodies and miscellaneous viscera were quite frightening in appearance. Though studied for science, these corpses looked like what may have been found in a psychotic serial killer’s lair. Multiple shrunken, somehow laminated, corpses were cut into segments and spread apart, like slices of fresh baked bread. Here and there stood skeletons or just their appendages, bleached a pale calcium white. The way the figures were positioned was of particular intrigue as well. One specimen, positioned on a sleek turntable, looked as if he had crawled out of his own skin and indeed the covering hung over his arm like one would hold one’s coat after disengaging from it. The spectacle turned about slowly. Whether to show the different parts of the figure, or to just give people a sense of unease was not evident. Another, with his brain bared and skin peeled off, sat as if he were pondering his next move, his unmoving eyes fixated in the direction of a chess game, the pieces of which were starting to wear. There were yet more of these oddities around the corner: a bone structure atop some sort of exercise ma-

would really like a Batman Transformer. We will set out chocolate chip cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer.

Sincerely

Bryson McMann

Dear Santa

I was very good this year. I played outside in the snow. You can come in our door and put the presents under our Christmas tree. I would like three Nerf guns and a Paw Patrol toy. I will build a snowman for you. Say, “Hi,” to the elves.

Thank You Santa

Brandon Stewart

Dear Santa

I am on the good list because I put my clothes away. You can come in through the door, I am sure we leave it unlocked. Put the presents under our Christmas tree. I would like Transformers, like the ones that my dad watched when he was my age. We will leave out cookies. How do you get to the Arctic?

Goodbye

Jack Schmit

Dear Santa

I have been nice this year. I take care of my baby sister. I would like a tablet for Christmas. You can come through the door and put my present under the Christmas tree. I will set out cookies and milk and carrots for the reindeer. Say, “Hi,” to Mrs. Claus for me. How do you make all those toys?

Bye Santa

Rae Dorney

Dear Santa

I have been nice this year Santa, I say please and thank you. You will need to go through my door and put the presents under my Christmas tree. I would like a remote control spider toy. I will leave you cookies and milk. Say, “Hi,” to Mrs. Claus. How does your sleigh go magic?

Love

Vader James

Dear Santa

I am on the nice list because I help take care of baby Oakley. I would like a Baby Alive doll. You can come in through the door and put it un-

der the tree. I will give you cookies and milk. Say, "Hi," to the elves for me. How do you know I am nice?

Goodbye Santa
Savannah Wiemers

Dear Santa

I am on the nice list. I help my Mom make chocolate chip cookies. Would you bring me a Moana dress for Christmas? You can come down the chimney and put it under the Christmas tree. I will give you some cookies. Say, "Hi," to Mrs. Claus for me. How do you get out of the chimney?

Love
Lexi Eaton

Dear Santa

I have been good this year because I share my things. I would like lots of Lego sets this year for Christmas. You can fall through the chimney and leave the presents under the Christmas tree. I plan on leaving chocolate chip cookies and root beer milk out for you. Say, "Hi," to a snowman for me. How do you make all those toys!

Love
Franklin Sikora

Dear Santa

I am on the nice list because I walk with my sister. I want a train for Christmas. You will come down the chimney and put my present under the Christmas tree. I will give you cookies and milk. Say, "Hi," to the reindeer. How did you get my present?

Goodbye Santa
Brody Smith

Dear Santa

I have been very nice this year. I am nice to my sister. I would like some Hatchimals for Christmas. You can come in the front door and leave them under the Christmas tree. I will set out cookies and milk for you. Say, "Hi," to the reindeer. How do you make so many toys?

Bye Santa
Sawyer James

Dear Santa

I have been good this year. I help my Mom fold clothes. You get in my house from the roof, and put the presents by the Christmas tree. You can

Veterans Day

The Veterans Day program was on Friday the 9th of November, at the HTRS main gym. Shubert, Table Rock, and Humboldt American Legion Auxiliary Units and American Legion post presented the program. The program began with the HTRS band accompanying the second grade while they sang the "Star Spangled Banner." The colors were followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The HTRS choir sang "In Flanders Fields" arr. Roger Emerson. The opening thoughts were given by Tana Brown. Sharla Cerra explained how to thank a vet for their service. All present were then given the opportunity to go down to the gym floor and thank a vet for their service.

