

Hitchcock County Schools

Home of the Falcons!



On behalf of the faculty, staff, and myself I want to welcome all the families whose children were enrolled in our school last year and to all whose children are just entering our school community. We are pleased that you are a part of the Hitchcock County school community and anticipate your involvement and cooperation in making this a very successful year. We are beginning another year of shared responsibility in the education of your child. The unique partnership developed between parents and school staff is always a fundamental reason for the success of any school program. We believe that the education process is a team effort that involves teachers, students, administration, parents, and community. We appreciate your ideas and cooperation and look forward to working with all of you in making this a successful and exciting year for everyone.

The student- parent handbook has been prepared to help you answer any questions you may have concerning the activities, procedures, rules and regulations of our school. We hope this will enable us to provide the best possible educational experience for every student. This can be found on the school website at www.hcfalcons.org. Please review this with your child. You can also view the return to school safely plan posted on the school website under the coronavirus tab. Please take time to review this information and call or email me with any questions or concerns at 308-334-5575, rsattler@hcfalcons.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert C. Sattler'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert C. Sattler
Superintendent of Hitchcock County Schools

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND PARENTS! Registration will be the following days: Seniors and Juniors – Tuesday, July 6th & Wednesday, July 7th from 8:00-3:00. Sophomores and Freshmen – Thursday, July 8th & Friday, July 9th from 8:00-3:00. Junior High, 7th & 8th, call the school and let us know if the student would like to be in Band or Study Hall.

Handbooks – Student handbooks can be found on the Falcon Web Page, www.hcfalcons.org. Students will receive forms that need to be signed by the parents and students themselves and are required to return the forms to the office by the end of the first full week of school.

Start & Dismissal Times: Staff Development will be held on Monday, August 9th and Tuesday, August 10th. Teacher workday is Wednesday, August 11th. **School will start on Thursday, August 12th. There will be an early dismissal, Elementary being dismissed at 1:10 and the High School dismissed at 1:30.** School hours will start at 8:00 a.m. for both Elementary and Junior/Senior High School; and dismiss at 3:20 for K-6, and 3:44 p.m. for Jr. /Sr. high school each Monday –Thursday. Every Friday dismissal will be at 2:20 p.m. for K-6 and 2:45 p.m. for Jr. /Sr. High school. All rural and shuttle buses will load immediately from each location following dismissal times.

Bus Routes & Schedules: Culbertson bus routes will be driven by Rick Cook, Dan O’Byrne and Monte Cooper. Trenton bus routes will be driven by Wayne Merrill, Pat Lewis and Dave Wimer. Melissa Daily will drive the Stratton Shuttle route. Dan O’Byrne will be driving the Junior High/ High School shuttle bus which **departs** from Culbertson at 7:30 a.m. The elementary shuttle to Culbertson will depart Trenton at 7:45 a.m. Trenton parents need to have all elementary students to the cafeteria by 7:40 a.m. Any students wanting breakfast should be here by 7:20 a.m. to eat. There will be a shuttle bus for students in Stratton meeting at the Catholic Church and leaving at 6:50 a.m. The McCook shuttle will leave from the Goodwill parking lot at 7:00 a.m. If you have any questions concerning your child’s bus schedule call your local school office.

PE Shoes; All PE shoes are required to be free of stickers and gravel to protect the gym floor surfaces.

Academic Performance: Students with a 70% or lower grade in any class will be notified weekly of their academic progress.

Weekly Newsletter: Each Friday or the last day of the school week we will publish the Falcon Flyer. This is a newsletter that lists the next week’s events, menus, meeting and informational items. Copies may be picked up at Trails West, and the Mentzer Convenience Store, or online. Also found on the school website www.hcfalcons.org.

