ST PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MAY NEWSLETTER 2016

MISSION STATEMENT:
The mission of St. Paul Public School is to provide a comprehensive and enriching education for all students.

ST.PAUL WILDCATS

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May 2016

END OF SCHOOL YEAR DATES

Thursday, May 19: Last day of school. School dismissed at 1:30.
Friday, May 20: Report Card Day: Grades 7-12 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon. (Buses do not run)
Report Cards not picked up, will be kept in the Principal's Office and must be claimed there; they will not be mailed.

SR. HIGH AWARDS DAY – APRIL 29, 2016

St. Paul Senior High Awards Day convocation will be Friday, April 29th, at 8:30 AM in the high school gymnasium. Senior scholarships, LouPlatte Conference Awards, Student Council and other student awards will be presented during this program. The community is invited to attend this convocation.

JR HIGH AWARDS DAY - MAY 2, 2016

The Jr. High Awards Day program will be held Monday morning, May 2nd at 8:30 AM. Awards and certificates will be presented in Math, English, and sports. The award presentations will take place in the high school gymnasium.

GRADUATION - MAY 1, 2016

Graduation ceremonies for the Senior Class of 2016 will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 1st. All patrons of St. Paul School District #1, relatives, and friends are welcome to attend.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LUNCH BILLING

Lunch balances, fines and other debts must be paid, or report cards will not be issued. Lunch statements emailed around the first of May **will be current only to the date on the statement.** Please pay accordingly to keep your student(s) current on their lunch/milk bill. The following prices may help you to estimate your cost until the end of the school year. Any remaining funds left in your account will be carried over to the 16-17 year.

Current Prices	Breakfast:	Lunches:
K-6	1.45	2.35
7-12	1.70	2.60
Adult	1.70	3.40

Second helpings cost 75 cents and a second carton of milk costs 35 cents.

WALK TO WORK AND SCHOOL DAY

Come and be a part of the 5th Annual Walk to Work and School Day. The Wellness Committee has organized a community and school wide walk for everyone interested in practicing the healthy habit of walking. We would like to see any business people, community members, school staff members, and parents with their children participate. On May 5th plan to meet at the City Park at 7:30am, we will head off to work or school by 7:55. Wildcat tattoos are back again for all students! Participants will be escorted down Howard Avenue with flashing lights! If you have any questions, call Nancy Harrington at 754-4433. In case of rain the walk will be on May 6th.

LIBRARY NEWS

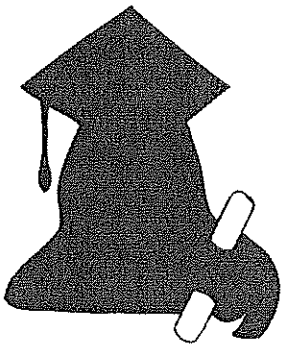
As we are nearing the end of the school year, we would like to remind all students to begin gathering and returning their library books. Students in the 7-12 will need to have all books returned in order to checkout and receive their report cards! If any students, PK-12, have lost books they will need to see Mrs. Blankenship to make arrangements for replacement of that book.

Students in grades K-6 will NOT be able to check out books after May 9th and all books need to be returned by MAY 18. We will use the next week and a half to gather all library books. The library will be open for research and computer use during those 2 weeks. Please make sure all of your books are returned by May 19th! IF STUDENTS WANT TO CHECK OUT BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER IT NEEDS TO GO ONTO A PARENT ACCOUNT. PLEASE SEND A NOTE OR CALL THE LIBRARY TO OK THIS!

The Summer Reading Program will begin on Monday, June 6th and is open to preschool through 6th grade. The theme for this year's program is "On your mark, Get Set, ...READ". Join us in exploring sports, games, and movement through books, activities, science experiments, art projects, and more. We will engage in hands-on activities and discover diverse games in history and various countries. This program will be an opportunity for your children to challenge themselves, try new things, and work together. We can't wait to see you there!

The days and times for each age group are as follows:

Preschool (ages 3-5; accompanied by an adult) - Mondays 10:00 - 11:00
Kindergarten - Tuesdays 10:00 - 11:00
1st and 2nd Grades - Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00
3rd, 4th, and 5th Grades - Thursdays 10:00 - 11:00
Ages are based on the grade they attended for the 2015-16 school year.



