NC News

October/November 2019

From the Administration:

The faculty and staff at Natrona County High School are looking forward to working with you and your child to make this another successful year. 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.

Our first semester parent/teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 14th from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Conferences will be held in the Commons. You can print your student's schedule off of the Parent Portal or access it on your smart phone so you know with which teachers you would like to talk. Please come and speak with your student's teachers and find out what's happening at NCHS!

Parking at NCHS on the east side is for staff and visitors. Students who qualify for preferred parking are allowed to park in the MAC parking lot, and all other students 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

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No School
Friday, November 1st
Professional Development Day for Teachers

Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 14th

*** 930 South Elm * Phone # 253-1700 ***

Celebrating Excellence

Congratulations to September's Student of the Month winner, **Chris Finch.** Chris was selected by the administration, and was honored by the Rotary Club at a luncheon on September 9th!
Staff members of the Month for September were **Janea Quig -** Front desk receptionist**, Ti Brooks** - At Risk Secretary, **Libby Crown** - Office Manager, **Ron Estes** - Principal @ Pathways, and **Rob Hill** - construction teacher at Pathways.

October's Student of the Month is **Lauren Blackwelder**. Lauren will be honored at a Rotary luncheon on Monday, October 7th. October Staff of the Month are **Charleen Schutte** - Resource ESP, **Tom Grogan and Brent Jurgensen** - 9th grade Social Studies teachers.

NC is hosting the State Strings Clinic on Nov. 3-5. We will have orchestra students from all over the state participating. Leslie Fox will clinic one orchestra (from Cheyenne), Daneille Johnson from Mountain Range High School will clinic another orchestra, and Dr. Eugene Dowdy from the University of Texas at San Antonio will clinic the top group.

Team Filly was the combined efforts of the coaches of girl sports at NCHS. Throughout the summer, over 110 young women met twice a week for two hours to improve strength, conditioning, and flexibility. There was also a significant focus on injury prevention and team building within the female athletes of Natrona. The girls tested their progress throughout the summer and created strong relationships that transcended their individual sports. More than sixty ladies who attended 8 sessions or more (over half of the sessions) earned an orange Team Filly shirt. As each season is completed, girls who participate in athletics will earn a different colored shirt for that sport. The young women who earn all four shirts have participated in all three seasons and completed the summer training, fulfilling the mission of having more female athletes at NC.

The coaches and athletes were appreciative of the efforts of Nancy Robertson, a local physical therapist. Her plan to integrate exercises and activities to strengthen core areas has already paid large dividends for our athletes. Our head athletic trainer, Leah Washington, was integral in this process as well. We are excited as the coaches of girls sports at NC to watch these ladies grow and compete throughout the year. Come out and support your Team Filly!

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls golf teams that competed in September at State golf in Gillette. The girls finished in 4th place with a 3rd place finish and all state honors for **Sophie Spiva,** and a 12th place finish for **Cami Langley**. The Mustangs finished as State Runner up - our best finish in 17 years, with **Braden Barr** finishing tied for 4th, **Caden Bertagnole** in 7th, both earning all state honors, and **Isaac Bertagnole** placing 12th. Great job golfers.

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 2019-2020 school year.

September 27 - Homecoming vs Cheyenne East
September 30 - Lifetouch picture retakes
October 11- Oil Bowl @ NC 6:00 pm

October 21 - Senior Class Meeting in Auditorium 11:00 a.m.
October 30 - Senior ordering for cap & gown in commons (11-2)
October 31- Senior pictures due in Journalism office
October 31- Senior ordering for cap & gown in commons (11-2)
October 31 - End of 1st quarter
November 1 - No School/Professional Development Day for Teachers
November 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
November 23 - Football Ball - NCHS Commons 9:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
November 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Vacation
December 19 - January 1 - Winter Break
January 2 - School Resumes - black day
January 9 - Open House for incoming freshmen 2020-2021 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Commons
January 17 - End of first semester/1st semester grades due
January 20 - Equality Day - No School/offices closed
January 21 - Beginning of Second Semester - black day
February 14 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students
February 17 - President's Day - No School
March 12 - Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
March 27 - End of 3rd quarter/3rd quarter grades due
March 30 - April 3 - Spring Break/No School
April 7 - ACT Testing Day
April 10 - Good Friday-no school/offices closed
April 18 - Military Ball @ the Wolcott Galleria 9:00 - 11:30 pm
April 25 - Prom 8:30 - 11:30 pm location TBD
May 20 - Grades due for seniors
May 22 - Last Day for Seniors/BBQ
May 25 - Memorial Day/no school/offices closed
May 26 - Senior Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
May 29 - Graduation @ Casper Events Center 7:30 p.m.
Mandatory practice for graduating seniors 8:00 -10:00 Casper Events Center
June 5 - Last Day of School

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 2019-20 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 Klocksiem 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. Weapons include guns of any type, water and toy guns that resemble the real thing, Ninja stars, screw drivers, ball bats, slingshots, bludgeons, knives, or any pocket knife where the blade is carried in an opened position. The possession or use of any such 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.
Melissa Stone
NCHS Nurse

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.

Counselors' Corner

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:

Marvin Birzer, room 186	IB students and 9th grade white team
Lana Bolan, room 176	9th grade students black, orange and silver teams
Brandi Ramage, room 178	10-12 grade students, A - Ge
Cari Langley, room 184	10-12th grade students, Gi - Ni
Missy Nack, room 180	10-12 grade students, No - Z

ACT Test Dates

Register to take the ACT by November 2nd, for the test on December 8th. Log on to www.actstudent.org.

