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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

One of the things that we focus on at Allen Consolidated Schools with the start of the new semester is the MAP testing. MAP is a computer generated test that measures the level at which your student is performing compared to the Nebraska State Standards. The MAP test will be taken by our K-8 grades as well as our freshman and sophomores. The reports that can be generated by the MAP test will help guide teachers in the development of curriculum and standards that they teach in their class. This is a valuable tool that could help our students become more proficient learners and help our teachers become even better at educating your sons or daughters. During parent teacher conferences held on February 21st you will be able to see how your children did on the MAP tests. Teachers will take the time to go over their scores and show you how we they are doing at mastering the Nebraska state standards and how they compare with other students across the nation who takes the MAP assessments.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that if your son or daughter is sick please make sure they are symptom free for 24 hours before returning them to school. We appreciate your students wanting to be in school, but it is better for every-one if we are not sending sick children to school.

As always we welcome anybody to come and visit the school. Allen is a great community with great teachers and great students. We want to invite anybody in the community to come check out all of the wonderful things that are taking place. Whenever you come up to visit stop in the front office, sign in and take a look for yourself. If you ever have any questions or concerns about what is going on with your student and their education you are always welcome to come and visit with the administration or to call.

Michael Pattee, Superintendent

SUPPORT THE ALLEN BACKPACK PROGRAM

(THIS PROGRAM SENDS FOOD HOME FOR
KIDS TO EAT OVER THE WEEKEND)

SAVE YOUR
HyVee RECEIPTS

FROM ANY SIOUX CITY OR
SOUTH SIOUX CITY LOCATIONS

The program receives \$1
for every \$100 in receipts.

**DROP YOUR RECEIPTS
OFF AT THE SCHOOL**

• School Resumes - Jan 7

- W-A Girls BB CNOS Classic - Jan 4
- HS Boys BB CNOS Classic - Jan 5
- "A" Club BB Tournament - Jan 5 & 12
- Speech Meet @ Wisner - Jan 12
- MAP Testing - Elementary - Jan 14-18
- FFA Chapter Meeting - Jan 17
- W-A Wrestling L&C Conference Meet - Jan 17
- L&C Conference Honor Band @ WSC - Jan 19
- "Aladdin" at the Omaha Orpheum - Jan 20
- MAP Testing - Secondary - Jan 21 - 25
- Music Booster Meeting - Jan 21
- AIMSweb Testing - JH & Elementary - Jan 21-25
- L&C Basketball Tournament Play-in Round - Jan 25
- L&C Basketball Tournament - W-A Girls - 1st Rnd - Jan 26
- Singing Youth of Nebraska - Jan 26
- NO SCHOOL - Teacher-in-Service - Jan 28
- L&C Basketball Tournament - Boys - 1st Rnd - Jan 28

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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break! The holidays are a wonderful time for families to spend time with one another and make memories.

January can be a great time for reflecting back over the past year, as well as looking ahead to the new one. I 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 Monday, January 7th, 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. I try to post homework for grades 7-9 online every day (I miss a couple here and there!) so that parents can make sure students are completing assignments (<http://new.schoolnotes.com/ljoswald/>). 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, jazz band, 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.

As always, we thank you for your support and encouragement!

--Lana Oswald, 7-12 Principal

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.



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. 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!



Some important test dates to remember :

*ACT for Juniors & Seniors:

- February 9, 2019
- register by Jan 11
- April 13, 2019
- register by Mar 8
- June 9, 2019
- register by May 3
- July 13, 2019
- register by Jun 14

To sign up for the ACT visit www.actstudent.org

January

~ "To Do" List ~

Seniors

- * If you haven't already, submit the FAFSA.
- * Apply for scholarships.
- * Update your Activities Resume.

Juniors

- * Update your Activities Resume.
- * Check out ACT prep Resources.
- * Register by January 11th for the February

For free help with college planning, contact EducationQuest Foundation:

Omaha:

402-391-4033
888-357-6300

Lincoln:

402-475-5222
800-303-3745

Kearney:

308-234-6310
800-666-3721

Scottsbluff:

800.300.3745
ext. 6654

COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

A BIG Thank You to all the generous community members that donated to this year's giving tree!! The amount of gifts were amazing and you have all made some children very happy this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

~ Mrs. Kneifl

THINGS TO DO OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK!!