We will also be offering a buy one, get one BOOK FAIR for the last week of school! This will help kick off our summer reading scholastic book challenge! All students K-5 will have the opportunity to participate in this challenge from home over the summer! If you would like your child to register and log their minutes online please contact the library. **The BOGO Book Fair will be in the Library from Friday, May 13th to Thursday, May 19th, open from 3 pm- 7 pm. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

ELEMENTARY INFORMATION

HEALTHY SUMMER DAYS

This annual event will be held on May 19th for Grades K-6. (The events will be around the track area and the practice football field). Grades 4-6 will participate from 8:30-10:30 and Grades K-3 times will be from 11:00-1:00. The goals for Healthy Summer Days are to provide some activity ideas for the summer, give healthy living choices, and to have fun. Parents are welcome to come and watch! I would like to thank Blake Schwartz and Hometown Market for providing healthy snacks, Julie Moore from Moore Counseling, Jill Paulsen from HCMC, Darlene Hansen from Citizen's Bank, and Cami Wells of University of NE Extension Office. The students and staff appreciate your dedication in helping us to become healthier people! Mrs. Harrington

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Tips for earning $ for our school.

* Get registered at www.boxtops4education.com (once registered you never have to do again)

* **Keep collecting those box tops during the summer months.**

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

On May 6, 2016 St. Paul Public School will be holding Kindergarten Round-Up. During this time, kindergarten age-eligible students who have enrolled in school for the 2016-17 year will come to kindergarten for a half day filled with fun activities. There are two half-day sessions scheduled. The morning session will be 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and the afternoon session will be 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents need to contact the school to specify the session they would like their child to attend, if they have not done so already. **Due to round-up there will be NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES held on May 6, 2016!**

ATTENTION:

UPDATE ON CLASSROOM PLACEMENT FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR!

This is a reminder that St. Paul Elementary will no longer be sending out letters to households notifying them of their child's classroom placement for the 2016-17 school year. Parents will be able to access this information on Infinite Campus, which is our student information system. Not only can you access classroom placement at the beginning of the year, but you can also track your child's grades, attendance and lunch account balances. This is a great way for parents to stay informed in their child's education throughout the year. If you do not have access to the internet, you will be able to call or stop by the elementary office any time after July 1st.

ELEMENTARY AWARDS DAY

The St. Paul Elementary Awards Day for the 2015-2016 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Elementary Gym. Please join us to recognize and celebrate the many achievements our students have accomplished over the school year.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

ATHLETIC BANQUET – MAY 2, 2016

The St. Paul High School Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 2nd, at the St. Paul High School Gym. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by a sports video presentation. The banquet will conclude with the presentation of Three Sport Letter winners, Outstanding Boy and Girl Athletes, recipients of the Babe Ruth Award and all other sports awards.

Twin Loup Quality Meats will be catering the meal. Tickets are $15 per person and can be purchased at Citizens Bank & Trust, Heritage Bank and Homestead Bank, all in St. Paul, as well as contacting Terri Townsend, Activity Director Secretary, at the school (754-4433). Please purchase your meal ticket by April 29th, so that we can provide an accurate number to the caterer. Mark your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate the achievements of our High School Athletes!

The St. Paul Athletic Booster Club sponsors the annual Athletic Banquet. In the last 10 years, the Booster Club has donated over $80,000 to the school and awarded over $12,000 in scholarships. Each year four $500 scholarships are awarded to graduating St. Paul High School Athletes, as well as purchasing the meals at the banquet for all coaches and high school student athletes.

Raffle tickets can also be purchased and turned in at the beginning of the banquet. The profits from the raffle help in defraying the cost of the banquet.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

St. Paul High School Athletic Booster Club

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Please think of St. Paul School when those early magazine renewal notices start to arrive in the mail! 40% of the subscription price stays at our school to help fund the Junior/Senior Prom when you order from the Junior class. They will be selling subscriptions this fall. Please start reminding your family and friends that we would greatly appreciate it if they ordered selections from our school this fall or by visiting www.gaschoolstore.com . Our school code is: 2527216. Your support is greatly appreciated!

