

North Bend Central Public Schools

NEWSLETTER

August - September, 2017

Welcome Back!!



What's New at NBC?

The doors will fly open for students on Tuesday, August 15th on the first day of the 2017-18 school year. Tremendous excitement awaits the arrival of students this year due to a number of positive initiatives for students:

- 1) **1:1 Chromebooks:** Chromebooks are a scaled-back version of a lap top computer. For the first time, NBC will offer students in grades 6 and 7 the opportunity to have their own chromebook. Many rules and regulations are associated with the chromebook implementation and they will be explained to middle school students and their parents. Traditional books remain available to students as classroom sets, but the technology age is upon us and I am confident teaching and learning will benefit from this positive change.
- 2) **Parking Lot/Softball Renovations:** Most of you saw the summer-long construction project at the high school. The finishing touches are being put in place and the \$646,000 project will finish prior to the first day of school. I am confident the softball and parking lot projects will bring additional safety and efficiency to our district while providing more parking in the expanded lot and meeting people's needs at the softball complex.
- 3) **New Teacher:** The district is thrilled to hire Miss Jamie Redel as a new science teacher at the high school building. Miss Redel will enter her second year of education and teach high school Science.
- 4) **Online Lunch Transactions:** Parents can now track the lunch fund balance and transaction history of their students by creating a Personal Identification Number and using the URL supplied by the school. This approach will be explained more to parents during the period of implementation.
- 5) **Reading Curriculum:** The district adopted a new reading program called Wonders for the 2017-18 school year. Wonders is the next phase associated with the long-used reading program at NBC called Treasures. District reading teachers continue to receive professional development on the new Wonders program and look forward to continuing strong instruction in teaching the elements of reading to our students.

What's the Same at NBC?

I am confident you agree that North Bend Central has been a great school system for many years and is making strides to get even better in 2017-18. The NBC WAY starts with great people—students, employees, parents, patrons. We are all on the same team. We all wear orange and black. Take a look around the state at the controversies, conflicts, declining enrollments, and finance issues. As you do, I think it will affirm your pride in proclaiming, “I am a North Bend Central Tiger.”

Dan Endorf, Superintendent

From My Desktop. . . .



Brenda Petersen, Secondary Principal

School is right around the corner and the staff at NBC have been busy all summer getting ready for your arrival. The first day of school is scheduled for August 15th at 8:10 a.m. and we will have an early dismissal at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 16th will be a regular school day from 8:10-3:30.

6th Grade Ice Cream Social

In an effort to make your child's transition to NBC as smooth as possible, we would like to invite you and your child to an orientation prior to school starting. The meeting will be held Thursday, August 10th in the NBC Cafeteria. A schedule of the afternoon activities follows:

4:45 Ice-cream Social

5:00 Welcome and get to know the building - Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Gaughen

5:15-6:30 Meet the MS staff and prepare for the new school year



It is important that students attend this orientation meeting, even if parents cannot. Students will be receiving informational materials, and will get a chance to go through their schedules before the first full day on August 15. Students in past years have found this to be very beneficial for making their first day at NBC as stress free as possible.

Exciting News for Middle School!

Students in grades 6th and 7th will be part of the NBC pilot 1:1 program for the upcoming school year. Students will be issued a chromebook laptop to use throughout the school year for their studies. Students will receive their machines at orientation granted all paperwork and insurance is in place. During the first quarter, MS students will go through a series of mini-courses on Canvas, Common Sense Media, Digital Citizenship, and Google Suites.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES FOR COLLEGE CREDIT/ARTICULATED COURSES

This year NBC will be offering four high school courses that students can also take for college credit. NBC has partnered with Peru State College to offer this opportunity for students to obtain dual credit. Students must pay the Peru tuition and fees and upon completion of the course(s) they will receive both NBC High School credit and Peru State College credit. The following courses have been approved for dual enrollment credit for the 2017-2018 school year:

Trigonometry

College Biology

College English (Appreciation of Literature and English Composition)

College Speech

We are very pleased to be partnering with Northeast Community College to be able to offer Certified Nursing and Medication Aide certification.

