



The EAGLE Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

We want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break! January can be a great time for reflecting back over the past year, as well as looking ahead to the new one. We would like to encourage parents and students to discuss how school has been going and make some goals for the new semester. Our first day back will be **Wednesday, January 4**, and students will be making a clean start in terms of grades. This is an excellent time to make sure they begin well! Perhaps they need to meet with a teacher and make a plan to improve their classroom performance. Late or missing homework can be a huge deterrent to success—now is the time to make sure our students stay on top of their work and do not get behind. Here at school, we will continue to keep parents updated by mail when a student has low grades, and we will be encouraging students to seek after-school help when needed. Please contact teachers or admin with any questions you might have—better communication between school and home can often help solve academic problems when they arise. By working together, hopefully everyone will have a successful second semester, both in and out of the classroom.

We are now in the middle of our winter activity schedule, and we have students who are busy with basketball, wrestling, quiz bowl, speech, art, band, FFA, and choir. We are also looking ahead to NSCAS and MAP testing this semester as well as the state mandated ACT test for all juniors. Our students are highly involved and working hard and we should be proud of the positive way in which they represent our school. They've been faced with obstacles, but they continue to compete and have shown fantastic resiliency and grit!

As always, we thank you for your support and encouragement and look forward to a fantastic 2023!

Mr. Michael Pattee, Superintendent and Mrs. Lana Oswald, Principal



Reminder!



Seniors! We need your senior pictures **by January 9, 2023**. The Yearbook staff needs your senior spotlight information **by February 1, 2023!**

All information can be submitted to hjackson@allenschools.org or written on the forms your senior has and returned to the school.

NEW THIS YEAR - SPONSOR A YEARBOOK PAGE!!!

Do you want to support the yearbook but do not need to advertise for a business? You can now sponsor a yearbook activity page! You will get to put your name and a message on the activity of your choice for \$30.00. (Examples: The John Doe family supports Wolfpack Basketball!) OR your business can sponsor a page. (Example: The Movie Theatre supports the Wolfpack - with a phone number included).

We have 41 pages you can choose from! On an ad sales sheet, there will be lines to select your top three choices of activities. If a page has more than one interested sponsor, pages will be distributed on a "first come, first served" basis. We will try our hardest to get everyone one of their top three choices!

If you want to sponsor a page but do not care which page, write "no preference" and our annual staff members will pick a page for you!

Contact Holli Jackson at hjackson@allenschools.org or a yearbook member for more information.

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, business people, 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.

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.

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.

Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Allen Consolidated Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex, disability, race, color, religion, 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 program and activities and provides equal access to Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Student contact - Lana Oswald, Principal, PO Box 190, Allen, NE 68710. (402) 635-2484 or laoswald@allenschools.org

Employees and Others - Michael Pattee, Superintendent, Title IX Director, PO Box 190, Allen, NE 68710 (402) 635-2484 or 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 is in the process of unifying 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 **NEVER** want to be as prepared and responsive as we can possibly be if we do. Thank you!

From the Counselor's Office

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! A reminder to Senior parents. Please fill out the FAFSA if you have not done so already! Many scholarships are based on need and require a Student Aid Report!

The Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship is due Feb. 1st and is a great opportunity for your child. Please encourage your senior to continue to search for scholarships in my office, on the educationquest.org website, and other various websites! (They have a list of several different websites.)

A few important dates to remember:

ACT tests are offered on the following dates this winter and spring:

February 11, 2023	Deadline to register: January 6, 2023
March 21, 2023	ACT for ALL Juniors at the United Methodist Church
April 15, 2023	Deadline to register: March 10, 2023
June 10, 2023	Deadline to register: May 5, 2023
July 15, 2023	Deadline to register: June 16, 2023

The Junior Class will begin preparing for the State ACT in January. We will again be utilizing On To College with John Baylor! This is a free program that prepares students in the areas of Reading, English, Science, Math, and basic test taking skills.

Please contact Mrs. Kneifl (dkneifl@allenschools.org) if you have any questions or need assistance with the FAFSA or registering for the ACT test!!



THANK YOU

to everyone that donated to the giving tree!!

