



NC News

From the Administration:

2020 continues to be an interesting year, but we are very much looking forward to having students back in the building for the 2020-21 school year. Since the pandemic continues there are a few expectations that will be in place to keep everyone safe, healthy and in school. Face coverings will be required per state and county health orders whenever social distancing cannot occur. If you have a favorite face covering please bring it, otherwise one will be provided for your use. We also ask that students and staff frequently wash or sanitize their hands. If we all do our part, hopefully we can continue to meet in person and participate in school and the activities that we all want to be a part of. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for NCHS to become better, please contact the administration or staff @ 253-1700.

This newsletter is delivered bi-monthly through our website. Items relating to school policies, accomplishments of our students, a monthly calendar, and other issues relating to Natrona County High School will be regular features of this publication.

Parking at NCHS on the east side is for staff and visitors. Students with a valid parking pass will park in the student lot on the west side. Permitted vehicles are the only vehicles allowed in the NCHS parking lots. Please use the west side of the building to drop your students off and pick them up. The neighborhoods with restricted parking around our campus are marked with restricted parking signs. Please understand that parking in a restricted area may result in a City of Casper \$50 citation. NCHS and the school district have no control over the city citations.

Please carefully review the enclosed information regarding the medication policy, FERPA laws, accidental injury, weapons policy and important dates. NCHS's and the district's student handbooks can be found on our webpage @ natronacountyhs.us. If you have questions or concerns about these policies, or anything in the handbook, please contact any building administrator at 253-1700.

Sincerely,
NCHS Administrative Team
Natrona County High School

Administration

Mrs. Shannon Harris	Principal
Mrs. Heather Ryan	Assistant Principal 9th Grade
Mr. James Catlin	Assistant Principal 10th Grade
Mr. Bryan Honken	Assistant Principal 11th & 12th Grade
Mr. Spencer Cantrell	Assistant Principal - Athletics and Activities Director
Mr. Lucas Dow	Assistant Principal Grade & Pathways Innovation Center
Mr. Mark Johnson	Administrative Manager & 12th Grade Supervisor

Celebrating Excellence

Staff members of the month for September were **Megan McCabe** - Resource ESP ,**Val Hudson** - SPED Teacher,**Addey Lloyd** - SPED Teacher. Congratulations!

Natrona County High School's own Nyara Douglas won 1st place in the 2020 American Dream Essay Contest in May. The vision of the contest is "To encourage young people to reflect upon and write about one of the Cowboy Ethics that make an impact on their decisions, goals and attitude. The American Dream Essay Contest encourages youth to pursue their vision regarding the meaning of their lives and the ethics that guide them. Great Job Nyara!



At the first KW swimming and diving meet of the year, Gabriella Haigler broke the KW pool's 6 dive record which had been held by Rachelle Young since 1993. The previous score was a 238.85, and Gabby ended the day with a 245.7. Way to go Gabby!

"The GD2 and GD3 tennis teams both won their first match today but lost their second. This gives them at least an 8th place finish overall. Brooklyn Hytrek, Sydney Rizzi, Kerissa Anderson and Brooklynn Colling.

The GD1 and BD1 tennis teams lost their first match, this gives them 12th overall. Taylin Smith, Mikayla Colling, Ryan Swan and Henry True.

I am proud of all of them for overcoming many obstacles this season. A positive from this 2020 year, and Covid-19 situation is we are giving kids opportunities to become resilient, appreciative of each moment, competitive, and situations to persevere. They exemplify RIDE. If you happen to see any of them in the hall, they would love a "congrats" or pat on the back." from Mrs. Colling.

Gabriel Lara was recognized by one of her teachers for graciously volunteering to help out during the fire drill on September 28th. Thanks Gabriel NC is BBOY!

Remember...
Every Day is a GREAT Day
to be a
Mustang!!

Important Dates - Mark your Calendar!!

Following is a list of important dates
Please mark your calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

- October 7th & 8th - Senior Class Meeting in Auditorium during MC
- October 13th & 14th - Senior ordering for cap & gown in commons
- October 30th - End of 1st quarter
- November 2 - No School/Professional Development Day for Teachers
- November 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- November 25 - 27 Thanksgiving Vacation
- December 21 - January 4 - Winter Break
- January 5 - School Resumes - black day
- January 14 - Open House for incoming freshmen 2021-2022 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Commons
- January 18 - Equality Day - No School/offices closed
- January 22 - End of first semester/1st semester grades due
- January 25 - Beginning of Second Semester - Orange day
- February 12 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- February 15 - President's Day - No School
- March 11 - Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- March 26 - End of 3rd quarter/3rd quarter grades due
- March 29 - April 2 - Spring Break/No School
- April 6 - ACT Testing Day
- May 19 - Grades due for seniors
- May 21 - Last Day for Seniors/BBQ
- May 24 - Senior Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- May 27 - Graduation @ Casper Events Center 7:30 p.m.
Mandatory practice for graduating seniors 8:00am -10:00am Casper Events Center
- May 31 - Memorial Day/no school/offices closed
- June 8 - Last Day of School/ End of Second Semester