Students interested in these courses should see Mrs. Gaughen.

Cell Phone Policy at NBC

We all have them and feel lost if we forget them at home... Yes, our cell phones have now become part of us. We understand that cell phones are a vital part of communication between students and parents, but we also want to keep the classroom a learning environment for all students with little to no distractions. In short, the policy states that cell phones may be used by the students before/ after school and at lunch. Phones may not be used in the classroom, restroom or locker rooms. Students needing to check their phones during instructional time or during passing period should ask for permission from a teacher or come to the office.

Homework, Please!

When calling in your student absent to school, please notify the office if you would like us to collect homework for the day. Homework can be collected for pick-up or sent home with a sibling. If you do not request homework, it will not be collected and the student can visit with his/her teacher upon returning to class.

Transportation to School Activities

Students participating in school-sponsored activities must ride to and return from said activities in the transportation provided by the school. The only exception is when parent/guardian provide a written note (to the sponsor) for the student to not ride home on the school provided transportation with an adult (at least 21 years of age). Failure to do so will result in the student not attending the next out of town event scheduled for this activity.

North Bend Elementary Schoolwide Title I Meeting

A brief Title I Reading meeting will be held on Monday, August 14th at 6:30 PM in the Reading Room at North Bend Central Elementary. You may also stop by the Reading Room any time during the Open House for information about the reading program. NBCE has a Schoolwide Title I Reading program so all parents are invited to attend. Please direct questions to Susan Baumgartner at sbaumgartner@nbtigers.org or call the school at 652-8122.



Senior Checklist

- Senior Assessment Fee Due - September 15
- Senior Picture and Baby Ads Due - December 1
- Purchase a Yearbook - December 15
- Scholarships due - March 1
- Senior Slide Show Pictures Due - April 1
- Senior Banquet - TBA
- Honors Night - TBA
- Seniors Last Day of School - May 9
- Graduation - May 13



Senior Picture Guidelines for Yearbook

- 2" x 3" Square Corners
- Head & Shoulders Only
- Plain Background

National Honor Society "New" Inductees

Dannika Shanahan
Peter Emanuel
Justin Mensik
Michael Mensik
John Emanuel
Zander Gibney



Please remember to take care of all outstanding lunch balances before the beginning of the school year!

2017-18 Breakfast/Lunch Prices:

CLIP AND SAVE

Breakfast Grade Pre K-12	\$1.70
Lunch Grade Pre K-5	\$2.55
Lunch Grade 6-12	\$2.80



You may send **ONE** check for breakfast/lunch/milk for your students attending **both** NBC and NBE.

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Estimated Score Release
June 10	May 5	May 6-19	June 20
September 9	August 4	August 5-18	September 19
October 28	September 22	September 23-October 6	November 7
December 9	November 3	November 4-17	December 19
February 10	January 12	January 13-19	February 20
April 14	March 9	March 10-23	April 24
June 9	May 4	May 5-18	June 19

It's Elementary!!



Tessie Beaver, Principal

WELCOME BACK TIGERS! The start of school is right around the corner and I'm excited to get started! Teachers have been busy this summer with continuing their professional learning and preparing for the implementation of our new reading and writing programs. Wonders will be the reading curriculum we use for students in K-5 and is the updated version of our previous reading series. This year we will also begin using a K-5 writing program called Units of Study Writing. More reading and writing information will be shared with families at Open House and throughout the year in the weekly newsletters. I'm looking forward to a fantastic school year!

The first day of school for students in K-5 is Tuesday, August 15th with an early dismissal of 1:20pm for bus students and 1:25pm for all other students. The regular school day begins at 8:10am and ends at 3:25pm for elementary students. Students needing breakfast can begin eating at 7:40am and enter through the main door at the front of the school.

PRESCHOOL will start on Monday, August 21st! The beginning and ending times for preschool are slightly different from our K-5 students to help with traffic flow. The morning preschool session runs from 8:00-11:30am and the afternoon session is from 12:00-3:30pm. Preschool students will be dropped off and picked up at the Northwest door.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP- When dropping off students in the morning you can pull into the designated drop off/pick up lane or into one of the parking spaces in front of the building or by the City Park.