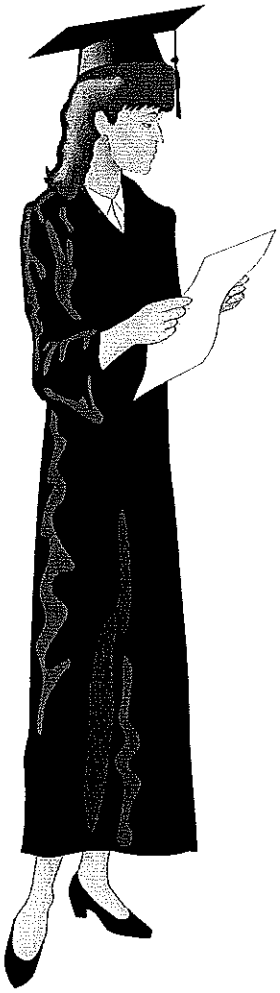
IMPORTANT JUNIOR INFORMATION:

Please schedule your senior pictures during the summer or very early fall. Actual wallet pictures are due in the office by January 15th. *********

Before you get your Senior Pictures taken this summer, we want you to be aware that we need a picture from the waist up for the yearbook. The yearbook company no longer prefers a "head & shoulders" picture. Pictures that **will not** work include pictures that are cropped very close to the subject or pictures where the subject's head is focused in on very closely. Also please keep hands away from the face as well as any other objects. **The picture also needs to be wallet size.**

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The following students were inducted into the National Honor Society Thursday evening, April 14, 2016.



SENIOR MEMBERS	
Devan Berney	Savannah Polen
Haleigh Cunningham	Madeline Roth
Mariah Faz	Shelby Smith
David Gross	Jordyn Timmons
Alexis Helzer	Joslyn Timmons
Kalie Horky	Tanner Tomlinson
Tanner Levander	Neely Tubbs
Morgan Pelc	Jadyn Wood
JUNIOR MEMBERS	
Adam Bauer	Sydney A. Lukasiewicz**
Sarah Burkhart	Brandi Miller**
Chelsey Costello	Joseph Placke
Joelle Derner	Moriah Rawlings
Brendan Doyle**	Kenie Roan**
Jacob Frerichs	Sathena Scarborough
Garrett Hanisch	Nickolas Schultz
Noah Harrahill	Claira Thede
Jarred Hulinsky	Ashlyn Urbanski**
Tahya Jerabek	Linnea Vogel
Devin Krauss	Colin Winkler**
NEW INDUCTEES**	
Michael Allen	Collin Lothrop
Nicole Becker	Bailey Lukasiewicz
Rebecca Bentz	Joseph Maus
Tyler Cunningham	Riley Mrkvicka
Kathy Dixson	Jacob Paczosa
Zane Goldfish	Britney Rasmussen
William Jacobs	Rylie Reimers
Parker Klinginsmith	Lilly Swanson
Hunter Kocian	Brock Uhlir
Hannah Koperski	

The National Honor Society would like to thank Mr. Jim Olsen for his excellent address at the National Honor Society Ceremony.

Sincerely, the NHS

ST. PAUL FFA CHAPTER

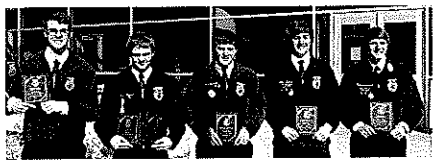
FFA & Ag Happenings

May 2016

State Convention Recap!