Accidental Injuries/Insurance Information

The purpose of this article is to remind you that accidental injuries may happen at school when students are taking part in the activities of the school day. Natrona County School District #1 is very safety conscious and its employees are committed to making your schools a safe place for your children. However, even with this commitment, some students will still suffer accidental injuries while they are at the school. When injuries do happen, our employees will take action "in lieu of the parent or guardian" to assist the injured student until the parent or guardian arrives. The major concern of the employee will be the welfare of the student.

Natrona County School District #1 **does not** carry accidental injury insurance on the students who attend the schools it operates. Therefore, it is very important that parents or guardians know in advance that the expenses incurred when a student is accidentally injured at school will be their financial responsibility. Many people carry family medical insurance that will help cover the expenses, and some may obtain supplemental coverage from local agents. However, as a convenience to patrons, the school district does endorse one student accident insurance policy each year. This policy is then made available to parents and guardians for purchase from the approved insurance carrier. The decision to purchase or not to purchase the policy is strictly up to the parent or guardian. If the policy is purchased, it then becomes a contract between the insurance company and the parents or guardian, and the School District is not involved in any way. Claims are made directly to the company.

The endorsed vendor for 2020-21 is Student Assurance Services, and it has approval for distribution of student accident insurance program information in the District. Information concerning this Accidental Injury Insurance Coverage can be obtained from the school office. All questions regarding the coverage should be directed to Patrick J Freiberg, 266-3837, Casper agent for Student Assurance Services, Inc.

Families who meet income guidelines may be eligible for insurance assistance through the Caring Foundation of Wyoming, Inc. Information on that program can be obtained from Lynn Klockslem at 234-2649.

Parents and students should also know that

personal property of others is not covered by the District or its insurance company. Whether the loss occurs at school or during off-site activities; lost, stolen, or damaged items are the student's or property owner's responsibility.

Weapons

The possession and/or use of any dangerous or deadly weapon in any school building, on school grounds, in any school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity is prohibited by School Board Policy. Students shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any object that could be used as a weapon, disrupt the educational process or cause harm to another person. The possession or use of any weapon shall require that proceedings for suspension with the possibility of expulsion of the student involved be initiated immediately by the principal.

Please note: With the beginning of hunting season, it is especially important to remind students to remove guns used for hunting from their vehicles before coming to school or parking on school property.

Portal Access

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal is where you can go online to see real-time attendance, grades, and class fees/fines. You can also check to make sure we have your address, phone, and email correct in the system. If you have not yet logged in to the parent portal, please call the Infinite Campus help desk for login information at 253-5306.

Canvas Information

The Canvas Program is being utilized by students in their classes. Parents can register for this program in order to see course information and view interaction of your student within the course. For information on how to log in, please go to the home page of our website (natronacountyhs.us).

MEDICATION POLICY

According to Natrona County School District #1 Board Policy, when your child needs medication of any type (including over-the-counter medicine) given during school hours, you have the following choices:

1. You may discuss with your Health Care Provider an alternative schedule of medication, so that it can be given outside of school hours.
2. You may come to the school office and give it to your student at the appropriate time.
3. You may use the medication form that is in this publication on page seven, or get one from your Health Care Provider (HCP). Have the school nurse or HCP indicate the diagnosis, drug, dose, and time to be given on the form.

Be sure both you and the HCP sign the form. The medication must be in a pharmacy labeled or manufacturer's container. All medication will be stored in a designated area that is to remain locked when not in use. Students must take all medication in the presence of designated school personnel.

EXCEPTION: Inhalers and Epi-pens may be carried by the student if the "EXCEPTION" on the Request for Administration of Medication Form has been signed by the parent/legal guardian and the Health Care Provider and is on file in the school nurse's office.

Remember, in order for medication to be given at school, it must be in the original container and the school Medication Form must be filled out and signed by both you and the Health Care Provider.

All remaining medication must be picked up from the school by the parent/guardian. At the end of the school year, all medication NOT picked up will be discarded. This form must be renewed each school year.

Thank you for your cooperation.



From the Attendance Office.....

There is a direct correlation between academic success and consistent attendance. Please avoid appointments during the school day as well as family vacations during the school year. If your student does have to leave school for an appointment, please plan ahead and have them bring a note to the attendance office before school so that we do not need to interrupt their classes.