This year all five route buses will pull into the bus lane at the elementary to safely load students up at the end of the day. We ask that parents picking up their children from school wait to use the cross walk until the buses have pulled away from the building.

At the end of the day, students can be picked up in the designated drop off/pick up lane or parking spaces in front of the building, or on Catalpa or Elm St., in the gravel parking lot to the west of the school, or in the City Park parking areas. Please go over your plans for pick up with your child before the first day of school so they know where to go at the end of the day.

We will start our walking program on the first day of school, with the exception of Kindergarten. Kindergarten students will enter at their regular door on the south side of the building and remain with their teachers. All other students will enter through the main doors at the front of the building.

PICTURE DAY IS AUGUST 28TH- Pegasus School Images will be taking our school pictures. Proofs will be sent home a few weeks after pictures are taken and packages can be ordered online or by returning the proofs and order form to the school. More information will be available at Open House.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS- The office will send out a weekly newsletter on Mondays. The newsletter includes information about upcoming events, important dates, and other helpful information.

OPEN HOUSE- Open House will be held on Monday, August 14th from 6:00-7:00pm.

NBC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM- We will again offer an afterschool program at the elementary for the 17-18 school year! The program can enroll up to 45 students and is available on a first come first serve basis at a cost of \$15 a week or \$5 per day. A sliding scale fee is available for qualifying families. Enrollment forms can be found on the NBC website or they can be picked up from the office. The program will be held Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:00pm during the school year. The program will not be held when school is not in session or on early dismissal days. Please contact the school office with additional questions.

We can't wait to see everyone at the Open House!



LUNCH PROGRAM APPLICATION FORMS

Applications for the federal free/reduced price lunch and breakfast program are available in the offices of the North Bend Elementary School and the North Bend Central Jr. Sr. High School. The form will also be available at the open houses held at either of the schools or is available on our website nbtigers.org. Under **District**, then select **Forms**, then **Application**. If you qualify for this program, we encourage you to take advantage of it.



The number of children identified as eligible for this program determines the amount of money our schools receive for Title I, state aid, and several other state and federal programs. Even if your child does not eat lunch at school, completing an application form can help generate state and federal funds for instructional programs.

If you are not now eligible, you can apply throughout the year for the federal free/reduced price lunch and breakfast program if your income changes. Contact Pam Pabian at the high school if you have questions.

We ask that you get your lunch program application in as soon as possible. **We can only credit new applications from the date of approval and cannot backdate to the start of the school year. Students who were not approved for the program last year must be charged full lunch prices until their application is approved.** If you were approved for participation last year, you have until September 30 to submit a new form. In addition, if you so choose, the income information on your lunch application can be used to apply for waivers of student fees. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunches also qualify for student fee waivers under Nebraska law. Please contact your child's building principal for the form. A chart of the breakfast and lunch prices may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

KIDS CONNECTION

HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Applications for Kids Connection, the state-sponsored children's health insurance program, will NOT be distributed through the schools this year. However, parents may obtain information through the toll-free number, 1-800-383-4278.

The Kids Connection health insurance program provides health care coverage to children of low income working families in Nebraska. Kids Connection is an expansion on the state's Medicaid program and provides health care coverage for children in families whose income is below the established threshold. Pregnant women with the same income level will also be included. The program is designed to provide routine, preventative health care and basic hospitalization for children needing coverage. Certain mental health services are included and pregnant women with the same income level are also included.

Good nutrition and good health have a definite impact on student learning. Please take advantage of Kids Connection and the free/reduced school lunch program if you qualify.

SCHOOL TIME



School times this year will be the same as last; we are going to pick up right where we left off in May. For NBC, classes will start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. At North Bend Elementary, school will start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:25 p.m. with an early bell to dismiss bus students at 3:20 p.m.

When necessary, early dismissal times will be 1:30 p.m. at both NBE and NBC. Late starts will be 10:30 a.m. at both schools.

