



The EAGLE Newsletter

December 2025 Edition

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December Scheduled Events

- **D2-3 District One Act**
– Dec 2
- **FAFSA Night – Dec 2**
- **Ag Career Day – Dec 4**
- **School Board Meeting**
– Dec 8
- **State One Act – Dec 11**
- **9th Gr Career Day – Dec 12**
- **FFA Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party – Dec 15**
- **Gr PK – 12 Holiday Concert**
– Dec 16
- **1pm EARLY OUT - Dec 18**
➤ **Semester Tests**
- **No School**
– **Elementary Only**
– Dec 19
- **1pm EARLY OUT - Dec 19**
➤ **Semester Tests**
- **End of the 1st Semester**
– Dec 19
- **No School – Christmas Break - Dec 22 to Jan 2**

Christmas Break



- **NSAA Moratorium**
– Dec 22 – 27
- **Varsity Basketball Holiday Tournament – Dec 29-30**
- **Girls HS Wrestling – Jan 2**
- **Boys HS Wrestling – Jan 2**
- **“A” Club Tournament**
– Jan 3
- **School Back in Session**
– Jan 5

A Message from Administration

It's hard to believe December has already arrived and we're nearing the end of the first semester. **Semester tests will take place on Thursday, December 18, and Friday, December 19, with a 1:00 PM early dismissal both days.** Throughout the semester, we've encouraged students to stay focused, maintain strong attendance, and keep working toward improving their grades. With steady effort, there is still plenty of time to finish the semester strong.

At school, we continue to check in with students who may be struggling and remind them to take advantage of extra help before or after school. At home, you can support your student by discussing their classes, checking PowerSchool regularly, and helping them establish a consistent homework or study routine. Together, we can make a significant impact on their academic success.

I would also like to recognize all Allen and Wolfpack students who participated in fall activities. Their dedication and growth have been impressive. Congratulations to the following students for earning postseason honors:

Lewis and Clark Lewis Division All-Conference Volleyball:

All Conference Team: Kiya Tornez, Joslyn Mackling.

Honorable Mention: Allyson Belt

All-District Football:

1st Team: Thatcher Lamp, Ruany Figueroa, Braxten Sebade.

Honorable Mention: Devin Reinert, Knox Lamp, Logan Morgan

Cross Country State Qualifiers: Jude Ridenour, Alejandra Hermosillo

Conference Choir: Alex Ankeny (3-time recipient)

As we transition into the winter sports season, we ask for your continued support in creating a positive and encouraging environment for our athletes. Your sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and presence in the stands make a tremendous difference.

With the holiday season approaching, it's a great time to reflect on the many things we are grateful for. At Allen Consolidated Schools, we deeply appreciate our students, families, and community. Your support helps us provide a safe, caring, and purpose-driven learning environment for all. Thank you for your partnership, and we wish you a joyful and memorable holiday season!

Chris Blohm, 7-12 Principal



Semester Test Schedule 2025 School dismissed at 1:00pm – Dec 18 & 19	
Thursday, December 18	Friday, December 19 No School for Elementary
8:15 – 9:15am – 1 st period	8:15 – 9:15am – 2 nd period
9:20 – 10:20am – 3 rd period	9:20 – 10:20am – 4 th period
10:25 – 11:25pm – 5 th period	10:25 – 11:25pm – 6 th period
11:25 – 11:55pm – High School Lunch	11:25 – 11:55pm – High School Lunch
12:00pm – Elementary lunch	12:00 – 1:00pm - 8 th period
12:00 – 1:00pm – 7 th period	Seniors are required to be in school Friday, Dec 19th

Finals Exemption Guidelines

Students with all A's and 5 or fewer absences may exempt one test of their choice.
 Students with all A's and B's and 3 or fewer absences may exempt one test.
 Absences include all excused and unexcused absences for the semester.

Attendance Expectations During Finals

All students must attend every class period, including study halls
 - even if exempt from a test.
 No early releases will be granted.
 Only students with approved senior release during 8th period may leave early.



Handicapped Children's Act

Allen Consolidated Schools requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Children's Act (PL 94-142) and Nebraska Statute which guarantees a free appropriate education program for all children between birth and 21 years of age.

If you have students or know of any young person who meets criteria, please contact the Superintendent's Office. (402) 635-2484

Special Education

Allen Consolidated Schools ensures that a free appropriate public education is available to all children with disabilities from birth through the high school year in which the student reaches 21 years of age, including children who have been suspended or expelled from school.

Title One Information

Allen Consolidated Schools receives Title One Funds. Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of the teachers in the district.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Annual notice provided to parents/guardians and eligible students of their rights to inspect and review educational records, amend education records, consent to disclose personally identifiable information in education records and file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.



Notice of Nondiscrimination: The Allen Public School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race (including skin color, hair texture and protective hairstyles), color, religion, military or veteran status, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, sexual orientation or gender identity, or other protected status in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Students: Chris Blohm, Principal, 126 East 5th Street, Allen NE 68710, 402-635-2484 - cblohm@allenschools.org.

Employees and Others: Mike Pattee 126 East 5th Street, Allen NE 68710, 402-635-2484 - mpattee@allenschools.org.

Complaints or concerns involving discrimination or needs for accommodation or access should be addressed to the appropriate Coordinator. For further information about anti-discrimination laws and regulations, or to file a complaint of discrimination with the OCR at One Petticoat Lane, 1010 Walnut Street, 3rd Floor, Suite 320, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, (816) 268-0550 (voice), Fax (816) 268-0599, (800) 877-8339 (telecommunications device for the deaf), or ocr.kansascity@ed.gov.



Safety / Crisis Information



The Nebraska Department of Education has created a unified language for safety procedures across schools in the state. The procedures requiring action are called "Standard Response Protocol" and consist of 5 main actions—hold, secure, lockdown, evacuate, and shelter. According to NDE, the Standard Response Protocol "is the uniform classroom immediate response to any incident. Protocol not only enables rapid response determination when an unforeseen incident occurs but also allows for a more predictable series of actions as an incident unfolds. By standardizing the vocabulary, everyone immediately involved can understand the response and status of the incident."

