



October 2026



 **FAFSA NIGHT** 
SENIORS & PARENTS

October 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Planning to attend college, technical school, or another post-secondary program after graduation?

BRING WITH YOU:

- Student Email (not your school email)
- Parent/Guardian Email (must be different from student)
- 2025 tax/income information
- Social Security Numbers
- A laptop or tablet, if available



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

- 1 - Indain Ed Grant Meeting - 1:00 at Library Community Room
- 1 - Elementary Literacy Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00 @ AC
- 16 - Staff In-service
- 19 - School Board Meeting @ 5:00
- 21 - 5th Grade Parent Breakfast - 7:30
- 29 - JAG Halloween Carnival

November

- 3 - 3rd Grade Parent Breakfast - 7:30
- 11 - Veterans Day program - 2:30 at HS Warrior Gym
- 16 - School Board Meeting @ 5:00
- 18 - 1st Grade Parent Breakfast - 7:30
- 23 - MS Barista Family Night @ 5:30
- 24 - JAG Initiation and Induction @ 5:30 - Warrior Commons
- 25 - 1:00 Early Dismissal
- 26 NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving



Make Attendance a Priority

You want to make this year to be your child's best year in school - but how do you help? Make sure your child is in school--every day! Research shows a link between *being in school* and *doing well in school*. Missing even one lesson -- and not getting caught up quickly -- can cause children to fall behind.

Clearly, a child who wakes up with a fever should stay home, but many kids miss school when they're not sick. Here are the top reasons for school absences – and how you can help your child avoid them:

- Medical appointments. Schedule visits to the doctor and dentist after school or on non-school days.
- Oversleeping. If your child is having trouble waking up in the morning, make bedtime earlier. Sleep is important for developing minds, and so is school.
- Disorganization. If looking for homework papers and items for the day causes your child to be late, prepare school items before going to bed.
- School refusal. If your child doesn't want to go to school, make an appointment for a parent-teacher conference. Working together, you can identify and resolve problems that make your child reluctant to go to school.

Together, we can make this your child's best year in school!

Parents Right To Know

The federal education law, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), requires that all parents in a Title I school be notified and given the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals instructing their child.

Title I Part A, (Section 1112)(e)(1)(B)(ii) specifies the following requirement:

At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner).

The information must include, at a minimum, the following:

1. Whether the student's teacher—
 - a. has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - b. is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - c. is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
2. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Parents may also request information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under this part and timely notice that the student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned. BCSD Schools will notify parents if the teacher does not meet state qualifications.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

We're excited to announce a new resource for Bennett County Middle School families!

[ParentGuidance.org](https://parentguidance.org/) is now free and available to you and your loved ones to support your children's mental health.

It offers:

- ✓ One-on-one support from trained parent coaches
- ✓ Video courses from mental health experts on topics like anxiety, behavior, grief, and more
- ✓ 24/7 access from the comfort of home

Log on to learn more and begin:

<https://parentguidance.org/>

You can also find the link on the bottom of our district website or click on the 'More' link on the BC AAP.



Worried About Your Child?



ParentGuidance
.org

5th Grade Students Learn About Real-World Challenges

Our fifth graders took on a real-world design challenge in Technology class this Homecoming season! Students learned the basics of T-shirt design, including creating for a specific customer, making choices that work well on apparel, and understanding copyright and plagiarism.

With our Under the Sea Homecoming theme and the Bennett County Warriors as their “customer,” students explored how to use original ideas, wordplay, and school spirit to create designs for the PreK–5 Homecoming sweatshirts. Their work wasn’t just a classroom exercise—the design was created for something our entire elementary school would actually wear! They all submitted designs either as groups or individually, which were turned into a set of slides to view from which they voted on the best design. That design was then printed for the entire elementary student body.

The project didn’t end when the design was finished. Fifth graders also got a behind-the-scenes look at what happens between designing a shirt and putting the finished product into someone’s hands. They helped organize sweatshirt sizes by teacher and classroom so they were ready to be pressed, and then helped sort and deliver the completed sweatshirts throughout the school. From design and copyright to customer service, production, organization, and delivery, our fifth graders got to experience many of the steps involved in turning a creative idea into a finished product.

5th Grade SD Technology Standards:

Innovative Designer

Students use a variety of technologies within a design process to identify and solve problems by creating new, useful or imaginative solutions.