Two veterans explained the Missing Man Table Ceremony. It is a way to thank and honor America's unreturned Vietnam War veterans. The round table may be located at the entrance of a dining facility to show our everlasting concern. The white table cloth symbolizes the purity of their motives while answering the call to serve. There will be a single red rose in a vase that represents the lives of the missing and their loved ones who keep the faith, while seeking answers. A yellow ribbon tied around the vase shows our continued uncertainty, hope for their return and determination to account for the ones missing. The lemon slice at each plate is there to remind us of their bitter fate, captured and missing in a foreign land. A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families who long for answers after decades of uncertainty. The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return, alive or dead. The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God. The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share a toast. The chair is empty – they are missing. The Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony information came from www.pow-miafamilies.org.

Mark Novak was the speaker who is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel. He talked about many of the wars fought by Americans and how Sunday the 11th of November, 2018 was the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day. The colors were retired and the American Legion Auxiliary ladies passed out poppies to everyone that was present as a reminder of the lives lost and the sacrifices made by our American Veterans.

By Emely Marsh



Jaime Frey - Mock Trial

Mrs. Jaime Frey is the new mock trial coach this year, and she is also the third grade teacher. Mock trial is like a court trial where they have court documents, create their own questions, and lawyers have to perform correct procedures and have to know how to defend their questions and memorize their openings and closings. There are two sides to each case. Sometimes it is hard to meet the deadlines because everything has to be memorized. Juniors and seniors that have had more experience with mock trial help the freshman that are new at this create and understand their questions. Mrs. Frey's daughter was in mock trial and Mrs. Othmer asked if she wanted to be the new coach this year. She said, "She would love to because she always wants to help our school in any way she can." Mrs. Frey described mock trial in three words, challenging, interesting, and educational. She will possibly be the coach next year too. There are eleven people on the team: Matilyn Stalder, Anastasia Popham, Clarence Schuler, Kaitlyn Frey, Cameron James, Austin Herr, Shannon Jones, Will Stalder, Hanna English, Andrew Stalder, and Jacey Leech. The team won their first round against Falls City II but they were defeated in the second round by Fillmore Central I. Honorable Judge Curt Maschman also assisted with the HTRS team.

By Emely Marsh

UNO Math Day



On October 19, Camille Frey, Anastasia Popham, Clarence Schuler, Lenny Blecha, Kaitlyn Frey, Cameron James, and Alyssa Howe went to the University of Nebraska at Omaha to compete in the math contest. These students competed by taking a multiple choice test, a speed test, a data analysis competition, and a team test. The first team was Camille Frey, Anastasia Popham, Kaitlyn Frey, and Alyssa Howe. The second team was Clarence Schuler, Cameron James, and Lenny Blecha. This competition started at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 3:15 p.m. Alyssa Howe was the only team member that placed. Alyssa earned second place in Gauss Division Free Response for freshman.

By Anastasia Popham

have some cookies and milk. How do you get around the world in one night? Say, "Hi," to your elves.

Love
Rory Hilgenfeld

Dear Santa

Put me on the nice list this year because I pick up the garbage. Would you bring me Trick Trucks this year for Christmas? You can come down the chimney and leave the presents under our tree. I will leave you some cookies and milk. How do you make toys? Say, "Hi," to the elves.

Love
Ryker Cox

Dear Santa

I am on the nice list this year. I clean my room when Mom and Dad ask me. You can come in through the door and put the presents under the Christmas tree. I would like a hoverboard this year for Christmas. I will set out cookies and milk for you. Say, "Hi," to the elves. How do the elves make all the toys?

Love
Jazlyn Dettmann
See you on Christmas!

Dear Santa

I am nice because I walk in the halls and listen to the teachers. Santa, you can put the presents under the tree in the bathroom. I want dinosaur bones, dinosaurs and a puppy. I will give you a gingerbread man.

Love
Owen Kreifel

Have a safe and happy holidays from the Kindergarten class. We are looking forward to a great New Year!

By Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Freeman



MakerSpace

MakerSpace is an area in Mrs. Frey's 3rd grade classroom that is reserved for creative exploration, engineering, tinkering, and inventing. The students are able to create projects that incorporate engineering materials, crafting materials, technology, robotics, and more.