Here at school, we will be practicing drills based on these five actions and discussing ways to improve our response effectiveness and timing. If you come to school and see a sign on the door, it will give information and indicate the type of drill being practiced. Please don't be alarmed and just know that we are practicing so that we can better protect our students. **In the event that we would ever need to evacuate the building for any reason, our Parent Reunification Site will be the school Bus Barn located at 111 E. 2nd Street, Allen.**

In the case of an emergency, we would ask that parents and community members keep the following in mind:

- 1) Parents and relatives should **NOT** respond to the incident site (**school**) to allow public safety personnel time to respond to the incident.
- 2) Students will be released only to approved adults at the evacuation/reunification site (**Bus Barn**).
- 3) All members of the community should avoid driving anywhere within several blocks of the incident or evacuation/reunification site.
- 4) All members of the community should avoid using cellular phones for the first several hours of the situation. This is to help keep cellular phone service from collapsing, as it has in a number of school crisis events. School and public safety officials may be heavily reliant on cellular service during a crisis.
- 5) Concerned parties should not call the school, school board members, or public safety dispatch centers to get information regarding the incident or particular students and employees. Personnel at these locations will be extremely busy and often do not have information regarding each evacuee. Inquiries severely hamper efforts to manage the crisis properly.

We certainly hope we **NEVER** have to actually use these procedures, but we want to be as prepared and responsive as we can possibly be if we do.

Thank you~ Administration

From the Guidance Counselor

Seasons Greetings to everyone! It is hard to believe we are already in the month of December. The Seniors have been busy applying to colleges, completing the FASFA, and searching and applying for scholarships. Some have also taken the opportunity to visit college campuses. There is a Junior and Senior Timeline in the newsletter this month. Please take time to look at the suggested schedule if it pertains to your child. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of these events, please reach out to me at ksmith@allenschools.org or call (402) 635-2484 ext. 404 Kristin Smith, School



2025-2026 Early College Opportunities

Online class opportunities
for Early College students

EARLY COLLEGE ONLINE

Classes to take now if you are completing the first steps to a bachelor's degree:

ACCT 1200- Principles of Accounting I
*It is recommended students have high school experience in accounting before enrolling in ACCT 1200

COMM 1110- Public Speaking

EDUC 1110- Introduction to Professional Education

ENGL 1010- English Composition I *

ENGL 1020- English Composition II +

GEOG 1020- World Regional Geography

HIST 1060- World History II

HIST 2010- American History I

HIST 2020- American History II

PHYS 1100- Physical Science & Lab

POLS 1000- American Government

PSYC 1810- Introduction to Psychology

SOCI 1010- Introduction to Sociology

SPAN 1200- Elementary Spanish I

Please Note: Courses listed may be offered fall and/or spring semesters. Refer to the schedule at northeast.edu for scheduling and CRN information.

*-Test Scores Required
+-Prerequisite must be met

For more information visit our website, call/text (402) 844-7118, or email earlycollege@northeast.edu.

EARLY COLLEGE ONLINE

Classes to take now if you are on the fast track to a career in 2 years or less:

ECON 1010 - Personal and Business Finance

ENGL 1050 - Workplace Communication*

HLTH 1060 - Comprehensive Medical Terminology

INFO 1000 - Basic Computer Applications

MATH 1020 - Technical Math I*

PSYC 1000 - Human Relations

Please Note: Courses listed may be offered fall and/or spring semesters. Refer to the schedule at northeast.edu for scheduling and CRN information.

*-Test Scores Required
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APPLY & REGISTER

Apply today on the Northeast Community College website or visit with your High School Counselor.

After your application is processed:

- 1) An email will be sent to the student email address provided with information including your User ID and instructions on how to claim your account.
- 2) Once you claim your account, log in to your My Northeast account to register for classes.
- 3) Within one week of the start of the class, access your class(es) by logging in to your My Apps and accessing your Canvas account. Instructions for logging into the video conference for virtual classes can be found in the course information in Canvas.

If you need assistance with your online course, please contact the Service Center at help@northeast.edu or call (402) 844-4357.

Northeast Community College is again offering dual credit classes to 11th-12th grade students this spring.

The classes at Northeast Community College are free. Courses begin in January and end at the beginning of May. If your child is interested in taking advantage of this amazing opportunity, please see Mrs. Smith to apply.

Students are responsible for payment of the book(s). Please refer to the class offerings listed in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Smith at 402-635-2484 or email at ksmith@allenschools.org.



SENIORS... A Guide for Your Journey to College

Fall

- Take dual credit courses to earn college credit.
- Visit your top college choices.
- Use *ScholarshipQuest* to look for scholarships.
- Attend a College Fair to meet with college representatives.
- Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
- Apply to your top colleges.
- Create FSA ID's at **StudentAid.gov** (you and one parent). Allow 3-5 days for verification before completing the FAFSA.
- Complete the FAFSA at **StudentAid.gov** to apply for financial aid.
- Expect a FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) indicating your application was processed or if further action is needed.
- Retake the ACT

Winter

- Watch for college acceptance letters.
- Be prepared for financial aid verification. The college(s) may request documents to verify your FAFSA information.
- Expect financial aid offers from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA

Spring

- Compare financial aid offers to see which college offers the best award package.
- Continue to apply for scholarships. Many have spring deadlines.
- Make your final college decision and notify other schools.
- Submit your housing deposit before the deadline.

Summer

- Attend new student orientation at your college.
- Apply for student loans, if needed. Your college will tell you how to apply.
- Coordinate dorm purchases with your roommate.

VISIT EducationQuest.org to:

- Sign up for Countdown to College monthly e-mail tips.
- Update your *Activities Resume*
- Research colleges using *College Profiles*.
- Find free FAFSA tools
- Find dates of Financial Aid Programs
- Find Nebraska based Scholarships via *ScholarshipQuest*
- Use *Reality Check* to match your future career with your desired lifestyle.

JUNIORS... A Guide for Your Journey to College

Fall

- Ask your counselor what courses you still need to take to meet college admission requirements.
- Take dual credit courses to earn college credit.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities to increase your chances for scholarships and college admission.
- Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college.
- Attend a college fair to meet with college representatives.
- Learn about careers that match your skills and interests.
- Research colleges that offer programs in your areas of interest.

Winter

- Prepare for the ACT. Ask your counselor about test prep options, including **actstudent.org**
- Focus on your career interests by taking a career assessment at your school.

Spring

- Go on college visits.
- Narrow your top college choices.
- Take the ACT
- Apply for a summer job, and plan to save part of your earnings for college.

Summer

- Retake the ACT and try to improve your score.
- Update your *Activities Resume*. Include awards, honors, volunteer work, and other activities.
- Job shadow to explore potential careers.
- Use *ScholarshipQuest* to research scholarships you can apply for senior year.