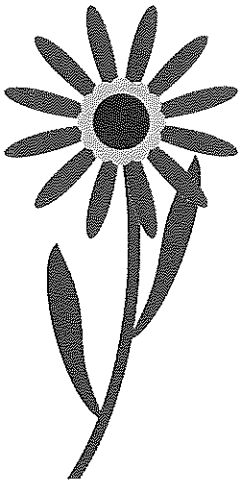
43 members of the St. Paul FFA Chapter attended the 88th Nebraska State FFA Convention held in Lincoln on April 6-8. The members attended leadership seminars, and competed in various events, interviews, demonstrations and activities. Many of the members put in a large amount of hard work to prepare for the convention competing in anything from speeches and job interviews to agronomy, meats and parliamentary procedure. Three of our teams finished in the top 10 in team scores with several individuals placing in the top 10. In Agriculture mechanics, the team of Colin Winkler, Riley Ross, Josh Langenheder, and Jacob Paczosa placed 8th. Josh ended the contest in 6th place out of 200 individuals. The Natural resources team of Jarred Hulinsky, Riley Christensen, Anthony Dush, and Branson Townsend placed 9th with Riley and Jarred leading the team. These students had to identify a variety of wildlife animals and plants as well as work on a team activity. The Agronomy team of Thom Cardwell, Bailey Lukasiewicz, Brock Uhlir and Jewell Dixson placed 10th with Thom leading the team. Finally Marissa Baker placed 4th out of nearly 400 individuals in the agriscience competition with her team placing 15th. Other members on that team were Bree Carlson, Alexis Sack, and Sierra Smith. In the agriscience fair Michelle Findley and Katelyn Buhrman placed second with their experiment on Duck Feeds. Another high point of the convention contest wise was the Proficiency awards where five members of our chapter interviewed with a panel over their supervised agriculture experiences. In these awards St. Paul had members vying for the top spot in six categories. Thom Cardwell placed 2nd in Fruit Production and 3rd in Vegetable Production. Cole Fousek was 3rd in Wildlife production, Ethan Larson was 2nd in Agriculture Sales, Ryan Jurgensen was 2nd in Turf Grass Management and William Jacobs was 1st place in Automotive Technology! The convention ended with 8 members of our chapter earning the state degree. Those members were seniors: Maddie Roth, Payton Schmidt, Riley Christensen, Anthony Dush, Shayne Dammann, Ryan Jurgensen, Ethan Larson and Branson Townsend. The FFA members learned a lot in preparing for and attending the convention. I was very proud of the efforts of the whole chapter and I look forward in seeing what the future holds.—Mr. Bowder

Junior Parliamentary Procedure Team



Proficiency Winners—William, Thom, Cole, Ethan, Ryan

Greenhouse Plant Sale



FFA members will be having a spring plant sale with items they have been raising in the chapter greenhouse. Garden starters including: Tomatoes, Peppers, Herbs, Salsa Buckets, and Flowers including Geranium hanging baskets, creeping morning glory, lilies, daisies, marigolds, and many others! Stop by May 10-14 (8:00 to Noon) and see what we have!

Supervised Agriculture Experience

Don't forget to get ahold of Mr. Bowder or Mrs. Coufal if you are doing anything interesting this summer for your SAE in addition to a regularly scheduled visit!

Meet the new Ag Teacher / FFA Advisor

Mrs. Coufal graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in August 2008 with a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science. After college graduation, Mrs. Coufal was hired as the agricultural education teacher at Loup City. While she was teaching full time, she gained her teaching certificate with an endorsement in Agricultural Education. Mrs. Coufal was then hired as the Cedar Rapids/Riverside Agricultural Education instructor. She'll be teaching Ag in addition to Mr. Bowder and will be serving as co-FFA advisor! Welcome to Saint Paul!

Monthly Ag Trivia

What degree is given to Jr. High FFA members

Upcoming FFA Events

May 10-14— Spring Plant Sale @ School Greenhouse
Late May —Nebraska Tour
July 9—GCA Days Pancake Breakfast
July 11-15—Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute
July 20-24—Howard County Fair

Answer to trivia: Discovery Degree

PLANT SALE

MAY 10TH-13TH

8:00-12:00 and 3:30-4:00 or by appointment

School Greenhouse next to the High School Shop.
Call Mr. Bowder with questions or to set up an appointment 402-922-0521

Hanging Baskets, Salsa Buckets, Potted Flowers, Garden Starters: Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Melons, Gourds, Marigolds, Geraniums, Lilies, Herbs, Daisies, Butterfly Flowers, Sunflowers

FCCLA MAY EVENTS

May 6- Spring Dance from 7-9:00 in cafeteria

Eleven members went to the Nebraska FCCLA State Leadership Conference on April 4th and 5th. We went to sessions as well as the Business and Recognition Session in the evening. These members were Tessa Holder, Tanner Levander, Devin Krauss, Dallas McClain, Brandi Miller, Mariah Roan, Jaime Wilson, Jacob Wilson, Teanna Silva-Herbig, Ashlyn Urbanski, Linnea Vogel. Sponsoring this event was Mrs. Tibbetts and Mrs. Terri Townsend; a big thank you to her for going with us.

Mrs. Tibbetts hosted a good-bye breakfast for the Seniors in the FCS room on April 21st. We wish them well in the paths they take after high school.