Take advantage of free time over the holidays to do some prep work for college. Here are a few things you can do!

Seniors, complete your FAFSA: If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid). Need help? Use the free FAFSA tools (<https://www.educationquest.org/resources/fafsa-tools/>) or call to make an appointment for free help: Omaha - 888.357.6300; Lincoln - 800-303-3745; Kearney - 800.666.3721; or Scottsbluff - 800-303.3745 ext. 6654.

Juniors, prepare for the ACT: All Nebraska high school juniors will take the ACT Test this spring. Go to this link (<https://www.educationquest.org/pdfs/Handouts/ACTSATResources.pdf>) for a list of resources to help you prepare.

Search for scholarships: Use the free ScholarshipQuest tool (<https://www.educationquest.org/resources/scholarshipquest/>) to find Nebraska-based awards. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites.^D

Update your Activities Resume: The free Activities Resume (<https://www.educationquest.org/resources/activitiesresume/>) is an easy way to track your extracurricular activities, accomplishments, volunteer work, and part-time jobs. The information is then readily available when you apply for scholarships and employment.

Volunteer: In addition to giving back to your community, your volunteer work can lead to scholarship opportunities. Make sure you track your involvement on your Activities Resume.

Library / Elementary Computer News

The Pizza Hut Book IT! program has been successful so far this school year! During the month of October, 29 elementary students turned in a completed reading goal calendar. In November, 26 students turned in their calendar with an acceptable goal met. December Book IT! calendars will be due after Christmas break by Wednesday January 9, 2019. Look for a January calendar and note in your child's planner. I appreciate your help at home encouraging your child to read their goal number of minutes per day. Thank you!

During the month of January, we will focus on reading stories by Mo Willems. Children love his Pigeon series. Popular books by students are *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* and *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog*. Students in grades PK-2nd grade will have a Mo Willems story read aloud to them with an activity to follow. 3rd and 4th graders will be finishing *Wonder* by: R.J. Polacio and will watch the movie to complete compare and contrast learning activities.

K-6th grade computer classes will continue working towards typing goals during the 2nd semester of the school year. Most 2nd-4th graders have met the first semester goal of reaching lesson 20 in the typing program and will build from there. K-1st graders continue to progress through the ABC Mouse program. Google drive will be a focus for all grades K-4 this semester. We will be incorporating learnings from class into projects for our class as well as in other subject areas.

Mrs. Anderson, Librarian



On Wednesday, December 5th, the Allen-Wakefield FFA Chapter traveled to Creighton to compete in the District 4 Leadership Development Events.

Leadership Development Events consist of agricultural demonstrations, employment skills, parliamentary procedure, quiz bowl, reciting of the FFA creed, and public speaking on topics such as cooperative extension and natural resources.

Allen-Wakefield FFA Results

Ag Demo #1 – Team members include Noah Carr, Brock Floyd, Brogan Jones, and Cole Woodward – Blue Ribbon

Ag Demo #2 – Team members include Dillon Borg, Hunter Borg, and Mitchell Fischer – Purple Ribbon

Creed Speaking – Makaya Johnson and Cheyenne Keil – Blue Ribbons

Employment Skills – Jacob Anderson – Blue Ribbon

Extemporaneous Speaking – Alyssa Boese – Blue Ribbon

Jr. Public Speaking – Ashley Kraemer – Purple Ribbon

Natural Resources Speaking – Katie Bathke – Purple Ribbon (2nd overall) – *State Qualifier*

Sr. Public Speaking – Cassidy Thomas – Blue Ribbon

The advisor for Allen - Wakefield FFA is Mr. Josh Batenhorst.



Back Row: Mitchell Fischer, Hunter Borg, Brogan Jones, Cole Woodward, Noah Carr, Jacob Anderson, Brock Floyd, Makaya Johnson

Front Row: Alyssa Boese, Dillon Borg, Katie Bathke, Cassidy Thomas, Ashley Kraemer, Cheyenne Keil.

We want to say “Thank You” to Pastor Cathy and everyone at the Allen UMC Church for allowing us to use your facility for our students testing this December, as well as this coming spring. With all of the state requirements, it is necessary that students have a quiet, interruption-free place to test, and we would not be able to make that happen during the school day here. Your flexibility and willingness to share has made things so much easier for us, and most importantly, better for kids! Thank you again!

Desiree Kneifl, Lana Oswald, and the staff at Allen Consolidated Schools



**Omaha World Herald
Eight Man Football
Honorable Mention**

Kyle Smith and Brogan Jones



**The 2017-2018 annual
has arrived!!**

**If you would like to purchase
one for \$25, please contact
the school at (402) 635-2484.**

**If you have already pur-
chased an annual and have
not received it please stop by
the school and pick it up!**



**CLASS OF
2019**

**2019 SENIOR
PICTURES**

The school needs two
colored glossy billfold size
portraits or a digital photo
copy of each senior by
January 11, 2019.

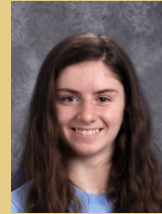


**Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians
Association Award (NCPA)**

Football: Noah Carr and Brogan Jones



Volleyball: Cassidy Thomas



Play Production: Summer Jackson



Lewis and Clark Honor Band

9th Grade: Brennan Beach and Ty Krommenhoek



10th Grade: Ashley Kraemer and Cole Monteith



11th Grade: Brogan Jones



12th Grade: Kaitlyn Beach, Summer Jackson, Bethany Kneifl,



Cassidy Thomas, and Libby Whipple.



**Lewis and Clark Honor Band at Wayne State College will
be held on January 19th. Concert will be at 4:30pm**

**SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Allen Consolidated
Schools ensures
that a free appro-
priate public edu-
cation 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.

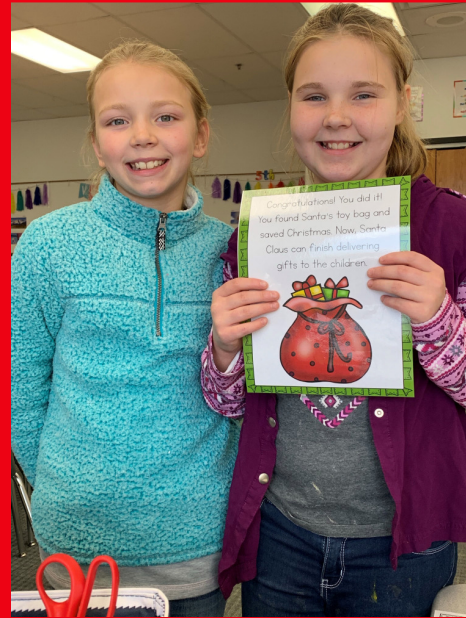
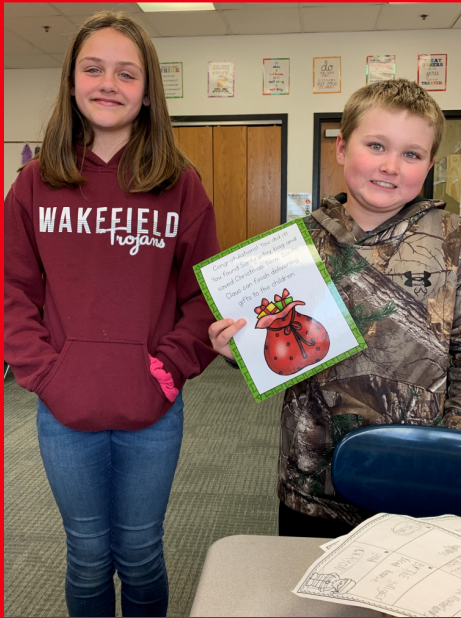


**HANDICAPPED
CHILDREN'S
ACT**

Allen Consolidated
Schools requests
your help in locat-
ing handicapped
children. The
school implements
the Federal Handi-
capped Children's
Act (PL 94-142)
and
Nebraska Statute
which guarantees
a free appropriate
education pro-
gram for all chil-
dren between
birth and 21 years
of age.

If you have stu-
dents or know of
any young person
who meets criteria
please contact the
Superintendent's
Office.

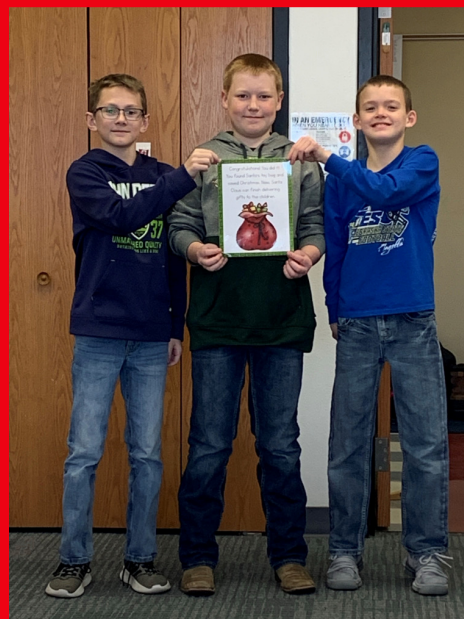
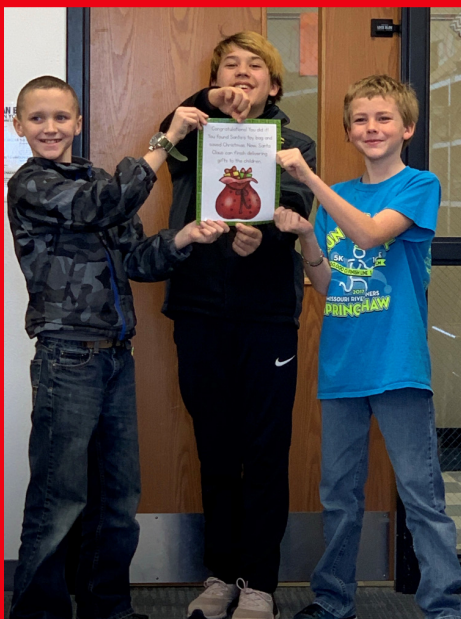
The 5th and 6th graders wrapped up a great first semester by completing a Christmas Themed Escape Room called Christmas Around the World. They had to help Santa find his lost toy bag that he misplaced while traveling the world on Christmas night. Students had to use their knowledge of context clues and summarizing to figure out the meaning of words they didn't know, write snapshots about Christmases around the world, their previous knowledge about other world countries, and decipher words using a secret word decoder and pigpen cipher! They had an hour to find Santa's bag, but it proved to be a difficult challenge for both grade levels! Below are the top two teams from each grade level and their recorded times:



5th grade

Miley Boyle and Dodge Melby 70 minutes

Samantha Rastede and Kristina Hogue 80 minutes



6th Grade

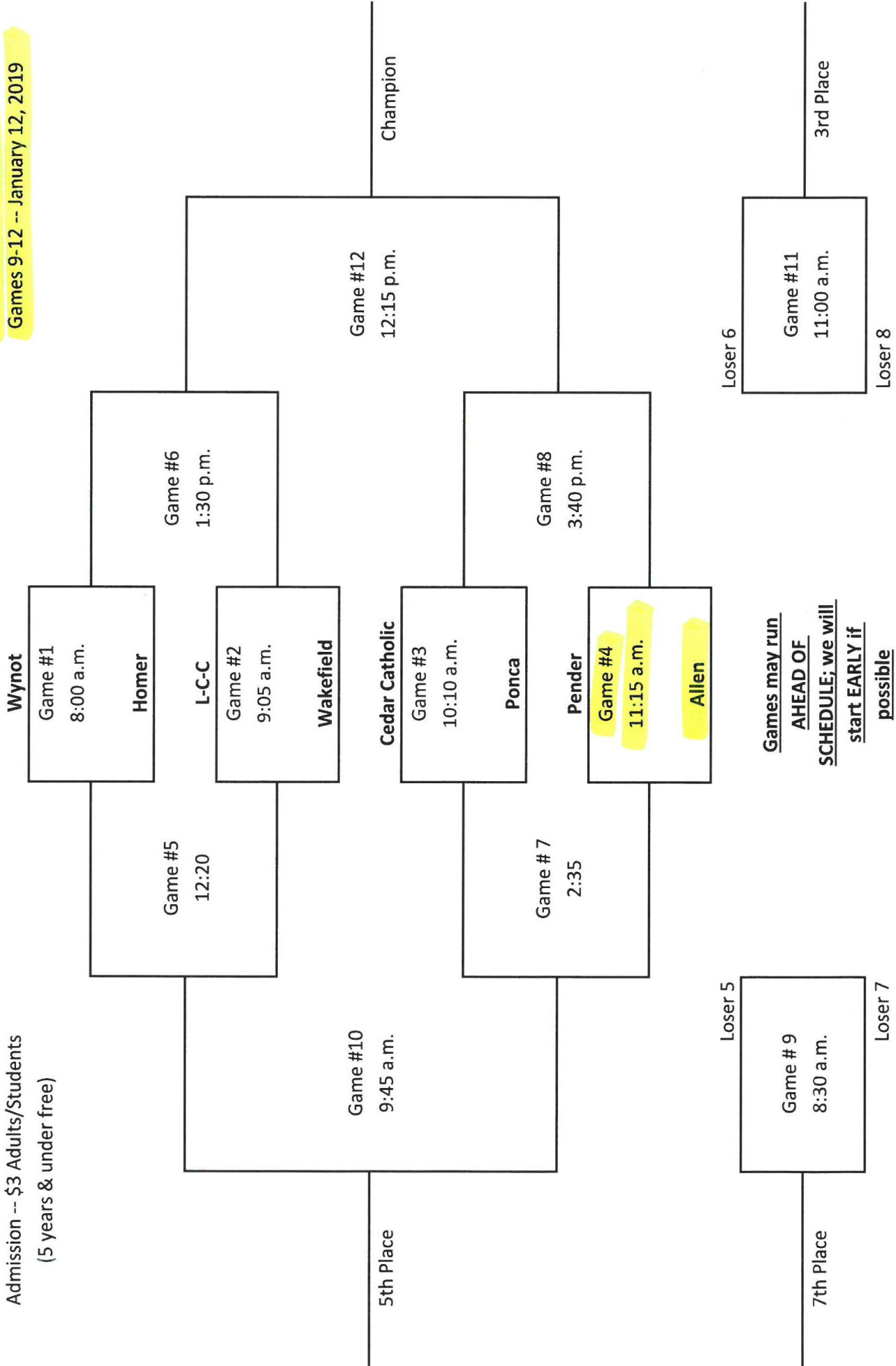
Jacob Waldo, Braden Wheat, and Alex Kneifl 58 minutes (Wahoo!)