VISIT EducationQuest.org to:

- Sign up for Countdown to College monthly e-mail tips.
- Create or update your *Activities Resume*
- Find dates of Financial Aid Programs
- Set up a *ScholarshipQuest* profile to find Nebraska based Scholarships.
- Use *Reality Check* to match your future career with your desired lifestyle.
- Research colleges using *College Profiles*.



WOLFPACK WAY DIFFERENCE MAKER NOMINATIONS

Do you know a student or staff member who goes about and beyond to make a positive difference in our school? Parents and community members are encouraged to fill out the form too!

Nominate a DIFFERENCE MAKER today and help us celebrate those who embody the Wolfpack Way through their actions, character, and commitment.



Fill out the quick nomination form by going to the Allen Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/allenconsolidatedschools>) or Allen Consolidated Schools Website (<https://www.allenschools.org/>), or the school bulletin and search for Wolfpack Way Difference Maker.

You are welcome to submit as many nominations as you'd like through-out the year--let's shine a light on the people who remind us that **Every Day Matters!**

#WolfpackWay #DifferenceMakers #EveryDayMatters

Allen Consolidated Schools
Music Department

Proudly Presents



Tuesday, December 16th
7 pm

Allen Gymnasium

Giving Tree



If you are interested in helping a family this Christmas and would like to choose a gift tag off the giving tree, please come to school beginning Tuesday, December 2nd to grab a tag. (Don't forget to write your name and tag number on the sign-up sheet). You may bring the item for the Giving Tree back to the school wrapped or unwrapped. **The gifts are due to the school office by Tuesday, December 16th.**

The gifts will be ready for pickup or delivery on Thursday, December 18th.

If you are receiving gifts, you will need to contact Mrs. Kneifl and meet her at the school for pickup, or she can also deliver them to your house.

As always, we appreciate the enormous generosity from our community! It can be a difficult time of year for families, and the Giving Tree allows our children to receive much needed gifts during the holiday season!

Thank you in advance for your help and kindness!

JUNIOR CLASS

POINSETTIA PICK UP

FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER
WILL BE POSTED ON WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA
ALL MUST BE PICKED UP BY 12/5!

October Wolfpack Way Celebration

A/B Honor Roll for 1st Quarter



Back Row: Ethin Graves, Atlee Anderson, James Kneifl, Jude Ridenour, Blake Kneifl, Devin Reinert. Front Row: Jax Gensler, Erika Pojar, Cora Ridenour, Hank Niemann, Tucker Anderson, Hailey Millard

All "A" Honor Roll for 1st Quarter



L to R: Aybree Graves, Logan Kraemer, Ellise Niemann, Kaelyn Ankeny, Brooklyn McCorkindale, Michael Ridenour, Cheyenne Sullivan

October Students of the Month



L to R: Ellise Niemann, Raelyn Pedersen, Max Ankeny, Kora Sachau, Samuel Johnson

October Staff of the Month



L to R: Haley Stapleton, DJ Smith, Desiree Kneifl, Becky Stapleton



Students of the Quarter



L to R: Max Ankeny, Arlo Kingston, Sam Rastede, Brooklyn McCorkindale



Following the awards, students participated in a game called "Giant, Elf, Wizard" lead by Mrs. Smith!

CLASS OF 2026 - THE DEADLINE FOR THE SENIOR PICTURES FOR THE ANNUAL IS JANUARY 9, 2026. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PICTURES TAKEN IN ADVANCE OF THIS DEADLINE. DIGITAL FORMAT IS THE BEST WAY TO SUBMIT YOUR PICTURE. PLEASE BRING DIGITAL PHOTOS ON A FLASH DRIVE OR E-MAIL THE FILES TO [NCURNYN@ALLENSCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:ncurnyn@allenschools.org). YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER TAKE YOUR PICTURES BUT KNOW ALL PHOTOS MUST MEET THE APPROVAL OF THE ALLEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN AND SUBMITTED, THE SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE ONE FOR YOU. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SCHOOL'S PHOTO TO BE OF THE QUALITY OF A PROFESSIONAL. THANK YOU ~ SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR, JOURNALISM STAFF AND ADMINISTRATION

Senior Picture Message for Annual Staff

The annual staff will include senior recognition messages in the annual this year. This message will include a picture of your child, at any age from birth to current, with a parent message attached. Please send the photo and message by **January 9, 2026**, to ncurnyn@allenschools.org.

Senior Class Composite Message

The deadline for the composite picture is January 9, 2026. A senior class composite photo must consist of a formal head and shoulder pose with: NO HANDS SHOWING, NO SILHOUETTES, NO SIDE PROFILES, NO HATS, NO PETS, NO REVEALING OR INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING. Please inform your photographer of these guidelines. No exceptions to the above guidelines will be made. You **do not** have to have a professional photographer take your pictures, but the above guidelines need to be followed for all pictures submitted. Photos must meet the approval of the Allen Consolidated Schools Administration. Just a reminder if you use a professional photographer, it takes several weeks for a photographer to get your proofs back and several more weeks after you have picked out your poses for the photographer to get your actual pictures. Please bring digital photos on a flash drive or e-mail the files to ncurnyn@allenschools.org.



Winter is coming, and we have coats!

For Families in Cedar and Dixon Counties

Where? Faith Community Church
302 Elm St, Laurel, Nebraska
(402) 256-3781

South parking area and entrance

When? Open Wednesdays 3-6 pm, October 1, 2025 - January 14, 2026

What? Child & adult coats, hats, and gloves
Limited number of snow pants and snow boots available

How? All need to come and try things on.
Children must come with an adult.
The Coat Closet is closed if school is closed due to weather.

We ask that you come during Coat Closet hours, but if you need to come at a different time, please phone the church and leave a message.
You will be contacted to set up an appointment.
(402) 256-3781

Donations of clean, gently used, winter outerwear can be placed in the tote just inside the south door of the church.

Class of 2025: Reach out to Mr. Curnyn to claim your FREE 2024–2025 Yearbook! Want to purchase an extra copy??? Additional 2024–2025 yearbooks are available for \$20
Feeling nostalgic?
Previous years' yearbooks are only \$1!
Yes, ONE. DOLLAR.
For any questions about yearbooks, please contact Mr. Curnyn. ncurnyn@allenschools.org

**50th
DAY
OF
SCHOOL**

And just like that 50 days of school have passed!
Kindergarten celebrated the number 50 on Oct 27th!