Medication: State law requires that designated school personnel may only dispense medication **after receiving parental consent forms**. There will be an authorization for medication or treatment form. Please fill out and return to the school in order for any student to possess or use prescribed and/or over the counter medications including Tylenol for headaches. **A copy of the consent form is included in the handbook or is available at the office.** Read it carefully as medications **must come to school in the ORIGINAL container.**

Physicals & Immunizations: All Kindergarten and 7th grade students (and new students from out of state) are required to have a physical examination prior to the start of school. Immunizations must be up to date for these students. The Red Willow Department of Health will give immunizations on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Their address is 1400 West 5th Street, McCook NE. Call 308-345-1790 to schedule an appointment. Also, Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department offers immunizations. Call 308-345-4223 to schedule an appointment. A summary of the school immunization rules and regulations is attached to this newsletter.

Student Insurance: Student insurance is offered through the Student Assurance Services, Inc. Several plans are offered with football covered by a separate policy.

Child Nutrition Program: Information on the Child Nutrition Program will be sent separately.

PLEASE NOTE: Available at all locations everyday for breakfast are cereal, toast, peanut butter & jelly, juice, and milk plus a hot breakfast item. A breakfast consists of 4 items. The items are 1. Milk, 2. Juice, 3. A grain or bread (cereal, toast, muffin, biscuit), and 4. A meat or meat alternative (meat, cheese, egg, yogurt, peanuts or peanut butter). A student may decline only 1 item. **If your child only takes juice or has an extra juice you will be charged 40 cents, whether or not the meal is paid, free or reduced.** Milk alone or extra milk is 40 cents. Lunch at all locations everyday will include the salad bar. **Please note all meals must be prepaid,** a notice of payment due will be sent out from each building where your child eats. **Extra milks must be paid for at the time they are taken.**

Board Meetings: The Hitchcock County board meetings are usually scheduled for the second Monday of each month at the Jr/Sr High School in Trenton. We encourage anyone wishing to discuss school matters to feel free to visit with teachers, the administration and your school board members.

School Website: www.hcfalcons.org This website contains the Daily Bulletin, Falcon Flyer, School Calendar, Student Handbook and many other interesting information about our school.

Our Mission Statement: The Hitchcock County Schools is to produce creative, adaptable, productive citizens committed to life-long learning.

Sports Conditioning and Practice Times: Fall sports practice starts on August 10th. Coaches will be notifying the players of times for conditioning and practice. All athletes must have a signed physical form and signed NSAA permission form to participate in practice. Forms can be picked up at the office in Trenton. There will be no SHUTTLE.

NEW STAFF AT HITCHCOCK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Lacy Caddick – Preschool
Shaelin Stiver – 1st Grade
Becky Ebert – Assistant Elementary Cook
Savannah Johnson – PARA
Brooke Vetter – High School Ag Teacher

Please welcome our new staff member to the district!

ATTENTION PARENTS: Hitchcock County Schools will use the parent notification system within Infinite Campus. This system will enable the school to instantly reach parents and staff members regarding emergency broadcasts, weather-related announcements. **In order for this to work effectively we need families to make sure the school has your correct phone numbers. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE SCHOOL HAS YOUR CORRECT AND CURRENT NUMBER.**

SCHOOL & SPORTS PICTURES are scheduled for Monday, September 20th, for both the Elementary and Junior/Senior High Schools. Packets will be sent home with the students.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, August 10th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

The following five paragraphs are items we are required by law to inform you of once a year

The Hitchcock County Schools wishes to reaffirm its position that all children in the unified district regardless of their handicapping condition are entitled to a Free Appropriate Public Education and an equal opportunity for education according to the individual's needs. The district assumes the responsibility to assure that handicapped children are identified, evaluated, and verified and are provided or contracted for program services for all resident children who will benefit from such programs. These programs shall include, but not be restricted to the development of self-realization, social awareness, economic usefulness and civic responsibility as required by law. To avoid duplication, every effort will be made to utilize established programs in cooperation with all contracting agencies approved by the Department of Education. If you wish to know more about these services, please notify the offices of the Hitchcock County Schools.