The HTRS Public Schools Foundation approved a grant to bring "Maker Space" to our classroom. Our students are able to use these materials at least once a week to explore STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) topics. Our classroom received KEVA planks, KEVA Maker Bot Maze, Straws and Connectors, Snap Circuit Jr. kits, and a Young Architect set. Our teacher also added art and craft materials, and math and science manipulatives. Students also bring in donations of recyclables, like toilet paper tubes, craft items, and other things they can use for their projects.

Students use higher order thinking skills, multiple intelligences, and their individual strengths to create projects. Students will also do research projects and create hands-on examples or models to share their knowledge.

Thank you to the HTRS Foundation for your support in these endeavors! The students in our classroom say this is their favorite time of the week!

By Mrs. Jaime Frey



Wrestling

The wrestling team has started their season! Head coach, Tyler Ferebee and assistant coach, Quentin Coatney are looking forward to this season, because of all the new members. Mr. Coatney's favorite thing about coaching wrestling is watching the kids improve from their freshman year to their senior year. Wrestlers include students from both HTRS and Pawnee City High Schools. Members include Wyatt Schmit and Devin Zermeno from Pawnee City, and William Taylor, Kaden Cooper, Sean Long, Aiden Worthey, Isaac Bittner, Dominic Jamison, and Caleb Werman from HTRS. The team will wrestle 17 times, including both tournaments and duals. Coach Coatney has been coaching wrestling for seven years, and says that wrestling is an individual sport, and it's hard to do well as a team because they are so young. However, they are hoping that Wyatt Schmit will go back to state this year. He says that wrestling is an interesting sport that many people don't know about. The team would appreciate people coming to their home duals to support them, which Mr. Coatney says, "They will only take a half hour."

By Joe Stalder



Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team at HTRS is coached by Trent Platt who has done a very good job coaching his team. The expectations are high because he knows these girls have what it takes to be a good basketball team. Mr. Platt believes this team can be a pretty good team if they play like they can every day. It should be a good year.

The HTRS Girls' Basketball Team should be a nuisance on the court this year with eighteen girls going out for basketball. Mr. Platt hopes to raise statistics from last year, such as higher shooting percentage, less turnovers, and of course more wins for his team.

The girls' basketball team should have a good year, but it's also hard to tell who the starting five are on varsity. Last year they went 6-18 and just like every team, they want to go undefeated but it's easier said than done. So, we hope the girls have a good season and always make progress.

By Jacob Joy

Annual

The HTRS annual staff is working hard to finish deadlines and all the tasks needed to create a yearbook. This year's theme is "Where Everybody Knows Your Name." Brittany Rogers is the director of the annual staff, and this is her fourth year creating the yearbook. This year the team has 19 students in it. The staff includes seniors Grace Kanel, Bethany Worthey, Camille Frey, Anastasia Popham, Emma Shubert, and Destiny DeCoursey. The juniors are Peyton Bredemeier, Kaitlyn Frey, Ronnie Schiffbauer, Alayna Thompson-Anderson, and Camren Werman. The sophomores include Alyssa Frey, Austin Herr, Emily Hutton, Jacob Joy, Donovan Kostecka, Joseph Lamb, and Sara Mayo. The one and only freshman is Hanna English. The senior editors include Grace, Bethany, and Camille, their job involves looking over everyone's pages and making sure everybody is completing their assignments. Mrs. Rogers favorite thing about the yearbook is when they get them in August and getting to see what her kids have created. Ad sales are another part of the yearbook, the kids are split into two different groups and they go out and try to sell as many ads as possible. It is an interesting chance for kids to go out and sell, and talk to the many businesses surrounding our community.

By Ronnie Schiffbauer

FFA Nationals

There are about 26 students that participate in FFA but only 13 of those students went to nationals. Those students were Emma Shubert, Bethany Worthey, Carissa Allen, Peyton Schaardt, Katilyn Glathar, Kenna McClarnen, Tara Zimmerling, Emily Hutton, Natalie Novak, Abby Stalder, Shannon Jones, Trevor Plager, Atlee Eppens, and the adults that went were Diana and Trent Platt and Kelly and Jason Glathar. The students went to Indianapolis, Indiana. What they had for entertainment was a Garth Brooks concert, visited a Scream Park, went to Church Hill Downs where the Kentucky Derby is run, and also saw a rodeo. Then they visited the convention and went to seminars. The FFA National Convention ran from Wednesday, October 24th-Saturday October 27th, 2018.