Be a Volunteer! ~ Becoming a school volunteer can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Sharing a special talent, reading a book to a student, assisting the school librarian, helping to put up an interesting bulletin board for the classroom teacher, or helping chaperone on a field trip are all ways that one can serve as a school volunteer. Volunteers are made up of parents, grandparents, businesspeople, retirees, high school students, and other community members. They can volunteer on a regular basis or on special occasions. If you would like to volunteer, please call the school at (402) 635-2484.



Weather-Related School Delays and Closings

As winter approaches, we want to remind families of how Allen Consolidated Schools will communicate weather-related schedule changes.

Where to Find Updates:

- **Local Media:** Tune in to Sioux City TV and radio stations for announcements.
- **School Website:** Visit <http://www.allenschools.org> and click on School Closings or Delays in the Quick Links dropdown.
- **Allen Consolidated Schools App:** Available on the Google Play Store and iTunes Store. Click on the School Closings button for updates. ****Reminder:** Be sure to enable push notifications when installing the app to receive timely alerts.



The safety of our students, staff, and families is our top priority. Decisions to cancel, delay, or dismiss early are made after careful consideration and communication with other area schools. When possible, decisions may be made the night before. For the latest updates, check the 10:00 PM Sioux City news.

We will continue using the ADT notification system to call families directly. Push notifications will also be sent via the Allen Consolidated App.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our school community safe and informed.



Back Row: Tucker Anderson, Logan Kraemer, Jude Ridenour, Ethin Graves, James Kneifl. Front Row: Leah Johnson, Aybree Graves, Kaelyn Ankeny

Allen Quiz Bowl Teams Shine at Lewis and Clark Conference Competition

The Allen Quiz Bowl teams had a fantastic day at the Lewis and Clark Conference Quiz Bowl competition! Both Varsity and Junior Varsity competed in a challenging double-elimination tournament against other conference schools.

The **Varsity Team** started with a tough loss but bounced back with three consecutive wins before finishing with a close match that earned them an impressive **5th place overall!**

The **Junior Varsity Team** faced strong opponents and dropped their first two matches, but they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, energy, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Both teams are already looking forward to next year's competition and are eager to build on their success while continuing to represent Allen Consolidated Schools with pride!

Varsity Team

L to R:
Logan,
James,
Ethin,
Jude



JV Team

L to R:
Tucker,
Leah,
Aybree,
Kaelyn



Fun was had by all this Halloween and Trunk-or-Treat!

We had a record 26 trunks this year ~ THANK YOU!



2nd Graders



5th Graders



3rd Graders



6th Graders

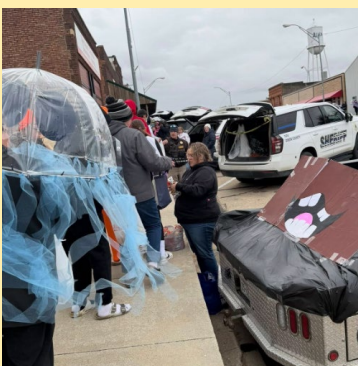


4th Graders

Thank You!



A huge thank you to all our incredible participants who helped make our Trunk-or-Treat a huge success! We couldn't have done it without your support, participation, and enthusiasm. See you next year!



Lewis and Clark Vocal Clinic

On Monday, November 3, the Allen Choir attended the Lewis and Clark Vocal Clinic in Randolph.



Congratulations to **Alex Ankeny**, who auditioned and was selected for the Honor Choir for the **third consecutive year**—an incredible accomplishment!



A big **thank you and congratulations** to the entire Allen Choir for participating in an outstanding concert and representing our school with excellence!

L to R: Erika Pojar, Kaelyn Ankeny, Becca McNear, Alex Ankeny, Cheyenne Sullivan, Aubree Johnson



Congrats to our Wolfpack Volleyball team on an awesome season! They finished with a 24-6 record and are bringing home the D1-5 District Runner-Up plaque from Shelton. We are so proud of you!



TCNE Wolfpack Athletic Boosters' Merchandise Store is updated with new items and designs! It's open online 24/7, 365 days a year! Your order is mailed directly to you, usually within 2-3 weeks. Check it out to order your Wolfpack gear!

<https://www.rtithreads.com/catalog/category/view/s/tri-county-northeast/id/47/>.



Our 5th/6th Grade Wolfpack Girls had an exciting season competing in the volleyball league! They finished with a strong **6-3 record** and participated in monthly tournaments.

Front row: Taygan, Alyssa, Cassidy
Back row: Paisillie, Landri, Finn, Ani

Youth Volleyball News



On **November 1**, our **6th Grade Wolfpack "Crayons"** took part in the **4-on-4 Halloween Spooktacular Tournament**, finishing with a **2-1 record**.

Front: Landri
Back row: Paisillie, Ani, Finn

Great job to all our athletes for their hard work, teamwork, and dedication throughout the season! We're proud of you!

Grades 4–8 Enjoy Sioux City Musketeers Game at Tyson Event Center

In November, students in grades 4–8 traveled to the Tyson Event Center in Sioux City to watch the Sioux City Musketeers hockey game! The event was part of Empirical Foods School Game Day, where schools from across the Siouxland area received free admission to the game. It was an exciting day filled with fun and school spirit - everyone had a great time!



Congrats to these TCNE Football Players on their All-District Selections! L to R: Thatcher Lamp, Ruany Figueroa, Braxten Sebade, Devin Reinert (HM), Logan Morgan (HM), Knox Lamp (HM)



Congrats to our Wolfpack volleyball players who earned postseason L&C All Conference volleyball honors!

ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS 2025

PENDER TREVOR TRIMBLE, REECE HEINEMAN, ZANDER WELSH, KADDO SCHRUNK, OWEN LARSEN, JAKE SCHUSTER	TCNE THATCHER LAMP, RUANY FIGUEROA, BRAXTEN SEBADE
WISNER - PILGER LOGAN NELSON, BLAINE BELLAR, REGAN RAABE, JASE ALEXANDER, JAXON KNOELL	WAKEFIELD JACOB BORG, MASON LAMPRECHT, RUBEN VEGA
HOMER AXTON CASKEY, AUSTIN PELSTER, STEVE HARRIS	GACC MAVERICK SMITH, ISAAC GUENTHER, RYDER ANDERSON-RAY, TREVOR STEFFEN

HONORABLE MENTIONS

LOGAN TIMM	KORBYN ANTHONY	EDWIN CORTEZ	JOSEPH EAMES	DEVIN REINERT	LOGAN MORGAN
PENDER	WISNER - PILGER	WISNER - PILGER	GACC	TCNE	TCNE
EASTON DUTCHER	AUSTIN HATTERMAN	EVAN LAUCK	REED MODLIN	KNOX LAMP	RYAN LINKOUS
PENDER	WISNER - PILGER	WISNER - PILGER	HOMER	TCNE	PENDER



LEWIS AND CLARK CONFERENCE



Congratulations to our TCNE Wolfpack Volleyball players who have been selected for 2025 L & C Conference postseason honors!