Please contact the attendance office at 253-1705 when your student is absent. You may also send a note with your student upon their return to school. If your student must leave during the day they do need to check out through the attendance office prior to their departure. If the student fails to check out when leaving during the day, the absence will be unexcused.

If you have provided us with your email address, we will notify you through email when your student misses any class period. These emails are scheduled to send at 10:00 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. If you have not provided us your email and would like to, please call us at 253-1705, or log in the Parent Portal and you can enter it yourself. We not only inform you of absences through this email system, but also send out notices on activities and events at NCHS.

Attention: Ten Day Drop Process to Re-enroll

Wyoming Statute rules that students who miss ten consecutive days must be dropped from school rosters. Students dropped from Natrona County High School because of absences will be required to complete the following steps in order to re-enroll at NCHS:

- *Parents must meet with administration/counselor before student will be re-enrolled.
- *Make an appointment with the counseling department.
- *Student schedule will be re-built according to seat availability and, more importantly, a plan will be developed for future success of the student.
- *Student will not be automatically re-entered into same classes.
- *Student may be placed on an attendance contract.

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The NCHS Counseling Department is dedicated to preparing life-long accountable learners through academic support, career and postsecondary planning, and social and emotional support. Please contact your school counselor with any questions or concerns you have during this academic year.

NCHS Counseling Center Office:

253-1517

Room 170

Students are assigned to school counselors as follows:

Lana Bolan, room 176	9th grade
Brandi Ramage, room 178	10-12 grade students, (A-Fe)
Cari Langley, room 184	10-12th grade students, (Fi - Ma)
Missy Nack, room 180	10-12 grade students, (Mc -Sm)
Marvin Birzer, room 186	10th - 12th grade (Sn- Z)



2020-2021 Homecoming Court

Queen - Brooklyn Hytrek King - Kallen Terry
 1st Attendants: Hannah Trumbull & Kyler Syverson
 2nd Attendants: Anna Zettl & Isaac Spear
 3rd Attendants: Abby Gruner & Harrison Taulbert
 4th Attendants: Kenzie Anderson & Brady Dutcher

Homecoming



Senior Pictures

DUE BY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020 to Lisa Gray at NCHS. All photos may be submitted to room 1070 in the southeast front of the building. Digital copies may be sent to lisa553@myncsd.org or provided on a disk or jump drive. A response for receipt will be sent.

THERE IS NO LATE SUBMISSION AVAILABLE! After the due date passes, we will use the Life Touch school picture taken at registration or your student will be listed under the no photo available section.

The photo submitted MUST be a portrait (vertical) photo, wallet size. Please note that we reserve the right to crop pictures in order to provide the best fit on the page. WE DO NOT TAKE HORIZONTAL OR SQUARE PHOTOS. We reserve the right to refuse a photo with questionable or provocative attire. NO photos promoting violence, drugs or alcohol will be permitted. If it's not allowed in school, it's not allowed in the yearbook.

Please DO NOT submit photos printed on a home printer, scanned and printed or are out of focus. We cannot fix the quality of the photo.

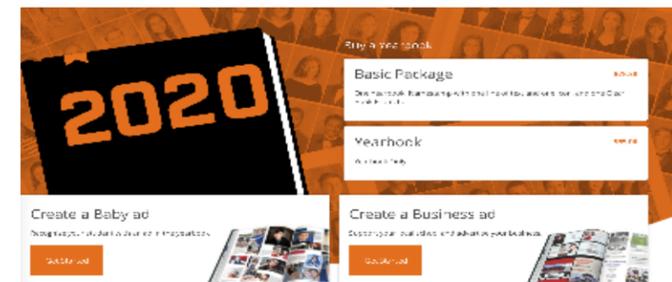
If you have not already booked a professional photographer and are wishing to do so, you should do it as soon as possible in order to get it back in time. You may also take the photo yourself provided the resolution of the image is 225 or greater, in JPG format and submitted on CD or through electronic mail.

Congratulatory Senior Ads

DUE BY FEBRUARY 19, 2021. Senior ads are a special way to show your graduating student how proud you are of them and wish them luck in the future. These ads are located in the back of the book and you may include pictures, poems, and personal messages of congratulations! Please feel free to include design ideas otherwise we will assume that you would like us to design it for you. Your ads do NOT need to be created by a professional photographer. We will design them for FREE!



2020-21 Yearbooks are on sale online at yearbookforever.com When you go to this site, you will put in the school name, and the home page will look like this:



You can also access this from the NCHS website on the home page as well as the announcements page. Click on this image:

