



## Congratulations to Brogan Jones!

### \$500 Scholarship as the Heisman High School Scholarship State Winner of Nebraska!



From an applicant pool of thousands of high school scholar-athletes graduating with the class of 2020, 100 students have been named State Winners in the Heisman Trophy Trust's scholarship competition. State winners receive a \$500 scholarship and continue to compete for the chance to become National Finalists or National Winners. National Finalists receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and the male and female National Winners will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to New York City to attend the 2019 Heisman Trophy Weekend events including the televised ESPN Heisman Trophy ceremony and 85th annual Heisman Dinner Gala.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to all of the students involved in Fall activities. It is always so impressive the way that our many student athletes and activity participants come together throughout the season to improve their skills and help one another to achieve higher levels of success from early August through October. As we move into our Winter season, I would like to wish every participant the best as they begin new challenges and hope that the season is a successful one!

Just a reminder as the weather is starting to turn for the worse, along with the Tyco Alert calling system, Allen Consolidated schools will continue to use local television stations. Decisions about a possible late start or no school will be made as soon as possible the morning of the inclement weather. As soon as the decision is made information will be posted to the local television stations and an ADT Tyco Alert call will be made.

Another winter weather concern is dressing the students appropriately for the upcoming temperatures. Please make sure your elementary students have heavy coats, some type of snow pants, gloves, and hats. The Elementary classes will be going outside for recess on most days unless the weather is too severe.

Michael Pattee, Superintendent



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 10:00 pm 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](http://www.allenschools.org) and clicking on the Siouland Matters Weather Closings and Delays button, the KMEG 14 & Fox 44 School Closings button, or the KTIV Winter Delays and Closings buttons on the right side section of the front page.



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.

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- **HS Boys Basketball Jamboree - Dec 2**
- **District One Act - Dec 3**
- **W-A Girls Basketball - Dec 5**
- **W-A HS Wrestling - Dec 5**
- **HS Boys Gr 9 - 10 BB Tourney - Dec 7**
- **W-A Girls JV Basketball Tourney - Dec 7**
- **School Board Meeting - Dec 10**
- **FFA District LDE's - Dec 11**
- **Pre-K - Gr 12 Holiday Concert - Dec 12**
- **W-A JV Girls BB - Dec 14**
- **W-A HS Wrestling - Dec 14**
- **HS Boys Basketball - Dec 16**
- **W-A Girls Basketball - Dec 17**
- **EARLY OUT - 1PM - Dec 19**
- **NO SCHOOL - Elementary only - Dec 20**
- **EARLY OUT - 1PM - Dec 20**
- **Moratorium - Dec 22 - 26**
- **NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break - Dec 23 - Jan 3**
- **W-A Girls BB Holiday Tourney - Dec 28 & 30**

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

It is the policy of the Allen Consolidated Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, age, race, religion, marital status, or national or ethnic origin in its educational programs, administered programs, and all the related publications.

It is the policy of the Allen Consolidated Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments.

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX may be directed to:

Mr. Pattee,  
Superintendent,  
Allen Consolidated  
Schools,  
(402) 635-2484,  
or to:

Director of the Office of  
Civil Rights, Department  
of Education,  
Washington D.C.

### **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.

It is difficult to believe that December is upon us, and that we have almost completed one semester of school already! We had a great first quarter—please check out our first quarter honor roll and congratulate those students if you get a chance! Semester tests are scheduled for Thursday, December 19, and Friday, December 20, 2019 with an early out on both days, and no school on the 20<sup>th</sup> for elementary. We have been encouraging students to work hard and improve their grades all semester, and with good attendance and effort, there is still plenty of time to do so. Here at school, on a weekly basis, struggling students have been notified of their grades and are encouraged to come in for help after school. At home, discussing classes, checking PowerSchool on a regular basis, and helping your teen establish a scheduled homework/study time are a few things that can also improve student learning. By working together, hopefully we can make an impact on academic success for our students.

In addition, I would invite everyone to continue supporting students as winter activities commence. By this time, wrestling and basketball have begun, our one act play season is almost complete, FFA has attended nationals, and our band and choir students have been busy preparing for their holiday concert. Our students appreciate your support and attendance at their activities.

I would like to take this time to extend congratulations to all of our students involved in fall activities, and especially congratulate students receiving these honors:

#### **Lewis and Clark Conference Honor Choir:**

Tenor - Lukas Oswald

#### **All State Chorus:**

Tenor - Lukas Oswald (four-peat!)