Kiya Tornez - SR
All Conference - 1st Team



Joslyn Mackling - JR
All Conference - 1st Team



Allyson Belt - SO
All Conference - 2nd Team

ALLEN FFA CHAPTER

DECEMBER
2025

National Convention

Six seniors attended National FFA Convention in Indy



Parents Night

November 13th was Parents Night. The following FFA members received degrees:

Discovery Degree:

Jacob Eisenhauer, McKenna Gentrup, Aubree Johnson, Stockden McNear, Cheyenne Sullivan, Gabby Tift, Jacob Warner

Greenhand Degree:

Kaelyn Ankeny, Aybree Graves, Leah Johnson, Logan Kraemer, Carter McNear, Ellise Niemann, Hank Niemann, Mason Rastede, Cora Ridenour, Carlee Stanley

Chapter Degree:

Tucker Anderson, Hailey Millard, James Warner. Congratulations!!!

Upcoming Events

- Ag Career Day Dec 4 @ HAL
- Christmas Party / Meeting Dec 15
- Livestock Judging Contest Jan 25



Reminder

Fruit and cookie dough will be delivered Dec 4th.

If you prefer to pick it up from school please call Ms. Horton at 402-841-2720.

Leadership Development Events

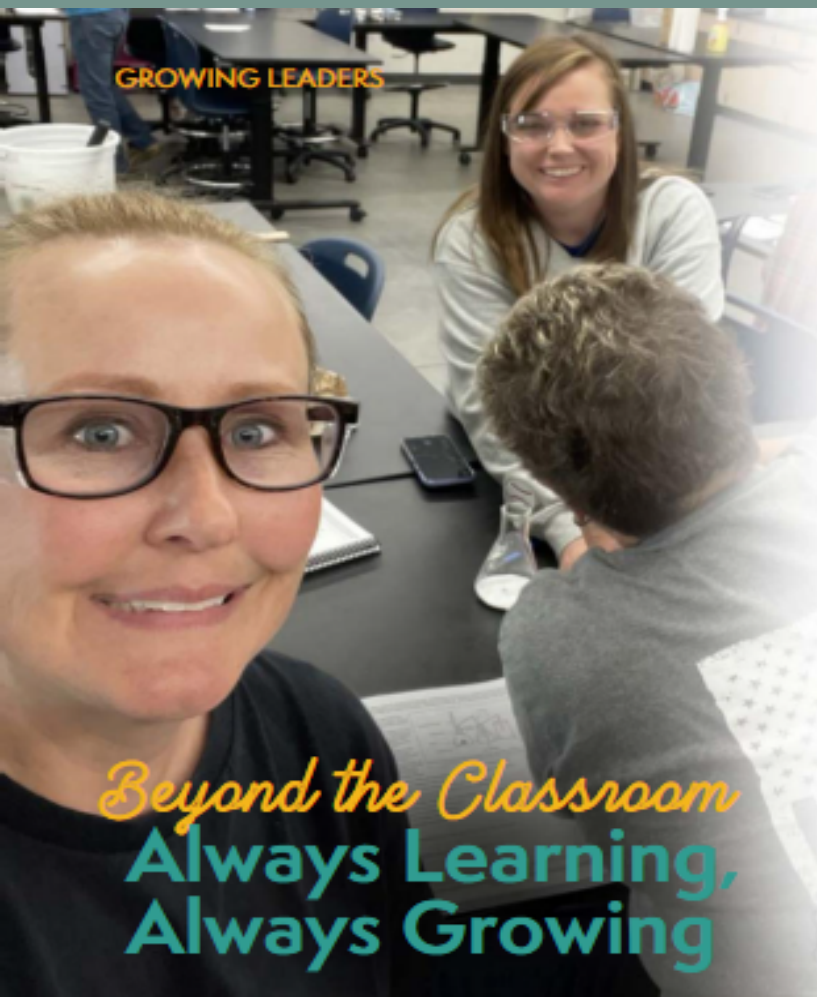
Competing in LDE's this year are:

Cora Ridenour and Kaelyn Ankeny in Creed Speaking; Alex Ankeny in Employment Skills; Logan Kraemer in Jr. Public Speaking; Miley Boyle, Kristina Hogue, Dodge Melby, and Samantha Rastede in Ag Demonstration; and Cheyenne Sullivan, Gabby Tift, Stockden McNear, and Jacob Warner in junior high Quiz Bowl.



Nebraska FFA Foundation's 2024-2025 Annual Report

Article featuring Allen's Ag Teacher – Ms. Horton



GROWING LEADERS

Beyond the Classroom
**Always Learning,
Always Growing**

At the Nebraska FFA Foundation, part of our everyday mission is to invest in agricultural education by "Growing Leaders." One way we accomplish this lasting goal is to assist ag educators in continued professional growth and development.

Through a variety of both in-person and virtual options, CASE 4 Learning (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education) provides professional development opportunities for teachers, striving to keep teachers equipped and students engaged. This summer, teachers participated in professional development events, or CASE Institutes, that covered curriculum focusing on eight different full-year courses.

Amber Horton, agriculture teacher at Allen Consolidated Schools, traveled to Greeley, Colorado, to attend the NRE (Natural Resources and Ecology) CASE Institute. She spent five days working through lessons and learning how to deliver them in an inquiry-based way that shifts the focus in the classroom from teacher-led to student-directed learning.

Horton was able to utilize a scholarship provided by the Nebraska FFA Foundation and funded by

the Nebraska Soybean Board, to participate in the CASE training. Horton is supplementing this STEM-based curriculum by using soybeans as a model, focus, and method for learning. She is implementing this curriculum in her classroom by utilizing soybeans in various segments of the NRE CASE curriculum.