By Larissa Goings



November News from the Third Grade

Third graders are thankful! We are thankful for our field trip to the Rose Theatre in Omaha where we watched Goosebumps: The Phantom of the Theatre. We also ate at McDonald's in Nebraska City. They were so helpful and patient with us! (Thank you!)

We are thankful for the Camfel production that our school provided so we could be reminded of ways that people can "Count On Us" to be honest and responsible.

We are thankful for all the learning we have done this month! We have learned how to find area of squares and rectangles in math, we have learned about homophones (words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings), onomatopoeias (sound words),

and idioms (an expression with special meanings like: *It's raining cats and dogs*). In our science class, we have been studying how plants grow and change. In social studies, we have studied water and landforms, as well as maps and globes.

By Mrs. Jaime Frey



December in Fourth Grade

Season's greetings from the fourth grade! We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to enjoy time with your families. Now it's full speed ahead until Christmas break and the New Year. It is hard to believe we have reached that point in the school year already.

The fourth grade students have been working hard in all subject areas. Multi-digit multiplication and division have been at the center of math class. In social studies, we have learned about Nebraska's physical features. English and language arts classes have focused on using context clues to find facts and opinions, parts of speech, and different genres.

RADA Fundraiser

The HTRS 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be selling RADA Cutlery for a class fundraiser. They will be using the money when they get to high school to help pay for their prom and the senior class trip. Last year they did an awesome job, and we encourage you to please help these kids raise money. There is also an internet link you can use to order for home delivery. The first order is due by **December 5th** to make sure it is back by Christmas. The next order is due **January 4th**. Here is the link you can use to order from home.

To order online go to radafundraising.com and go to the search box, type in Humboldt, NE 68376 and click search. You will then get a list of the classes that are selling. Click on the class you wish to get credit for your order. Happy shopping.

If you would like to have a student come sell to you, please let me know at lindarash@htrstitans.org. Thanks in advance Linda Rash, Taylor Dunekacke (6th grade), Mark Woolard (7th grade), and Mandy Bowen (8th grade).

By Linda Rash

Boys' Basketball



Taylor Dunekacke is the head coach of the Titan boys' basketball team. He has been the head coach for two years, but before that, he was an assistant coach for five years at HTRS and Pawnee City. He is assisted this year by Matt Schardt and Mike Schardt. The biggest struggle in basketball is having to deal with kids getting injured, because even though one player doesn't make a team, one player getting hurt causes the rest of the team to struggle. The one thing about basketball Mr. Dunekacke enjoys most is watching the players grow from start to finish, and seeing how far they've come from freshman to senior year. So far there have been 20 athletes to sign up, but he won't know how many there will be for sure until their first day of practice. The team is pushed to do better by making their practices a competition, working hard for what they want, and being a team.

By Ronnie Schiffbauer

2018 Mock Trial

The 2018 Mock Trial team has competed in two trials for the fictional case of: The State of Nebraska vs. Ricki Glossner. The students work very hard to read and understand the case documents and exhibits. Then they each prepare their own set of questions for the trial. Students are expected to memorize their parts. Each mock trial team consists of three lawyers and three witnesses for each side of the case. Our lawyers this year were: Matilyn Stalder, Anastasia Popham, and Clarence Schuler. Our witnesses were Kaitlyn Frey, Cameron James, Shannon Jones, and Austin Herr. Will Stalder served as our alternate. Other team members include: Andrew Stalder, Jacey Leech, and Hanna English.

The team competed against Falls City 2 on October 29th. We were the plaintiff and won the competition. Then we competed against Fillmore Central 1 as the defense on November 6th. We put up a good fight and it was a close competition, but we did not win this time. Mock Trial is a single elimination tournament.

We would like to send out a special thank you to Judge Maschman for his assistance and to Tina Gerdes for always opening the doors for us. Additionally to all of our families for your support, providing meals, and coming to the competitions. I also would like to thank the seniors and juniors for teaching the new students and your new coach the ropes!

By Mrs. Jaime Frey



We will spend time in December learning about the different Christmas traditions that our ancestors brought to Nebraska. We will discover how other countries celebrate the Christmas holiday.