The times have been set to minimize traffic congestion at the two sites. Buses will load at NBE at 3:20 and we plan to have them out of the way by the time of regular elementary dismissal at 3:25. They arrive at the high school just before NBC students are dismissed at 3:30 p.m.



Be sure to check out the Tiger Website and the Online Calendar at www.nbtigers.org



School Pictures for Elementary, Middle School and High School **Monday, August 28**

ASBESTOS INSPECTIONS--

An asbestos management plan is maintained for both school buildings. The plan is available for inspection in the school during regular school hours. Any inquiries may be directed to Kevin Ferguson, Head Maintenance and designated asbestos coordinator, at (402) 652-3268.



Bus Route Information

NBC has five bus routes. If you would like to have bus service for your student(s), and have not heard from an NBC bus driver, please contact the high school office, 402 652-3268, and ask for Kevin Ferguson.

Tiger Talk

North Bend Central has implemented a communication system called Tiger Talk. Whether you prefer text, email, or voicemail communication, our notification system will give you current information regarding the latest decisions on school closing information and other relevant school news. A form can be found on our school website or can be picked up at the NBC office.

The Booster Club is looking for help in organizing events for the Booster Club. If you are interested in helping with a certain event, please contact the school at 652-3268. This organization is a great opportunity to help students with all activities.

2017-18 NBC Activities Booster Club Membership

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Type \$15 Single \$20 Family \$25 Business

Please make checks payable to: NBC Booster Club - Thank you!

STUDENT BEHAVIOR
~ SPORTSMANSHIP ~

We've been fortunate to attract large and enthusiastic crowds at North Bend Central High School athletic events, but that can also create some problems. We welcome pre-school and elementary age students to our games, but remind parents that they are expected to provide supervision for their children. Behavior such as running through the halls, throwing debris, and disrupting the game environment is not acceptable. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Activity Passes
Student - \$25 with Student I.D. (Grades K-12)
Adult - \$50 for 15 punches
EHC Admission Cost
K-12 - \$4.00
Adult - \$5.00



Important Notices ! !

Listed on this page are brief summaries of notices to students, parents and community members. More detailed information can be found in the NBC and NBE Student Handbooks which are provided for each student, and in various informational items that are sent home from time to time. If you need information about any of the notifications below, please contact the office of the Superintendent at 652-3268.

NON-DISCRIMINATION--It is the policy of North Bend Central Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, sex, or disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Titles VI and VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Nebraska Equal Educational Opportunity Act. In addition, the school district recognizes its responsibilities under Section 504 (Part D) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to identify, evaluate, and provide access to appropriate educational services for students with disabilities. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby designated as the coordinator of the district's efforts to comply with the policy statement above.

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS--The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 gives parents the right to get information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, North Bend Central Public Schools will give parents specific qualification information on its teachers. Currently, all NBCPS teachers meet the "highly qualified" standards NCLB. Further information can be found in the Student Handbooks.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND STUDENT PRIVACY--Both state and federal law requires schools to adopt a policy on parental involvement in school programs, selection of curriculum, testing procedures, etc. The NBCPS Board Policy on parental involvement states: "The North Bend Central Public Schools Board of Education encourages parent interest and involvement in the educational practices of the school district. This policy shall be reviewed annually following an opportunity for public comment. It is the policy of the school district to provide full access, during the regular office business hours, to the parent or legal guardian of any student of this district to review textbooks, tests, curriculum materials, records of a student of any such parent, unless otherwise prohibited by law, and to any surveys of students done by the school district."

Complaints or objections to any materials or procedures can be referred to the Superintendent. In addition, Parents are encouraged to visit school and to observe classroom procedure, activities, and the general atmosphere of the educational process. All visitors are to report to the school office prior to classroom visitations.

CHILD FIND NOTICE -- North Bend Central Public Schools requests your help in locating handicapped children. Schools implement the Federal Handicapped Children's Act which guarantees a free appropriate education program for all children between the ages of 0-21 years of age. If you have a student or know of a young person with special needs between 0-21 years of age that is not enrolled in an appropriate location program, please notify Dr. Dan Endorf, Supt., North Bend Central Public Schools, P.O. Box 160, North Bend, NE 68649 OR 402 652-3268.