2018-19 ACT TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Saturday, October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019 (late registration deadline October 4th)
Saturday, December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
Saturday, February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
Saturday, April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
Saturday, June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
Saturday, July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020

SAT Registration Dates:

2018-19 SAT TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DATE
November 2, 2019	October 2, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 7, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 13, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 2, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 6, 2020

IB Exams

Registration for the May 2020 IB exam session is approaching. The cost this year is $119 per subject exam if registered by November 15th. Again this year, the generosity of the John P. Ellbogen Foundation and Ruth R. Ellbogen Foundation will provide grant money to cover 70% of the cost of exam registration. IB recently announced that the candidate registration fee, a fee that was assessed on top of exam registration fees, has been eliminated, which further lowers the cost of taking an IB exam. Please address questions regarding this or any aspect of the IB Program to marvin_birzer@natronaschools.org.

2019-2020 Homecoming

Natrona County High School's Homecoming week took place the week of September 23-27. Student Council started the week out with Spirit Days to get students and staff in the mood to win some football: Monday was designated Tourist day, Tuesday - Wild West, Wednesday - College day, Thursday - Tie Dye day, and Friday - Natrona Spirit day. A Spirit Parade and coronation assembly were held at the end of the day on Friday, and the evening started with an outstanding, exciting double overtime win over Cheyenne East with a score of 38-35! After the game, the traditional burning of the NC was held on the North side of the building, then the evening ended with a dance in the Commons.

2019-20 Homecoming Court

Queen - Jillian Wallace King - Gabe DeGraeve
1st Attendants: Elena Garcia & Cooper Quig
2nd Attendants: Madyson Willis & Dante Wallace
3rd Attendants: Peyton Hatcher & Nick Frimml
4th Attendants: Kelly Lehmbeck & Mason Henry

2019-20 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:

Monday/Wednesday = orange day, Tuesday/Thursday = black day, Friday = white day, Blue = no school

October 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Girls Swim vs. KW (Fish Bowl) 4:00 @ KW	2 1st Quarter Progress Grades due	3 Cross Country Invitational @ Sturgis Sophomore Football vs Cokeville @ Green River 9th Football @ Sheridan	4 Volleyball vs Chey East: Sophomores 4:00 JV 5:00 Varsity 6:00 Football @ Thunder Basin	5 JV Football vs ThunderBasin 9:30 Girls Swim @ Douglas Volleyball vs Central Sophomore in Gym 10:00 Freshmen in MAC 10:00 JV in Gym 11:00 Varsity in Gym 12:00 Freshmen in Mac 1:00
7 Sophomore football vs Riverton 4:00 ELT meeting in 4074 @ 3:40	8 FFA meeting & dinner in room 1062 5:30 pm	9 ArtCore Franc d"Ambrosia Concert 7:30 in the Auditorium	10	11 Cross Country @ Campbell County Football vs KW (Oil Bowl) @ NC 6:00	12 Football vs Campbell County: Freshmen Orange 9:00 Freshmen Black 11:00 JV Football @ Encampment JV Football @ KW 1:30 9th Volleyball vs Chey South @ 10:00, vs Laramie @ 1:00 Girls Swim @ Buffalo
14 Booster Club Meeting in Library @ 7:00	15 Soph football @ Cheyenne East Volleyball @ Sheridan	16	17 Freshman football orange vs black @ 4:00 Freshman Volleyball @ KW 4:00 JV Football vs Shoshoni @ 6:00	18 Cross Country Conference @ PV Girls Swim @ Campbell County Volleyball @ Laramie Football @ Cheyenne Central	19 Girls Swim @ Campbell County JV Football vs Cheyenne Central 10:00 Volleyball @ Cheyenne South Freshmen @ Sheridan Saturday School in the Library 8-11:30 am
21 Senior Class meeting in the Auditorium @ 11:00 am Faculty meeting in the Band Room 3:40 pm	22 Volleyball @ KW sophomores 4:00 JV 5:00 Varsity 6:00 Make up faculty meeting in the Band room @ 7:30 am	23	24 9th Playoff Football	25 Conference Girls Swim @ Laramie Volleyball vs Thunder Basin: Sophomore 4:00 JV 5:00 Varsity 6:00 Football vs Rock Spring (Senior Night) 6:00	26 State Cross Country @ Star Valley Conference Girls Swim @ Laramie JV Football @ Thunder Basin Volleyball @ Campbell County
28	29 DECA Halloween Carnival in the Commons 4:30 - 7:30 pm	30 Senior Announcement ordering w/Jostens in the commons 11-2:00	31 End of 1st Quarter Senior Announcement ordering w/Jostens in the commons 11-2:00		

November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Professional Development Day/no school Regional Volleyball @ Cheyenne Central Football Playoffs	2 Regional Volleyball @ Cheyenne Central
4 ELT meeting in 4074 @ 3:40	5 Cross Country Awards Banquet in the Commons 5:30 pm	6	7 State Volleyball @ CEC	8 State Girls Swim @ Campbell County State Volleyball @ CEC Football SemiFinals	9 State Girls Swim @ Campbell County State Volleyball @ CEC
11 Booster Club meeting in the Library @ 7:00	12 FFA meeting & Dinner room 1062 5:30 pm	13	14 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30 pm in Commons	15	16 Saturday School in the Library 8-11:30 State Football Finals @ UW 4:00 pm
18	19	20	21	22	23 Football Ball 8:30-11:30 pm in the Commons
25	26	27 Thanksgiving Vacation	28	29	30