The FCCLA members will have a spring dance for the 6-8th grade students in the cafeteria on Friday May 6th from 7:00 to 9:00. There will be an entrance fee of $3 and snacks and drinks will be available. Appropriate school dress code is required. This money will go to the Howard Greeley Food Pantry.

ART NEWS

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, art students travelled to Nancy Fairbanks' art studio in Grand Island to participate in a Raku Workshop. The process of Raku is an exciting and wonderful experience.

Raku Pottery is earth derived...the firing process is unique and daring, and in the eyes of the Japanese Zen Masters, the process truly reflects the most fundamental rhythm of enlightened life. A once-fired (bisque), unglazed pot is first coated with glaze and placed into kiln. The kiln is then heated to about 1,800° F at a fast rate. It is this first tremendous heat shock which often causes a pot to explode or to develop large "body cracks" in the clay walls. If the vessel survives this shock, almost immediate metamorphosis begins. The entire vessel glows like red-hot coal, and the glaze melts into a sheet of liquid glass. At this point, the pot must endure a second shock as the potter uses tongs to remove the glowing mass from the kiln. As the cool air outside the kiln hits the glowing vessel, the severe temperature change produces the cracks in the glaze. These cracks are highly prized as characteristic of traditional Raku Pottery -- they are the "proof-marks" of the earthenware's having survived this dramatic trial by fire. Upon leaving the kiln, the glowing pot is placed directly into an airtight container (metal trash can) filled with leaves, sawdust, or the like, which turns the naked clay foot black and highlights the valuable cracks in the glaze. As if all this were not enough, the vessel (often still over 1,000° F) may then be plunged into cold water to halt the process. And so the cycle of earth, fire, air and water is complete. Raku is a daring process, and a great many pots do explode during some phase of the firing. Those that survive the ordeal -- the test of fire -- are blessed.

Our students had a great day with no wind…finally and the results were fantastic. Please take a look on the art school website.

Cathy Lemmerman
Art Instructor

GIRLS GOLF

Wanted: Girls for the fall golf team. Learn a new sport you can participate in the rest of your life. No experience necessary! If interested, talk to Mrs. Wells or Mr. Peters.

THANK YOU'S

The Senior Class would like to thank Mrs. Libby Beck and the Junior class for an excellent prom. We would also like to express our gratitude to the After-Prom committee for the after prom party!

Sincerely, the Senior Class

HEALTHBEAT

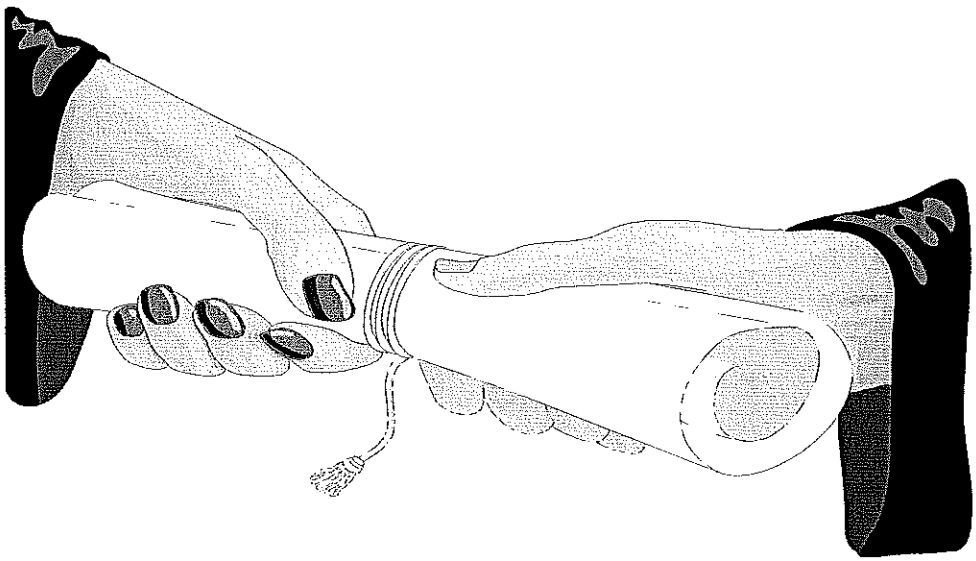
ATTENTION PARENTS

School Sports Screening

Howard County Medical Clinic will be offering school/sports screenings on June 21 and July 12 from 8:30AM – 11:00AM. The cost is $30 due that day. Watch your local newspaper for more information or call the Howard County Medical Clinic in late May at 308-754-5447.