#### **Lewis and Clark Conference One Act: Conference Runner Up!!**

Honorable mention performers were Gabe Reinert, Brogan Jones, Alli Jackson, Ashley Kraemer, & Joshua Cooper.

Two Best Actress awards were given out at conference and our own Alyssia Strivens was deserving of this honor!

#### **Lewis and Clark Central Division All Conference Volleyball:** Carly Dickens, Alli Jackson and Jordyn Carr.

#### **All District Football:**

**All District First Team:** Josh Olesen, Offense; Brogan Jones - Defense, Anthony Isom - Defense, Kobe Kumm, Defense.

**Honorable Mention:** Steven Sullivan, Lukas Oswald, and Noah Carr.

Finally, during this holiday season, it is always good to take time to be thankful for our blessing. Here at Allen Consolidated Schools, we are very grateful for the Allen community, parents, students, staff and Board of Education. All of these people work together to provide a safe and wholesome educational program for our students. I would like to say "thank you" to everyone and wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

--Lana Oswald, 7-12 Principal



### **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](http://www.allenschools.org)) and click on the TIPS REPORT INCIDENT button. 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!

### ***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.



## 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 4 main actions—lockout, 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 four 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 Methodist Church, 402 Summit Drive, Allen.**

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

- Parents and relatives should **NOT** respond to the incident site (**school**) to allow public safety personnel time to respond to the incident.
- Students will be released only to approved adults at the evacuation/reunification site (**Methodist Church**).
- All members of the community should avoid driving anywhere within several blocks of the incident or evacuation/reunification site.
- 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.
- 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!

### JR. CLASS POINSETTIA SALES

Poinsettias will be on sale in the library the week after Thanksgiving. All sales are on a first come first serve basis.

Many sizes and colors will be available.

All proceeds go to the Junior Class and Prom 2020!

Pot Size	Price
6 inch pot	\$15.00
7.5 inch pot	\$20.00
8.5 in. pot	\$25.00
Poinsettia / Diamond Frost Combo	\$25.00



The Allen Consolidated School Student Council will be hosting a Giving Tree this year at the school! If you would like to take part in giving a child a gift...YOU CAN!!

**How it works:** Stop by the school and take a tag from our paper tree. The tree will be located on the wall in the commons area on **Nov.26th**. There will be a sign-up sheet hanging on the wall by the paper tree for you to write YOUR name beside the tag YOU take. All gifts are

due back to the school office with the tag attached by **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Wrapping the gifts is optional. Student Council members will wrap any unwrapped gifts.

You may pick up the gifts at the school or the school will deliver the gifts to each family. We just want to make it confidential and convenient for families.

Thank you for your kindness and giving. Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Mrs. Kneifl, School Counselor

### Semester Test Schedule December 2019

School dismissed at 1:00 PM both days

#### Thursday, December 19th

8:15-9:15 2<sup>nd</sup> Period  
 9:20-10:20 4<sup>th</sup> Period  
 10:25-11:25 6<sup>th</sup> Period  
 11:25-11:55 Lunch  
 12:00-1:00 8<sup>th</sup> Period

**\*\*Seniors are required to be in school on Friday, Dec 20th \*\***

#### Friday, December 20th

**NO SCHOOL ELEMENTARY**  
 8:15-9:15 1<sup>st</sup> Period  
 9:20-10:20 3<sup>rd</sup> Period  
 10:25-11:25 5<sup>th</sup> Period  
 11:25-11:55 Lunch  
 12:00-1:00 7<sup>th</sup> Period







### Some important test dates to remember :

\*ACT for Juniors & Seniors:

- December 14, 2019
- February 8, 2020  
- register by Jan 10
- April 14, 2020  
- register by Feb 28
- June 13, 2020  
- register by May 8
- July 18, 2020  
- register by Jun 19

To sign up for the ACT visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

### December "To Do" List

Complete these tasks during December to stay on the right college planning track.

#### Seniors

- > If you haven't already, submit college applications and the FAFSA
- >Continue to apply for scholarships.
- >Use the *College Timeline* to stay on track to college.
- > Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

#### Juniors

- >Take an ACT prep course.
- >Set up a *ScholarshipQuest* profile and start searching for Nebraska-based scholarships.
- >Use the *College Timeline* to stay on track to college.
- > Follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship.

## COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

### What to expect after you submit your FAFSA

The FAFSA opened October 1, so many of you have already completed and submitted your form. Here's what happens next:

- ◇ **Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR):** You'll receive it via an email link if you provided an email address on your FAFSA. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you know if you need to take further action to process your FAFSA.
- ◇ **Make sure you applied for admission to colleges you listed on your FAFSA.** Colleges that receive your FAFSA results typically won't send you a financial aid package until you've applied and have been accepted to the school.
- ◇ **Watch for verification requests.** The college(s) you listed on your FAFSA might request verification of your FAFSA information. If so, send the required documents to the colleges' financial aid office.
- ◇ **Watch for financial aid award notifications.** The colleges you were accepted to - and listed on your FAFSA - will send you financial aid award notifications detailing the types and amounts of aid they're offering based upon your financial need.

Go to [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) for more details on what happens after you submit your FAFSA.

**Haven't completed your FAFSA yet?** No problem! You and a parent can complete the form at [FAFSA.gov](http://FAFSA.gov). Before you start, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov). You'll need them to access and sign the form.

For free help with the FAFSA, you can watch FAFSA Demo videos and use the free FAFSA tools on [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) or call EducationQuest to make an appointment.

Omaha - 888.357.6300 / Lincoln - 800.303.3745 / Kearney - 800.666.3721 /or  
Scottsbluff - 800.303.3745, ext. 6654

**Winning the scholarship game.** Follow these tips to increase your chances of earning scholarships.

- \* **Don't EVER pay for scholarship searches!** Use *free* resources such as *ScholarshipQuest* at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org) with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships, or free national sites like *Cappex*, *GoodCall* and *Chegg*.
- \* **Visit your school counselor** often for information about local scholarships.
- \* **Focus on local and college-specific scholarships** because you're more likely to earn them.
- \* **Update your activities, honors, community service or paid jobs** using the *Activities Resume* at [EducationQuest.org](http://EducationQuest.org).
- \* **Earn the best possible ACT / SAT scores** by taking the exam(s) in the spring of your junior year and again in the fall of your senior year.
- \* **Use quality references** such as a teacher, coach, or counselor. Encourage them to write specific examples of your leadership skills. Give them a specific deadline, and a copy of your *Activities Resume*.
- \* **Tailor your essay to the scholarship.** Ask an English teacher to read your essay and offer advice on making a big impact. Your essay will need to stand out from other applications.

**FFA NEWS**



Thank you to everyone who bought anything via the Fruit Sales and supported our Chapter!

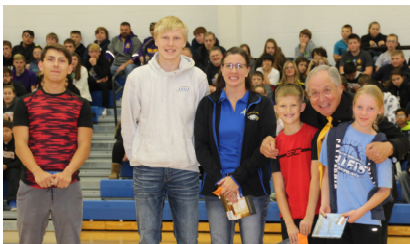
District LDE's @ Crofton on December 11th.

Recently, seven members of the Allen – Wakefield FFA Chapter attended the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual National FFA Convention, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The members participated in the Ag Expo and attended the Opening General Session. They were able to connect with various colleges from across the country and visit with the top agricultural companies.

The Allen – Wakefield FFA Chapter also had the opportunity to experience the city of Indianapolis. Members visited several historical monuments, the NCAA Hall of Champions and participated in an “Escape Room”.

Members of the Allen – Wakefield FFA Chapter that attended the National Convention were:

Jacob Anderson, Dillon Borg, Hunter Borg, Mitchell Fischer, Brock Floyd, Ashley Kraemer and Cole Woodward.  
Allen's FFA Advisor is Mr. Josh Batenhorst.



On Friday, November 15, along with students from 3 other schools, Allen students in grades 5-12 had the opportunity to hear speaker and author, VJ Smith. Mr. Smith told the story of how a cashier named Marty, changed him forever and inspired him to motivate others to treat people with dignity, kindness and respect. His shared the message that, "Marty was living proof that you don't need money, power, or title to make a difference in life. You just need to care." During the assembly, several audience members including Allen's Steven Sullivan and Denise Hingst received his book entitled, *The Richest Man in Town*.



**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.

**Congratulations to the following Quiz Bowl Team members on qualifying for the Lewis & Clark Conference meet!!**

**Varsity**

**JV**



Brogan Jones (captain)



Nathan Oswald (captain)



Alyssia Strivens



Josh Olesen



Ashley Kraemer



Sarah Papke



Cole Woodward



Joe Grone

**The 2018-2019 Year Book**

If you would like to purchase one for \$25, please contact the school at (402) 635-2484. If you have already purchased an annual and have not received it please stop by the school and pick it up!