We received many wonderful gifts. It is great to know many students will have a fun and happy Christmas because of you!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!
Mrs. Kneifl



First graders have spent the last three weeks learning about different holidays around the world in social studies. They packed their suitcases and head to: Mexico, Italy, Sweden, Israel, Germany, Australia, Africa & the Middle East, Canada and the United States! We lined up our hallway with posters, ornaments, and information about each country's holiday for others to learn about. The unit wrapped up by making an "ornament" with each country's holiday on it!



Competitive Speech Dates

- Jan 14 - Practice Makes Perfekt @ Wisner-Pilger
- Jan 28 - HNS/CC Invite @ Hartington
- Feb 4 - Homer Starry Knights @ Homer
- Feb 8 - L & C Conference @ Hartington-Newcastle
- Feb 10 - Wakefield Sweet Meet @ Wakefield
- Feb 18 - Gator Gab-Fest @ Wisner
- Feb 23 - Speech Showcase in commons area
- Feb 25 - LCC Bear Invite @ Laurel
- TBD - District D2-3 Speech @ TBA
- March 17 - State Speech Championships @ Kearney



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.

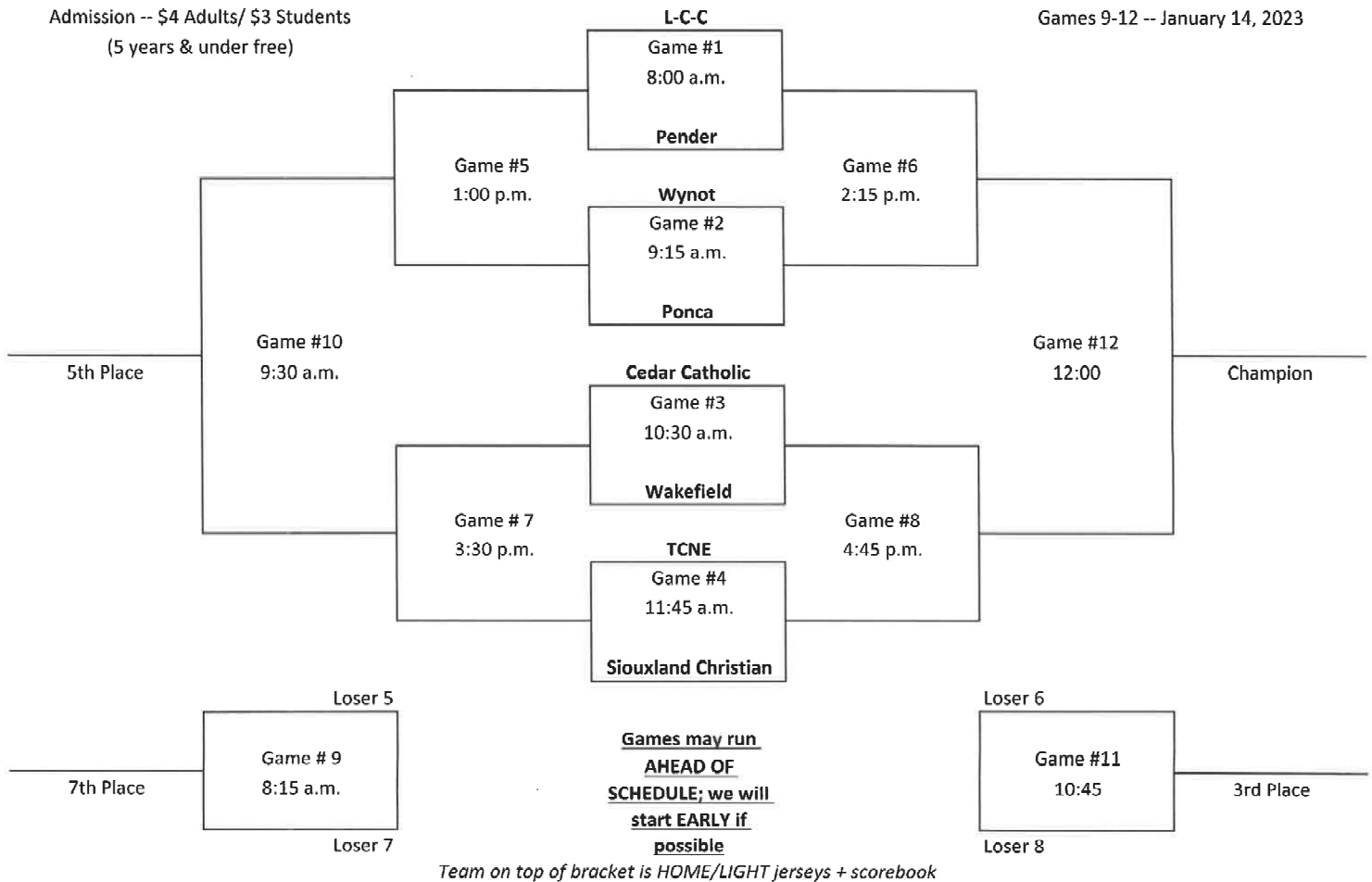
We greatly appreciate your help with this matter
~ PK - 6th grade Teachers



36th Annual Allen "A" Club Freshmen-Sophomore Basketball Tournament

Admission -- \$4 Adults/ \$3 Students
(5 years & under free)

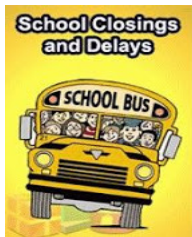
Games 1-8 -- January 7, 2023
Games 9-12 -- January 14, 2023



Allen Consolidated Schools

Be sure to "follow" the new Allen Consolidated Schools Facebook page!!

Go check out the official Allen Consolidated Schools Facebook page. This page is associated with the PK-12th grade public school located in Allen, Nebraska!



Information regarding school delays and closing can be found on all Sioux City TV and radio stations. There are many factors to consider before making the decision to cancel classes, to start late, or to dismiss early. First and foremost, is the safety of the students, faculty, parents, and staff. Such a decision is not taken lightly.

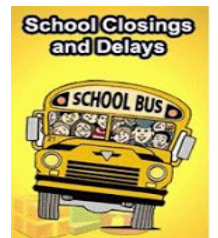
We will be communicating with other area schools and hopefully will make a decision as to a weather related two-hour late start or closing as soon as possible. Occasionally a decision can be made either for a two-hour late start or a closing the night before. In the case of severe weather please check the 10:00pm Sioux City news for up-to-date late start and closing information.

Weather-related dismissals can also be found by going to the school website at www.allenschools.org and clicking on the **School Closings or Delays** buttons on the right side section of **Quick Links** on the home page, or click on the **School Closings** button on the app!

The school will be continuing to use the ADT program where each family will be called about delays and closings, as well as continuing to use the push notifications from the **Allen Consolidated App** that can be found on the Google Play Store or the iTunes Store.

****make sure to allow push notifications when installing the app.****

Occasionally it may be necessary because of bad weather to have an early out. If this is the case every effort will be made to publicize the early out and contact parents. We do not want to have students home alone without prior parent approval.