The Hitchcock County Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the Hitchcock County Schools, District 44-2001 compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504 is directed to contact Robert Sattler, Superintendent; P.O. Box 368; Trenton, NE 69044.

All students will be required to be immunized PRIOR to enrollment and any student not in compliance shall NOT be permitted to continue in school. One dose of measles-mumps-rubella must have been obtained at or after 12 months of age. A physical examination is required by a qualified physician within 6 months prior to entrance into Kindergarten and 7th grade. Kindergarten and 7th grade students have to either have the varicella (chicken pox) vaccination or be able to show proof of having had the chicken pox. A physical exam is also required in case of a transfer from out of state into any grade. All students enrolling for the first time (entering Kindergarten and transfers from out of state) are required to have 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. (If your child has had a booster on any shots we would appreciate having the date of the shot to keep our records up to date.)

The Federal Government has instituted laws, which mandate school districts to identify and manage asbestos or asbestos containing materials in schools. As a result of this mandate, Hitchcock County Schools have been inspected and have formulated a management plan to insure that the school remains a safe, healthful environment for the students. General recommendations and detailed descriptions of the management plan are on file in the superintendent's office and are open for inspection to all interested patrons. The updated management plan has also been submitted to the Nebraska Department of health, Division of Environmental Health and Housing Surveillance.

The district has a sexual harassment policy for employees and students. Portions that apply to students are as follows: 4) Unwelcome advances, a request for sexual favors, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, submission to which or rejection of which by an employee of the District is used as a basis for any educative decision pertaining to a student such as, but not limited to, conferring of a grade, credit, favor or honor. 6) Conduct by an employee or employees directed against a student of the opposite sex which has an effect of interfering with academic performance of the student, or creating an intimidating, hostile, offensive, or unsafe or unwholesome learning environment. Parents of all students should be aware of the availability of the complaint forms in the superintendent's office. If any student feels he or she is experiencing sexual harassment by a school employee or another student, it is important that this student contact a school administrator or school guidance counselor immediately. An investigation will take place and the unacceptable behavior will be stopped immediately. Remember.....SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS AGAINST THE LAW!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Kindergarten

Pencil Box
Eraser
Small Fiskers Scissors
Book Bag*
Box of Tissues
Clorox Wipes
4 Glue Sticks
Small Pillow (no more than 12")
PE Shoes**
Art/Paint Shirt

2nd Grade

Pencils (at least 10 #2 pencils to begin with)
1 Highlighter (any color)
24 to 48 Count Crayons
Book Bag*
1 Spiral Notebook – 1 subject
3 Glue Sticks
2 Pink Erasers
Scissors (pointed with plastic handles)
Large Box of Tissues or more as needed (DO NOT LABEL)
2 Pocket Folders
Pencil Box
PE Shoes**

4th Grade

Large Box of Tissues
1 3-Ring Notebook (1-1 ½ ") NO TRAPPER KEEPER
3 Pocket Folders with pocket on bottom
1 box of 24 Colored Pencils
Pencil Box
Headphones for computer time
5 oz Dixie cups - Girls
Clorox Wipes - Boys
#2 Pencils
2 Red Checking Pens
Scissors
4 Composition Notebooks (1 red, 1 green, 2 black speckled)
Spiral Notebook college ruled for science
Book Cover
PE Shoes**

6th Grade

Trapper Keeper*, 4 Pocket Folders, 2 each of Red and Blue Pens, Book Bag, 2 pkgs Wide Lined Loose Leaf Notebook Paper, 3 ring Zippered Case for supplies (with holes to fit into trapper keeper), Erasers, 1 pkg #2 Pencils with erasers (No mechanical pencils), 1 Large Box Facial Tissues (DO NOT LABEL), 2 Composition Notebooks (spelling & writing), Spiral Notebook College Ruled for science, Book Cover, Art/Paint Shirt, PE Shoes** (including socks, gym shorts, shirt, towel, comb/brush and deodorant)

1st Grade

Student Scissors
Notebook (wide ruled)
Bottle School Glue
Small Supply Box
2 boxes of 8 Count Markers
2 boxes of 24 Count Crayons
1 Composition Notebook
Pencils (24 wooden)
4 Glue Sticks (large)
Travel Bar Soap Container
Art Shirt
PE Shoes**
Book Bag/Back Pack*

3rd Grade

Pencil Case or Pencil Bag
1 pkg #2 Pencils
Back Pack*
Pencil Case
1 pkg Wide Lined Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
Small Personal Sharpener for Colored Pencils
1 Large Box Facial Tissues (DO NOT LABEL)
1 pkg 24 to 48 Colored Pencils
Clorox Wipes
Composition Notebook
1 Spiral Notebook – 1 subject
2 Pink Erasers
3 Glue Sticks
PE Shoes**

5th Grade

Book Bag*
Oversized t-Shirt for painting
#2 Pencils
Composition Notebook for social studies
2 Spiral Notebooks (NARROW ruled)
Trapper Keeper
1 Pen (blue or black)
Box of Tissues
Colored Pencils
Colored Markers
3 Glue Sticks
Scissors
1 Highlighter (any color)
2 Book Covers
Pencil Bag
PE Shoes**

***Book Bag/Back Pack should be the type without wheels, they need to fit in lockers.**

***Gym shoes need to be free from gravel, stickers and have non-marking soles.**

Also, label all supplies (except those marked as do not label) with name in permanent marker.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

FIRST SEMESTER

August	09-10	Staff Development
	11	Teacher Work Day
	12	First Day of School Early Dismissal Elementary 1:10, Jr/Sr High 1:30
September	06	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
	15	ESU 15 All School Staff Development. NO SCHOOL
October	15	End 1 st Quarter
	21	Early Dismissal Elementary 12:10, Jr/Sr High 12:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 p.m.
	22	NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
November	24-26	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December	17	End of 1 st Semester
		Early Dismissal: Elementary 12:25, Jr/Sr High 12:45
	20	Teacher Workday
	20-31	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

SECOND SEMESTER

January	03	School Resumes
February	10	Early Dismissal Elementary 11:40, Jr/Sr High 12:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00-8:00 pm
	11	NO SCHOOL
March	04	End of 3 rd Quarter
	07-11	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
April	15-18	NO SCHOOL – Easter Break
May	14	Graduation 10:00 am
	18	Students Last Day. Dismissal Elem 11:00, Jr/Sr High 11:30 NO MEALS SERVED
	19-20	Teacher Work Days

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR AUGUST

WEEK OF AUGUST 10, 2020

Monday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday – NO LUNCH
Thursday – Chicken Fajitas
Friday – Deli Sandwiches

WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2020

Monday – Chicken Noodles over Mashed Potatoes
Tuesday – Burritos
Wednesday – Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Thursday – Hamburger on a Bun
Friday – Oriental

WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2020

Monday – Popcorn Chicken
Tuesday – Goulash
Wednesday – Chili Fritos
Thursday – Meatloaf
Friday – Corn Dogs

WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2020

Monday – Chicken Alfredo

7th and 8th Grade Supplies

Colored Pencils

Wooden Ruler

1 Small Protractor

4 Book Covers

4 Folders – one for each core class

Notebook Paper

1 70-page Notebook

3 Glue Sticks

1 Pair Scissors

1 Highlighter

Pens – **No florescent colored pens are allowed!!!**

One Red Pen for checking papers

Pencils

Scientific Calculator with these functions: nPr, nCr, Sin, Cos, Tan, square root button, and exponent button

Eraser

Pencil Case

Sketch Book

Composition Notebook

Trapper Keeper or 3 ring binder

Mrs. Post

Mrs. Thiessen

Mr. Rahrs