**Allen Annual Staff**

**2020 Senior Pictures**

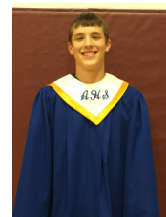
The school needs two colored glossy billfold size portraits or a digital photo copy of each senior by January 13, 2020.

On November 9th, Sarah Papke and Joseph Waldo traveled to Doane University for the Fall Festival of Winds. They spent the day working with a guest conductor and visiting with Doane Faculty and Staff. The day ended with a concert in the University's theater.



On November 11, the choir students sang for the Veteran's Day Program at the school. Students involved were Sarah Papke, Lauren Gonzales, Chase Kallsen, Lukas Oswald, Brock Floyd, Nathan Oswald, Gabe Reinert, and Garrett Kraemer. The students performed a patriotic song to show their appreciation for the Veterans of Allen.

On November 4th, the choir students traveled to Wakefield to participate in the Lewis and Clark Conference Vocal Clinic. Sarah Papke, Lauren Gonzales, Chase Kallsen, Lukas Oswald, Brock Floyd, Nathan Oswald, and Gabe Reinert were a part of the Festival Choir. They spent the day rehearsing and learning from Dr. Ryan Person from Morningside College. Lukas Oswald auditioned and was accepted into the Conference Honor Choir, a select group made up of students from each school in the Conference.



**Highly Qualified Teachers**

This is a notification to all parents that information can be requested regarding the professional qualifications of the teachers at Allen Consolidated Schools. If your student will be taught by a teacher not meeting ESEA/NCLB requirements the school will provide notice.

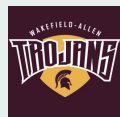


**2019 L & C All Conference  
Volleyball**



LtoR: Carly Dickens, Jordyn Carr, and Alli Jackson

Honorable Mention:  
Aishah Valenzuela (W)



**2019 All District  
Football**

**Offense**



Josh Olesen,  
Lineman

**Defense**



Brogan Jones,  
Linebacker



Anthony Isom,  
Linebacker



Kobe Kumm,  
Return/Specialist

**Honorable Mention**



Steven  
Sullivan



Lukas  
Oswald



Noah  
Carr

**Library/Elementary Computer News**

The library's feature books for the month of December will be Christmas and holiday related. The past few months, we have focused on authors but have decided to focus more on these beloved stories that children like to read each holiday season. Multiple books will be read during the month, including: "Polar Express", "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", "Christmas Cookies", "Who's that Knocking on Christmas Eve" and more! To encourage reading over Christmas break, students will be allowed to keep the books that they have checked out from the library and can return them when we come back in January.

Elementary Computer classes have been busy enhancing their skills. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade have been working through the Teach Your Monster to Read program. This program allows for extra practice of literary skills learned in the classroom while having allowing students to master basic technology skills such as logging into the program correctly, using a mouse pad efficiently and choosing to use a touch screen when appropriate. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes have been busy learning Google Drive and the programs within it. As 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, these students have just begun their Google journey. They have created Google Docs that include a variety of features such as text and images. They have learned how to print their finished products and share them with their teacher. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are extending on their learning from last year and have advanced to Google Sheets. They have learned how to enter data and create a graph based on their data. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have really learned the importance of listening and paying attention to instructions during class time. Classes will continue to work with these programs through the rest of the first semester.

Mrs. Anderson, Librarian

**ONE ACT NEWS**

**Outstanding Performers at Pender**



LtoR: Alli Jackson, Taylor Boyle, Alyssia Strivens, Ashley Kraemer, Josh Olesen, and Brogan Jones

The Allen One-Act performed at Pender on Saturday, Nov 16th where they placed 4th of 7 teams. **Outstanding Performers were:** Josh Olesen, Alyssia Strivens, Taylor Boyle, Brogan Jones, Alli Jackson, and Ashley Kraemer..

The Allen One-Act also competed at the Lewis & Clark Conference competition on Tuesday Nov 19th in Ponca where they earned the title of **Conference Runner-Up!** **Honorable mention performers were:** Gabe Reinert, Brogan Jones, Alli Jackson, Ashley Kraemer, & Joshua Cooper.



**Two Best Actress awards were given and our own Alyssia Strivens was deserving of this honor.**

The One-Act team will travel to Bloomfield for D-1 district competition on Tuesday, Dec 3rd.



# Celebrating Veterans Day





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