Allen Consolidated Schools

January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK 2:00 PM -HS Basketball JVG / JVB / VG / VB @ Cornerstone Christian (Bellevue, NE) 4:30 PM - HS Boys Wrestling Dual @ Pender	School Resumes today	4:00 PM - HS Basketball JVG / JVB / VG / VB vs Wynot @ ALLEN "Parent's Night" for HS Basketball / Cheerleading between Varsity games		8:00 AM - "A" Club Tournament @ Allen (Grades 9 / 10 boys) 9:00 AM - HS Boys Wrestling Invitational @ Winside 6:00 PM - HS Basketball JVG / VG ONLY vs Hartington CC @ ALLEN
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	3:00 PM - JH Basketball @ Ponca Girl / Boy (B only) 4:00 PM - HS Boys Wrestling Invitational @ Oakland-Craig 7:00 PM - School Board Meeting	3:00 PM - JH Basketball @ Homer Boys only (B-A) 4:00 PM - HS Basketball JVG / JVB / VG / VB vs Winnebago @ Emerson		3:00 PM- JH Basketball vs Plainview @ Allen Boys only (B-A) 6:00 PM - HS Basketball VG / VB only @ Siouxland Christian *rescheduled from 12/8/22	12:00 PM - HS Boys Wrestling Invitational @ Wisner-Pilger	8:00 AM - Speech Meet @ Wisner-Pilger School <i>Practice Makes Perfekt</i> 8:30 AM - "A" Club Tournament @ Allen (Grades 9 / 10 boys) 9:00 AM - JH Basketball Tournament @ Homer Boys Only (A)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	1:30 PM - HS Girls Wrestling Invitational @ Battle Creek	4:45 PM - HS Basketball JVG / JVB / VG / VB @ Homer 6:00 PM - HS Boys & Girls Wrestling Triangular @ ALLEN *rescheduled from 12/15/2022 * Senior Night		1:00 PM - HS Boys Wrestling @ Creighton L & C Conference Meet 4:15 PM - HS Basketball JVG / JVB / VG / VB @ Wausa	4:00 PM - HS Basketball JVG / JVB / VG / VB vs Wakefield @ Emerson "Senior Night"	L & C Honor Band @ Allen 9:00 AM - JH Basketball vs Hartington-Newcastle @ Emerson Girl / Boy (B-A) 9:00 AM - HS Boys & Girls Wrestling @ Oakland-Craig.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	6:00 PM - HS Basketball VG / VB Only @ Walthill	1:30 PM - Dixon County Spelling Bee - Allen Gym 4:30 PM - HS Basketball JVG (2 qtrs) / JVB (2 qtrs) / VG / VB @ Pender		FFA Livestock Judging 3:00 PM - JH Basketball @ Hartington-Newcastle Girl (1 game) / Boy (B-A)		8:00 AM - Speech Meet @ Hartington 9:00 AM - HS Basketball Tournament @ Homer JV Boys only 9:00 AM - JH Basketball Tournament @ Ponca Girls Only (B-A) 9:30 AM - HS Girls Wrestling @ Plainview 6:00 PM - HS Basketball L & C Tournament Girls 1st Round @ TBD
29	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;">Home of the Allen Eagles and the Tri County Northeast Wolfpack</p> <p style="text-align: center;">** Calendar events are subject to change **</p>			
6	6:00 PM - HS Basketball L & C Tournament Boys 1st Round @ TBD	4:15 PM - JH Basketball @ Wakefield Girl / Boy (B-A) 6:00 PM - HS Basketball L & C Tournament Girls 2nd Round @ TBD				



2023		2023		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 No School	4 B: Omelet L: Teriyaki Chicken Asian Rice Tea Roll Fortune Cookie	5 B: Chocolate Donut L: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread	6 B: French Toast L: Turkey Melt Baked Beans Chips
9 B: Sausage & Biscuit L: Hamburger on a Bun Spiral Fries	10 B: Eggstravaganza L: Italian Dunkers Marinara Sauce Green Beans	11 B: Glazed Donut L: Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Tea Roll	12 B: Pancakes L: Soft Shell Taco Tri Tator Refried Beans	13 B: Egg & Biscuit L: Hamburger on a Bun Spiral Fries Vegetable & Fruit Bar
16 B: Uncrustable L: Chicken Patty on a Bun Au gratin Potatoes Peas	17 B: Yogurt & Pop Tart L: Crisritos w/ Cheese Sauce Green Beans Oreo Fluff	18 B: Waffles L: Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Tea Roll	19 B: Cinnamon Roll L: Fiestada Pizza Corn Jell-O	20 B: Egg Patty & Biscuit L: BBQ Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Chips
23 B: Omelet L: Biscuit & Gravy Corn Tri Tator	24 B: Long John L: Chicken Fajita on Flat Bread Peas	25 B: French Toast L: Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Tea Roll	26 B: Breakfast Cookie L: Chili w/ Crackers Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick	27 B: Chocolate Donut L: Calzones Green Beans Orange Fluff
30 B: Pancakes L: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Peas Tea Roll	31 B: Uncrustable L: Pepperoni Pizza Corn Cookie	HAPPY NEW YEAR		

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

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

All Lunch Meals (L) include: **8 oz. Milk**
Salad Bar

Salad Bar may include the following options: **Fresh Lettuce**
Fresh Spinach
Carrots / Celery
Tomatoes
Diced Eggs
Bean Variety
Cucumbers
Fruit Variety



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on the school
website!
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**Tri County Northeast Wolfpack Store
- open all year!**
<https://tcne-store.1rti.com/>



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 Pre-School 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

School Resumes - Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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!