PRIVACY RIGHTS--The Federal Rights and Privacy Act (FRPA) protects students and parents from the unauthorized release of information. North Bend Central Public Schools Board Policy 3140 and Administrative Regulation 3140AR provide detailed information on what can and cannot be released, including the use of student directory information on the school district's website. You can find this policy information in the Student Handbooks and on the website. Directory information may be released by the Administration. This information includes: student's name, parents' names, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, grade level, enrollment status, field of study, activity participation information, height and weight of athletes, dates of attendance, awards and honors, previous schools attended, electronic mail address and photograph. Release of other information shall require parental permission except that nothing in this policy shall prevent an activity sponsor from discussing a student's activity performance with news media representatives. Directory Information that may not be used on the website without the specific, written permission of the eligible student or his/her parent or guardian includes: student's address, telephone listing, electronic mail address, and date/place of birth. A parent or eligible student has the right to refuse to let the District designate any or all of the types information listed above as directory information. The period of time within which a parent or eligible student has to notify the District in writing that he/she does not want any or all of those types of information about the student designated as directory information is two weeks from the time the notice is first published.

RECRUITING INFORMATION--The No Child Left Behind Act requires North Bend Central Public Schools to provide military recruiters and institutions of higher education access to secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone listings. Parents and secondary students have the right to request that North Bend Central Public Schools not provide this information (i.e., not provide the student's name, address, and telephone listing) to military recruiters or institutions of higher education, without their prior written parental consent. North Bend Central Public Schools will comply with any such request.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES -- North Bend Central Public Schools can provide a broad range of services for students with special learning conditions. This includes pre-school children from birth on. Learning is too important for these services to be unused. If you feel that your child needs more learning assistance than he or she is getting, call us. A child's success in school is crucial and we need to use all of the resources at our command to achieve it. In addition, the school asks your help in finding children aged 0-21 who may be in need of special education services. These services are provided for children with the following handicaps: vision, hearing, physical development, emotional development, speech or language development and intellectual development. Please contact the Elementary Principal/SPED Coordinator, Tessie Beaver, at 652-8122, the junior/senior high school Principal, Brenda Petersen, at 652-3268, or Superintendent Dan Endorf at 652-3268, if you know of a child in need of such services.

ONLINE BILL PAY



Follow the easy steps:

- * myschoolbucks.com or click on the icon on our website - nbtigers.org
- * Login to your account by clicking on the link - Sign Up Today
- * Fill out the form provided and be sure you select North Bend Central
- * Click on Create Account
- * Add a student - click continue and fill out the form
- * Your student will be displayed. Click add student. If you need to add another student - click add another student otherwise click finish
- * Enter phone number to receive text alerts on your account (optional). Click on don't show message again
- * It is important to add all your students.
- * Some products are only available to certain students. (example: senior class dues)
- * You will receive an email to validate your email address. Please check your email and follow the instructions. Once your email is validated, you are ready to use My School Bucks
- * We are currently offering the following online payments: Family Lunch, After School Program, Preschool Tuition, Senior Class Dues, Activity Passes (student or adult) and the Elementary Yearbook.
- * To purchase, choose which icon and click on it and view details
- * Fill out the item form and add to the basket
- * Continue shopping by filtering your items by school or category or click on home or school store menus on top of the page
- * When finished go to the shopping cart and check out.
- * The first time you check out, you will see your Membership Options Pay-As-You-Go (3.95% fee based on percentage of sales) or OnePay Membership for e-Checks. OnePay is an annual fee of \$12.95 for individual or \$26.95 for family. Once you sign up you can use the e-Checks for the 12 months with no additional payment fees.
- * After selecting payment method, enter in the payment method details and place your order.
- * An email confirmation will be sent to you with your order.
- * You can look up your previous order and account history under your name on the top of the screen.
- * My School Bucks can be used anywhere, anytime 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.
- * If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the high school