Horton, who has been teaching for 14 years, and in her third year at Allen, chose to attend the NRE program because natural resources has always been a personal passion for her.

"I chose to attend this training because I wanted to have more engaging lessons to offer my students," Horton explains. "I also wanted to bring the science element to my lessons, which was missing from my previous curriculum."

Horton already teaches plant science and natural resources courses as part of the fall and spring semesters, so she plans to use the NRE CASE curriculum to teach several new lessons in her classroom. In addition, she will also use the new curriculum when she teaches land evaluation concepts for the area land judging contest.



"I learned how to test water, air and soil for quality measures that will also fit into several of my other courses," says Horton. "I also learned ways I can bring to life many of the topics and lessons I already teach."

Horton shares many positives from the CASE Institute, but her biggest takeaway from the training was realizing the opportunity for increased student engagement.

"I realized I can do more science-based labs and hands-on activities than in the past to engage my students," she says. "It provides plenty of curriculum to make your courses rigorous and contains industry-quality content."

In addition, Horton also gained valuable networking experience, keeping in touch with fellow teachers who attended the training, giving her the ability to reach out when she has a question or needs help with something CASE-related.

As the agriculture industry continues to evolve, so must the classrooms, curriculum, and educators that prepare our future generations. By prioritizing lifelong learning and professional development of our educators, the Nebraska FFA Foundation is committed to our mission to ensure effective leadership is cultivated for years to come!

THANK YOU VETERANS




Guest Speaker
- Randy Lukken



History Teacher
- Dave Uldrich



One Act season is in full swing!

The cast and crew of "Race Day" have been busy performing at various invites and festivals this past week. Congrats to these award winners:

Lutheran High Northeast Eagle Invite:

Outstanding Actors: Grace Ankeny, Aidan Isom

Swedish Festival:

Outstanding Performers: Grace Ankeny, Joey Lyle, Erika Pojar

Lewis and Clark Conference:

Outstanding Actors: Grace Ankeny, Kaelyn Ankeny, Aidan Isom

There is still time to catch them in action in the next few weeks!

📅 Tuesday, November 25

📍 Allen Gym

🕒 3:00 p.m. (school performance) and 7:00 p.m. (FREE public performance)

OR

📅 Tuesday, December 2nd

(District D2-3 Play Production)

📍 St. Mary's (O'Neill)

🕒 1:15 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$6 and Students \$5
NO passes accepted

One Act Awards



Aidan Isom as "Primal Instinct"

LHNE Eagle Invite November 15
Outstanding Actor

L & C Conference November 18
Outstanding Actor



Grace Ankeny as "Pleasure"

LHNE Eagle Invite November 15
Outstanding Actor

Swedish Festival November 17
Outstanding Performer

L & C Conference November 18
Outstanding Actor



Erika Pojar as "Ego"
Swedish Festival November 17
Outstanding Performer



Joey Lyle as "Intellect"

Swedish Festival November 17
Outstanding Performer



Kaelyn Ankeny as "Fear"

Swedish Festival November 17
Outstanding Performer

L & C Conference November 18
Outstanding Actor

RACE Day

By William L. Bowman, Jr.

BASKET

★ ★ RAFFLE ★ ★

**SUPPORT THE JUNIOR CLASS AND WIN SOME
AWESOME PRIZES!**

**DECEMBER 5TH
BASKETBALL VS. BLOOMFIELD
IN THE SCHOOL COMMONS
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
DRAWING AT HALFTIME OF BOYS GAME**

BASKETS YOU COULD WIN:

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| ✿ Haircare | ✿ Giftcards | ✿ Air Compressor |
| ✿ Meat and Sauces | ✿ Game Day | ✿ Snuggle Up at Home |
| ✿ Car Care Kit | ✿ Movie Night | ✿ Movie Night |

and more being added!