We would like to encourage you to take the time to read with your child. Reading to your child is one of the most important factors in your child's language development and ability to read. Please work with your students on their multiplication facts, also. Great Christmas gift ideas are books and math flashcards.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

By Mrs. Leuenberger and Mrs. Wittrock



Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade students are enjoying going to Colonial Acres every month. The residents and the students create a craft and then have a snack. We walk out to the nursing home, so hopefully the weather will stay warm enough for us.

The fifth grade had a great time at the Halloween party. The class was divided into groups. The students were to complete a task and then were given a clue to where their next envelope would be located around the school. They had five challenges to complete to escape the classroom. The Galu tribe won the challenge. It was fun to see the students working together to accomplish the tasks.

December will fly by and Christmas will be here before you know it. We will be working hard to master skills before the next round of MAPs testing.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

By Mrs. Standerford



Circle of Friends

The HTRS Circle of Friends (CoF) groups have been busy with a variety of activities and lessons geared at helping students who are on the autism spectrum. Currently, we have 6th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade CoF groups.

The 7th grade CoF students were invited to present information about Circle of Friends to future teachers at Peru State College. During CoF meetings in October, the 7th graders planned and organized their own PowerPoint presentation. Each student was responsible for their own individual slide to discuss. After the PowerPoint, the students did group demonstrations of activities/games that they work on together during our weekly meetings. To conclude the presentation, the CoF students asked each college student to mark an “exit ticket” to share key points of what they learned. Exit tickets are asked of each CoF student before heading back to class. This helps to check for understanding and summarize their lessons. Some of the responses our students received from the PSC students were: “I learned today that no matter if you have autism, or not, you can participate in everything. Also, all of the games were SUPER fun!” “Thank you for coming to our classroom today! I learned that it is hard to make decisions and communicate. This group contains many great leaders!” “I learned many ways to help students communicate with other students with disabilities.”

Presenting to this class at PSC is always rewarding and the HTRS students look forward to meeting new friends and sharing their ideas with future teachers.

All CoF groups are looking forward to another school year of learning, activities, and having fun while doing so. If anyone has any questions

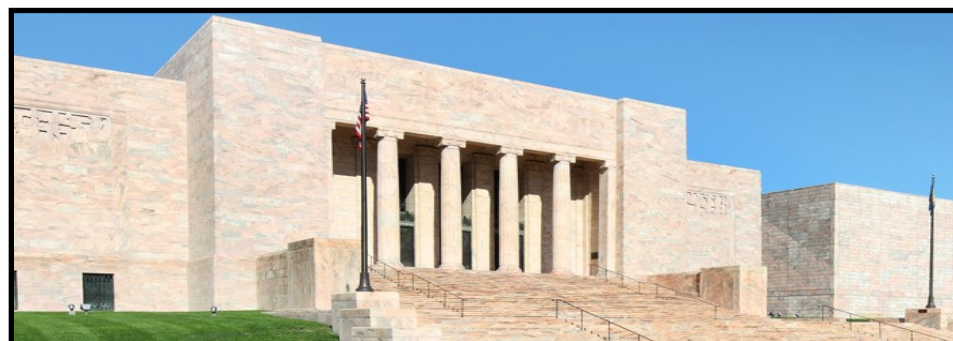


“Something I learned was that the seven elements of art: line, color, shape, form, value, space, and texture can be used in music and dance. I was fascinated by this because I have always seen it just in art. The Omaha Symphony Orchestra and the ballet dancers did a nice job demonstrating this to the audience.” - Sally Joyner, 8th grade

“I learned that art is not just drawing and painting. Art is also music and dance.” - Ethan Stewart, 7th grade

“There are two things that were my favorite parts, learning how to juggle and the concert at the end. Learning how to juggle was one of my favorite parts because I’ve always wanted to juggle but no one has ever taught me. My next favorite part was the concert at the end after the tours and workshops. During the concert, we got to sit down and watch the Omaha Symphony play. Also, two violinists played and two ballet dancers danced while the symphony also played. We also talked about what emotions blue, yellow, and red can convey. Blue can convey calmness. Yellow can convey happiness. Red conveys anger and love.” - Ashton Bredemeier, 8th grade