If your insurance pays for this well child screening, please call the clinic for an appointment on a different date as this has to be submitted correctly. To qualify for the 2016-2017 school year, screening must be after May 1st, 2016

Parents: Physical forms are also available from the school nurse, Mrs. Wardyn, Mrs. Townsend, or Mrs. Tomlinson.



Certified Driver's Education Course
At St. Paul Public Schools

MVP'S DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Mark Van Pelt/Instructor

Eligible students

Are or will be 14 years of age by Oct. 15th of the current year.

Students will receive

20 hours of classroom instruction
and
5 hours of behind-the-wheel driving
(Providing the written portion is passed)
When: August 2016
Where: St. Paul Public School

Classroom Instruction Schedule:

August 20th	8:00AM to 12:00PM	(Saturday) 4hrs
August 22nd	6:00PM to 10:00PM	(Monday) 4hrs
August 23rd	6:00PM to 10:00PM	(Tuesday) 4hrs
August 24th	6:00PM to 10:00PM	(Wednesday) 4hrs
August 30th	6:00PM to 10:00PM	(Tuesday) 4hrs

Cost

$300.00 (can be paid in two equal payments)

If you would like your son or daughter to participate in the Driver's Ed program, forms and more information are available, on St. Paul Schools Homepage, in the Superintendent's office, or you can call 754-4433.

AUGUST 17, 2016
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

This will be the final newsletter of the 2015-2016 school year. We will resume these communications to the patrons of District #1 in August 2016. If you have any comments or suggestions regarding items we include, or those you would like to see included, please contact the school office at 754-4433. We welcome input from the public.

MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 French Toast Chicken Nuggets	3 Sausage Gravy Biscuit Chicken Fajitas	4 Cinnamon Roll Pizza	5 Eggs Salisbury Steak	6 Pancakes Breakfast Meal	7
8	9 Eggs Cook's Choice	10 Eggs Cook's Choice	11 Cinnamon Roll Cook's Choice	12 Eggs Cook's Choice	13 Sausage Gravy Biscuit Cook's Choice	14
15	16 Donuts/ Cereal Cook's Choice	17 Donuts/ Cereal Cook's Choice	18 Cinnamon Roll Cook's Choice	19 Donuts/ Cereal COOK OUT	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

BREAKFAST: Juice, Milk, Cereal, Toast, and Fruit offered daily in addition to main entrée.

LUNCH: PBJ Sandwich offered daily vs. Mainline.

Salad bar offered daily:

Notes:

Grades 7-12 & faculty: Fresh salads to go: Ham/Turkey/Chicken/Fajita.

Must be ordered by 9:30AM

MENU SUBJECT O CHANGE

WinCalendar

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Graduation @ 2PM	**2** Jr. High Awards Day @ 8:30AM Athletic Banquet @ 6PM	**3** JH G/B Track (A) Loup City @ 1PM	**4** 3:30PM Dismissal	**5** V G/B Track (A) Adams Central @ 9:30 Boys Conf. Golf (A) Centura TBA Walk To Work & School	**6** Band Trip to Chicago Kindergarten Roundup/**NO KINDERGARTEN CLASS** FCCLA Dance 7-9	**7** Band Trip to Chicago
8 Band Trip to Chicago	**9** Board Meeting @ 7:30PM Band Trip to Chicago	**10** Boys Golf Invite (A) Fullerton @ 10AM 7-12 Band Concert @ 7PM	**11** 2:00PM Dismissal	**12** District B&G Track @ Cross County High School 10AM	**13** Kindergarten Graduation	**14**
15	**16** Boys District Golf @ Centura Hills TBA	**17**	**18** 3:30PM Dismissal Elem Awards Day @ 2:30	**19** Last Day of School **Dismissed @ 1:30** Healthy Summer Days	**20** Report Card Pickup day grades 7-12 from 9AM-Noon	**21**
22	**23**	**24** Boys BB Camp 8-12AM & 1-3PM	**25** Boys BB Camp 8-12AM & 1-3PM	**26** Boys BB Camp 8-12AM & 1-3PM	**27**	**28**
29	**30**	**31**	Notes:			