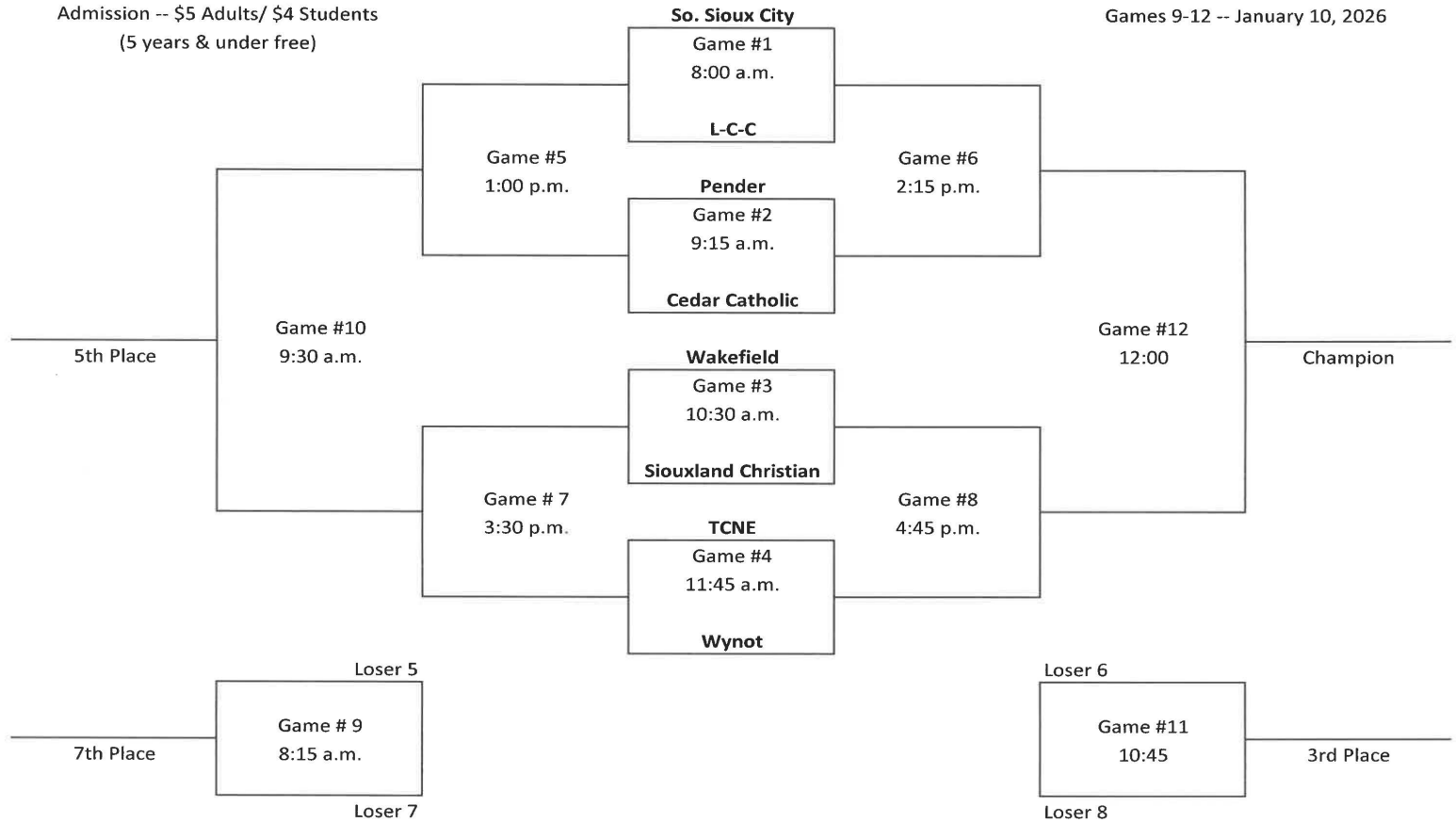
**COME WATCH THE GAME. BUY
SOME TICKETS. WIN SOME PRIZES!**

**Any questions, please contact
Mrs. Munter or Mrs. Stephens**

39th Annual Allen "A" Club Freshmen-Sophomore Basketball Tournament

Admission -- \$5 Adults/ \$4 Students
(5 years & under free)

Games 1-8 -- January 3, 2026
Games 9-12 -- January 10, 2026



Team on top of bracket is HOME/LIGHT jerseys + scoreboard
Games may run AHEAD OF SCHEDULE; we will start EARLY if possible

Winter Sports Christmas Break Practice Schedules

HS Girls Basketball

Dec 22 - BB Games
@ Tekamah-Herman

Dec 23 – No practice

Dec 24 - Dec 28
- NSAA MORATORIUM

Dec 29 & 30
- Varsity Holiday Tournament
@ Stanton

Dec 31 - practice @ Allen at 8am

Jan 1 - practice @ Allen at 8am

Jan 2 – practice @ Allen at 8am

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Jan 1 - practice @ E-H at 8am

Jan 2 – JV & V Boys BB Games
vs Cornerstone Christian @ E-H

Jan 3 – A-Club Tournament
@ Allen

HS B & G Wrestling

Dec 20
– Girls Invite @ Pierce
– Boys Invite @ Osmond

Dec 22 - practice @ Allen

Dec 23 - practice @ Allen

Dec 24 - Dec 28
- NSAA MORATORIUM

Dec 29 - practice @ E-H

Dec 30
- Boys Invite @ Newman Grove
- Girls – practice @ E-H

Dec 31 – practice @ E-H

Jan 1 – practice @ E-H

Jan 2
- Girls Invite @ Winnebago
- Boys - practice @ E-H

2025 TCNE Boys Basketball



Back row: Axton Olsufka, Kash Mackling, Carter Newton, Ben Bousquet, Cody Malasek, Matthew Bousquet

Middle row: Blake Kneifl, James Kneifl, Tucker Anderson, Knox Lamp, Logan Morgan

Front row: Jude Ridenour, Jaxon Hall, Devin Reinert, Thatcher Lamp, Landyn Servine, Atlee Anderson

2025 TCNE Girls Basketball



Back row: Carlee Stanley, Aybree Graves, Maddie Franzluebbers, Delaney Fuchser, Kaylen Ankeny, Cora Ridenour, Aubrey Mitchell

Front row: Briley Anderson, Joslyn Mackling, Samantha Rastede, Kristina Hogue, Grace Ankeny, Emily Mitchell



2025 TCNE Boys Wrestling



Back row: Taven Kent, Braxten Sebade, Drayden Nielsen
Front row: Aidan Isom, Landon Newton, Nate Franzluebbers

2025 TCNE Girls Wrestling



Back Row: Andrea Tomas-Bacillo, Jayda Stallbaum, Leah Johnson
Front Row: Jenni Olson, Kiya Tornez

Allen presents
Christmas in the Village
December 6, 2025

Schedule of Events

- 7:30 - 9:30 AM** Christmas Breakfast - Fire Hall
Free Will Donation
- 8:30 - 10:30 AM** Stores on Main Open
- 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.** Bingo - Legion Club
- 9:00 - 11:00 AM** Christmas Shop - Methodist Church
 Quilt Show - Methodist Church
- 9:00 AM** Bake Sale - NE Nebraska Insurance Office
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM** Kids' Crafts/Games - Fire Hall
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM** Lunch - Junior Class fundraiser - Fire Hall
Free Will Donation
- 11:30 - 12:30 PM** Santa & Mrs. Claus come to town - Fire Hall
- 12:45 PM** Drawing of Prizes - Fire Hall
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
- 1:00 - 1:30 P.M.** "Raise the Rafters" Singalong
 Rafters Bar & Grill



Christmas in the Village



Presents

**The Christmas
 Breakfast**

HOSTED BY

The Park Committee

 **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

 7:30 am-9:30 am  Allen Firehall

Free Will Donation for Park Improvement Projects

Join us for Egg Casserole, Sausage, and Pancakes

EGGS DONATED BY **MICHAEL
 FOODS®**



**Allen Community
 Children's Christmas Shop**
 (Kids Ages 3yr- 6th Grade)

Saturday, December 6th
9:00-11:00a.m.
Allen United Methodist Church

Donations including gift items or monetary contributions to help purchase gifts would be greatly appreciated. Gifts for Moms, Dads, Brothers, and Sisters will be needed, especially Dad's and Brother's items. Christmas wrap and gift boxes would also be beneficial.

Items can be dropped off at the Methodist Church and Monetary donations will be placed under the office door.
 (Checks can be made out to Allen United Methodist Church and Specified for Children's Christmas Shop).

Your Contributions are greatly appreciated!!
 Thank You!!





Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 B: French Toast Sticks L: Italian Dunkers Marinara Sauce Green Beans Brownie	2 B: Yogurt & Pop Tart L: Chili Crackers Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick	3 B: Biscuit, Egg & Sausage L: Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Tea Roll	4 B: Mini Banana Loaf L: Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Baked Beans Chips	5 B: Pancake & Sausage on a Stick L: BBQ Rib Patty Mac-n-Cheese Orange Fluff
8 B: Omelets L: Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Peas	9 B: Long John L: Soft Shell Taco Smiley Fries Refried Beans	10 B: Scrambled Eggs L: Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Tea Roll	11 B: Breakfast Pizza L: Hot Ham & Cheese Broccoli w/cheese sauce Jello	12 B: Breakfast Scrambler L: Fiestada Pizza Stuffed Bread Stick Corn
15 B: Mini Strawberry Cream Cheese Bagels L: Hot Dog Baked Beans Chips Oreo Fluff	16 B: Cinnamon Roll L: Mandarin Orange Chicken Asian Rice Egg Roll Tea Roll Fortune Cookie	17 B: Egg Bites L: Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Tea Roll	18 B: Banana Bar L: Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Cookie	19 B: Waffles L: Biscuits & Gravy Tri-Tater Cheese Stick
22 NO SCHOOL Christmas	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL Break	26 NO SCHOOL

All Breakfast Meals (B) include: Variety of cereal or oatmeal.

All Lunch Meals (L) include:

8 oz. Milk
Salad Bar

All Breakfast Meals (B) Include: 8 oz. Milk, Fruit or Fruit Juice

Salad Bar may include the

following options:

Tomatoes
Bean Variety
Fruit Variety

Fresh Lettuce
Carrots / Celery
Diced Eggs
Cucumbers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:00pm – JH Girls Basketball vs Homer @ E-H 6:00pm – VG/VB Basketball Jamboree vs LHNE @ E-H	2 8:00am – D2-3 District One Act @ St. Mary's–O'Neill 4:00-8:00pm – FAFSA Night @ Allen School	3	4 9:30am – Ag Career Day @ Haskell Ag Lab 4:00pm – JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Randolph	5 2:00pm – JH Boys Wrestling @ Homer 4:00pm – JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs Bloomfield @ Allen PARENT'S NIGHT for BB & Wrestling	6 10:30am – HS Boys Wrestling @ Plainview
7	8 2:00pm – JH Girls Basketball @ Wynot 3:00pm – HS Girls Wrestling @ West Holt 6:00pm – School Board Meeting	9	10 2:30pm – JH Girls Basketball @ Hartington-Newcastle	11 State One Act @ Norfolk	12 9:15am – 9 th Gr Career Day @ NECC 4:00pm – JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball vs L-C-C @ E-H	13 10:30am – HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ North Bend Central HS
14	15 6:00pm – FFA Chapter Meeting Christmas Party	16 7:00pm PK – Gr 12 Holiday Concert in gym	17	18 1:00pm – EARLY OUT – Semester Tests 8:30am-11:30am – KG – Gr 6 Movie Field Trip 2:00pm – JH Girls Basketball vs Siouxland Christian @ Allen 5:00pm – JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Winside (no JVG game) 5:00pm – HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Ponca	19 NO SCHOOL for Elementary End of the First Semester 1:00pm – EARLY OUT – Semester Tests 3:00pm – HS Girls Wrestling @ Elgin Pope John 4:45pm – JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Ponca	20 8:30am – JH Girls Basketball Tourney @ Ponca 9:30am – HS Boys Wrestling @ Osmond 10:00am – HS Girls Wrestling @ Pierce
21	22 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Gym closed for refinishing -- 4:00pm – JVG/JVB/VG/VB Basketball @ Tekamah-Herman	23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Gym closed for refinishing -- NSAA Moratorium	24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Gym closed for refinishing -- NSAA Moratorium	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Gym closed for refinishing -- NSAA Moratorium	26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Gym closed for refinishing -- NSAA Moratorium	27 NSAA Moratorium
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Mrs. Carla Dickens, Gr KG-4 Guidance

Becky Stapleton, Principals' Secretary

Stephanie Sullivan,

District Bookkeeper / Administrative Assistant



The days are starting to get cooler and keep in mind that the elementary students will be out at recess most days.

Be sure that you send your child with the appropriate attire for recess each day.

As winter weather fast approaches, your child needs to bring snow pants, a heavy coat, boots, hat, and gloves every day for recess during the winter months (*per the student handbook*). The teacher on recess duty those days will decide which clothing items are needed in order to safely enjoy the recess time. If winter attire is needed and your child does not have the proper clothing, they will not be able to play and will be required to stand in an area designated by the teacher on duty. Please send your child with the proper items needed for each days' weather forecast. They can be kept at school for your convenience. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

We greatly appreciate your help with this matter.

~ PK - 6th grade Teachers ~

Allen Consolidated Schools Improves Student Safety with TIPS



Just a reminder: the TIPS reporting link is on the school website and can be used to allow the anonymous reporting of bullying, weapons, abuse, vandalism, suicide risks and other concerning behaviors that may have a negative effect on the school's learning environment.

TIPS can also be used to report acts of kindness or other make positive comments in something called a Hero report.

How it works: if you are worried about friends, students or others, or if you witness concerning behaviors, simply go to the Allen School website (www.allenschools.org) and click on the **TIPS REPORT INCIDENT** button under Quicklinks on the right side of the website. Select the appropriate incident type, share the necessary details and then SUBMIT.

Once an incident report is made, the principal and designated staff members are immediately notified via email and can securely review the report details to begin coordinating an appropriate assessment and response. TIPS provides all team members with the right tools to track and document the actions taken, see related reports, set automated reminders, review past reports, check school policy, and connect the right dots so no students or incidents are overlooked. **Please keep in mind that due to confidentiality issues, it may not be possible for reporters to be informed on how their report was handled and/or how the situation was resolved.**

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

**1:00pm Early Out – Dec 18 & 19
Semester Tests**

NO School Elementary Only – Dec 19

**NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 22 to January 2**



Are you new to the Allen School District or have you had an addition to your family?

The School District Census Report is a requirement from the Department of Education that is due every July for children ages 0 - 21 that reside in our school district. These numbers are used by the Nebraska Department of Education for state aid and for federal funding. This list is also used to invite children who are eligible to be enrolled in Preschool and Kindergarten each spring.

If you are new to our district or know of anyone who is new to our district you are encouraged to contact the school to provide us information. State statute and board policy requires that the school district establishes a permanent, continuing census of all children age 0 - 21, and to maintain this census on yearly basis.

Please contact Stephanie Sullivan or Becky Stapleton at (402) 635-2484
Or email: ssullivan1@allenschools.org
or bstapleton@allenschools.org.