By Ms. Joyner



Joslyn Art Museum Field Trip

I am pleased to announce that all 7th and 8th grade art students were able to attend this year's "Celebrate Creativity" workshop in Omaha, Nebraska on Friday, November 2nd, 2018. This exciting program was offered through the Omaha Symphony in collaboration with the Joslyn Art Museum. This was an all-day event. At the opening of the day, students attended creative workshops ranging anywhere from acting to hip hop. Learners also received a docent led tour of the Joslyn Art Museum. An interactive concert with the Omaha Symphony concluded our visit. This was a special opportunity that impacted the minds of our young artists. The arts celebrate multiple perspectives and teach that there are many ways to see and interpret the world. More information about "Celebrate Creativity" can be found online at: www.omahasymphony.org/education/schools-and-educators/celebrate-creativity/

The following essay excerpts provide a glimpse of the "Celebrate Creativity" experience:

"My favorite part of the trip was the concert by the Omaha Symphony. I am a participant in band myself and I enjoyed watching people play the same instrument as me. I also enjoyed the music they played. They used dazzling lights that explained how the concepts of art are also in music." - Ryken Davis, 8th grade

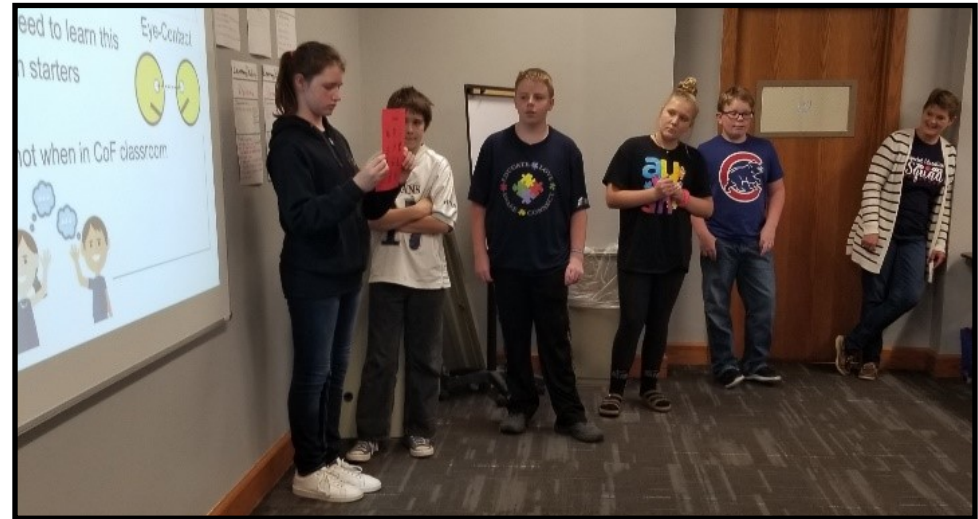
"This year the HTRS art students went on a field trip to the Joslyn Art Museum called "Celebrate Creativity." Everyone participated in various workshops. I felt it made a good impression to the art students, for most of them have never been to the art museum."

"I believe it would be good for students in the future to attend "Celebrate Creativity." After experiencing "Celebrate Creativity" students may feel more open to exploring art. This may encourage students to pursue a job involved in art. Students could as well learn new things during this exposure."

"My favorite part of the field trip was a workshop called "Illuminating Colors." We used stage lights to show how light can be transferred, and how different colors of light can work together to form new colors."

about Circle of Friends, please feel free to contact Candy Blecha or Diana Platt. Thank you again for your cooperation with the HTRS Circle of Friend groups!