Garrett Geiger, Bo Jackson, and Ben Jorgenson 85 minutes

32st Annual Allen "A" Club Freshmen-Sophomore Basketball Tournament

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

Games 1-8 -- January 5, 2019
Games 9-12 -- January 12, 2019



TOP TEAM ON BRACKET IS HOME AND WEARS LIGHT JERSEYS/Provides Bookkeeper





Allen Consolidated Schools



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Calendar events and times are subject to change.		NO SCHOOL -Christmas Break-	NO SCHOOL -Christmas Break-	NO SCHOOL -Christmas Break-	NO SCHOOL -Christmas Break-	8:00am - HS Boys BB @ Tyson Events Center - CNOS Classic 9:00am - "A" Club Tournament - Boys Grades 9 - 10 10:15am - W-A Wrestling @ Wisner Pilger
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	First Day of Classes - Second Semester 3:00pm - W-A JH Boys BB vs Winnebago @ Wakefield 5:30pm - HS Boys BB vs Randolph	3:00pm - W-A Girls JH BB @ Hartington 3:00pm - W-A Boys JH BB @ Hartington 4:00pm - W-A Girls BB vs Ponca @ Wakefield 7:00pm - School Board Meeting		3:00pm - W-A Girls JH vs E-H @ Wakefield 4:00pm - W-A Girls BB @ Lawton-Bronson 6:00pm - HS Boys BB vs Santee 6:00pm - W-A Wrestling @ Ponca	2:00pm - W-A Girls BB @ Tyson Events Center - CNOS Classic 6:15pm - HS Boys BB @ Whiting	8:00am - "A" Club Tournament - Boys Grades 9 - 10 8:00am - Speech Meet @ Wisner 9:00am - W-A Boys JH BB @ Homer - Homer Tournament 9:00am - W-A Wrestling @ Battle Creek
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	MAP Testing - Elementary	MAP Testing - Elementary 4:00pm - W-A Girls BB vs Bancroft-Rosalie @ Wakefield 6:15pm - HS Boys BB vs Wynot	MAP Testing - Elementary	MAP Testing - Elementary 7:40am - FFA Chapter Meeting in Science Room 1:00pm - W-A Wrestling @ Randolph - L&C Conference Tournament 3:00pm - W-A JH Girls BB vs Stanton @ Wakefield 3:00pm - W-A JH Boys BB @ Homer 6:15pm - HS Boys BB @ Wausa	MAP Testing - Elementary 10:00am - W-A Wrestling @ Madison 4:00pm - W-A Girls BB @ E-H	L&C Conference Band @ WSC - Depart at 7:00am / Concert at 4:30pm 9:00am - W-A Girls JH BB vs L-C-C @ Wakefield 9:00am - W-A Boys JH BB vs L-C-C @ Wakefield
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30am - "Aladdin" at the Orpheum for HS Music Students This is a voluntary event! Leaving at 8:30am - stop and eat lunch - Performance at 1pm - Will stop for supper on the way back. Return time approximately 8pm	MAP Testing - Secondary AIMSweb Testing - Elem & JH 3:00pm - W-A Girls JH BB @ Pender 3:00pm - W-A Boys JH BB @ E-H 6:00pm - HS Boys BB @ Walthill 6:15pm - W-A Girls BB vs Homer @ ALLEN 7:00pm - Music Booster Meeting	MAP Testing - Secondary AIMSweb Testing - Elem & JH	MAP Testing - Secondary AIMSweb Testing - Elem & JH	MAP Testing - Secondary AIMSweb Testing - Elem & JH 3:00pm - W-A Girls JH @ Ponca 3:00pm - W-A Boys JH @ Ponca 4:00pm - W-A Girls BB vs L-C-C @ Wakefield 6:00pm - W-A Wrestling Triangular @ Wakefield 6:15pm - HS Boys BB vs E-H	MAP Testing - Secondary AIMSweb Testing - Elem & JH 6:00pm - L&C BB Tournament Begins - Play-In Round	TBA - L&C Conference BB - W-A Girls BB - 1st Round @ TBD TBA - Singing Youth of Nebraska @ Fremont 8:00am - Speech Meet @ Hartington-Newcastle - depart 6:45am 9:00am - W-A JH Girls BB @ Winside 9:00am - W-A JH Boys BB @ Winside 9:00am - W-A Wrestling @ Raymond Central
27	28	29	30	31		
	NO SCHOOL -Teacher In-Service- TBA - UNK Honor Band 6:00pm - L&C Tournament - HS Boys BB - 1st Round @ TBD	6:00pm - L&C Tournament - W-A Girls BB - 2nd Round @ TBD		4:00pm - W-A JH Boys vs Madison @ Wakefield 6:00pm - L&C Tournament - HS Boys BB - 2nd round @ TBD		

January

2019			2019		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1	2	3	4	
	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break -				
7	8	9	10	11	
B: Omelet L: Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Orange Fluff	B: Uncrustable L: Italian Dunkers Mixed Vegetables Marinara Sauce	B: Pancake & Sausage L: Fiestada Pizza Green Beans Jello	B: Egg & Biscuit L: Chicken Nuggets Corn Tea Roll Vanilla Ice Cream	B: French Toast L: Hot Dog on a Bun Tater Tots	2nd Grade Choice
14	15	16	17	18	
B: Cinnamon Round L: Teriyaki Chicken Asian Rice Tea Roll	B: Eggstravaganza L: Hot Ham & Cheese Corn	B: Poptart & Yogurt L: Chicken Fries Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Tea Roll	B: Breakfast Pizza L: Pork Patty on a Bun Peas Peach Crisp	B: Long John L: Spaghetti Green Beans Tea Roll	
21	22	23	24	25	
B: Sausage & Biscuit L: Chicken Patty on a Bun Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce Oreo Fluff	B: Glazed Donut L: Biscuit & Gravy Corn Cheese Stick	B: Cinnamon Roll L: BBQ Pork on a Baked Beans Doritos	B: Uncrustable L: Chili Crackers Cinnamon Roll	B: Omelet L: Chicken Fajita on Flatbread Carrots	
28	29	30	31		
NO SCHOOL Teacher - in - Service	B: Eggstravaganza L: Pepperoni Pizza Corn	B: Breakfast Pizza L: Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Tea Roll	B: French Toast L: Hamburger on a Bun Spiral Fries		

Most Breakfast Meals (B) include: Choice 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:

Fresh Lettuce
Fresh Spinach
Carrots / Celery
Tomatoes
Diced Eggs
Bean Variety
Cucumbers
Fruit Variety

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**School Resumes
~ January 7th ~**

**NO SCHOOL
Teacher-in-Service
~ January 28 ~**



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 and clicking on the Siouxsland 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.