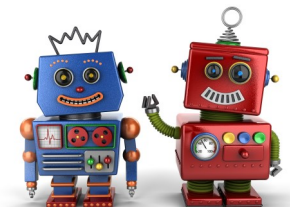
By Candy Blecha

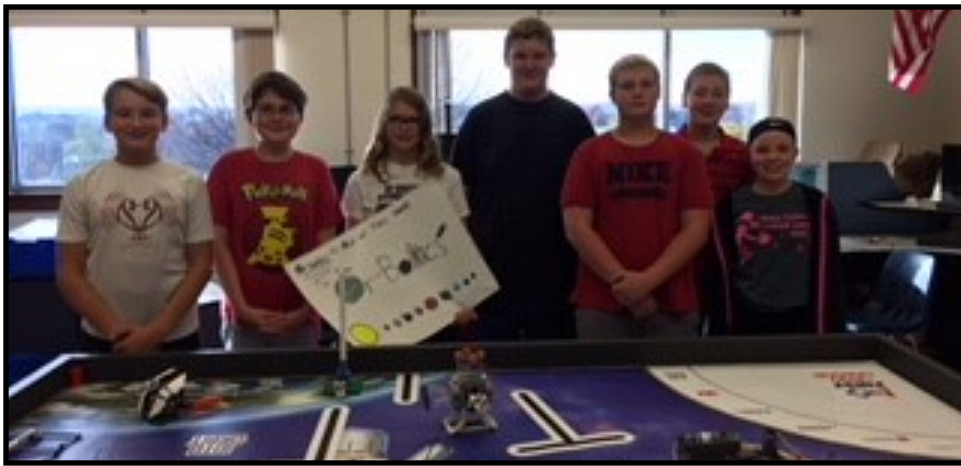


Annual Robotics Prequalifier

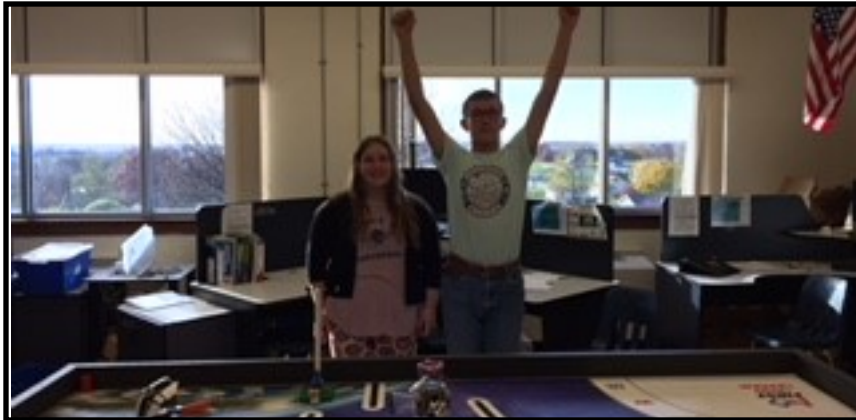
The 8th annual HTRS Jr. High Robotics Prequalifier was held on the afternoon of November 7th, 2018. Participating in this competition were six teams made up of all of the 7th and 8th graders. Each team performed in three different judging areas and ran the game twice. The results of the FLL Prequalifier are: Or-Botics won the Robot Challenge game, tied for 1st in Project, and placed 1st overall. SuperSocks won Robot Design and 2nd overall. Daddies Boiis won Core Values and tied for 1st in Project.

Or-Botics members are Jaylyn Bohling, Lily Bradshaw, Ryken Davis, Larry DeLong, Robert Harrah, Aalexus Haug, Sally Joyner, Brandt Leech, and Benjamin Shubert. Super Socks members are Ashlyn Holley and Derex Kish. Daddies Boiis are Victoria Jamison, KayLee Jeralds, Levi Koch, Hannah Koziol, Joey Lionberger, Colt McClarnen, and Lauren Ogle.





Or-Botics



Super Socks

HTRS Student to Attend CodeCrush

HTRS 8th grader, Sally Joyner, has been selected to attend the Fall CodeCrush event. Sally, along with sponsor Mrs. Cindy Stalder, will be attending this event on November 28-30, 2018. She was one of 32 eighth or ninth grade girls chosen from Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota to attend. According to the CodeCrush team, "CodeCrush is a free immersion experience for 8th and 9th graders designed to show them the work of iSTEM." During this event, Sally will learn about all phases of computer science by touring several business in and around Omaha. Congratulations Sally!

By Cindy Stalder



Notes from the Music Department:

Thursday, December 13th - High School Vespers program, 7:00 p.m. in the old gym - (HS band, HS chorus, swing choir, jazz band and C-dudes will be performing.) Concert uniform (black bottom/white top) or jazz band/swing choir uniform

Monday, December 17th - Elementary (K-3) Winter program at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Gym

Monday, January 14th - 2019 Pioneer Conference Honor Band (select students TBA) at Falls City Sacred Heart (Prichard Auditorium) the concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

By Sarah Volker

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