Standard	Outcomes	DOK
5.ET.ID.1: With or without the use of technology, students can apply a design process to generate ideas, consider possible solutions, create a plan to solve a problem, and share their innovative ideas with others.	5.ET.ID.1.1: Plan and implement a design process: identify the problem, brainstorm solutions, design solution, test and evaluate solutions, present the solution.	4
	5.ET.ID.1.2: Generate ideas using or not using technology tools for a variety of projects.	1
5.ET.ID.2: Students persevere when researching and solving open-ended problems and use trial-and-error strategies to test and refine prototypes.	5.ET.ID.2.1: Given an engineering design challenge, with an end goal in mind, synthesize the process collaboratively using digital tools to simulate, record, reiterate or present solutions.	4



Halloween Carnival Sponsored by BCHS JAG Legion Gym, Thursday, October 29, 2026 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Get ready for an evening of Halloween fun, games, treats, and a little bit of spooky excitement! The BCHS JAG Halloween Carnival is coming up, and children ages 0–13, with a guardian, are invited to join us for an evening packed with activities. Admission is free. Make sure to wear your costume!

There will be something for everyone, including Fanta floats, caramel apples, face painting, a creepy cakewalk, pumpkin bowling, ring toss, a fishpond, Nerf gun shootouts, crafts, contests, and plenty of games and prizes. And for those who are brave enough, be sure to check out the spook house in the basement of the gym!

While the carnival is designed for kids, there is plenty of learning happening behind the scenes. BCHS JAG students plan, organize, and run the activities, giving them real-world practice in teamwork, communication, problem solving, patience, responsibility, and leadership. They have to work together, adapt when things don't go as planned, and make sure our younger guests have a fun and safe experience.

So, bring the kids, bring a friend, and come enjoy a night of Halloween fun while supporting our BCHS JAG students!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>27</div> <div>4:30PM MS VB vs. Kadoka</div>	<div>28</div> <div>5:00PM Boys Football: Bennett County vs Gordon-Rushville (Junior High)</div> <div>5:00PM Volleyball: Kadoka Area vs Bennett County (Varsity)</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>1</div> <div>8:00AM Bennett County / Just Right Reader / Stacy / Kristie (8 am Mountain Time)</div> <div>1:00PM Indian Ed Grant Meeting</div> <div>5:30PM Elementary Literacy Family Fun Night</div>	<div>2</div> <div>7:00PM Football: Bennett County @ Kadoka Area (Varsity)</div>	<div>3</div>
<div>4</div> <div>MS FB in Kadoka time TBD</div> <div>4:30PM Football: Kadoka Area @ Bennett County (Junior High)</div>	<div>5</div> <div>4:30PM Volleyball: Bennett County @ Pine Ridge (Varsity)</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>8:00AM Explicit Instruction</div> <div>7:00PM Football: Philip vs Bennett County (Varsity)</div>	<div>10</div>
<div>11</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Columbus Day</div> <div>Indigenous Peoples' Day</div> <div>4:30PM Football: Philip vs Bennett County (Junior Varsity)</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>5:30PM Volleyball: Todd County vs Bennett County (Varsity)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Football: Bennett County vs Rapid City Christian (Varsity)</div> <div>7:30AM Staff In-service</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9:00AM Volleyball: Douglas Volleyball Invitational (Varsity)</div>
<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>2:30PM Bennett County & Aptegay Check-In</div> <div>3:30PM Football: Bennett County vs Lyman (Junior High)</div> <div>5:00PM School Board Meeting</div> <div>5:30PM Football: Lyman vs Bennett County (Junior Varsity)</div>	<div>21</div> <div>7:30AM 5th Grade Parent Breakfast</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Football: SDH...ound (Varsity)</div>	<div>23</div> <div>7:00PM Volleyball: Bennett County @ Rapid City Christian (Varsity)</div>	<div>24</div> <div>8:00AM Girls Cross Country: State CC Meet @ Hart Ranch (Varsity)</div> <div>10:00AM Boys Cross Country: State CC Meet (Varsity)@ Hart Ranch</div>
<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Football: SDH...finals (Varsity)</div> <div>4:30PM JAC Halloween Carnival</div>	<div>30</div> <div>All State Chorus</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Halloween</div> <div>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</div>

October 2026 BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 FRUDEL FRUIT JUICE MILK	2
5 CINNAMON PULL APART FRUIT JUICE MILK	6 PANCAKES FRUIT JUICE MILK	7 BREAKFAST SANDWICH FRUIT JUICE MILK	8 MUFFIN GOGURT JUICE MILK	9
12 TORTILLA WRAPPED OMELET FRUIT JUICE MILK	13 BLUEBERRY BREAD FRUIT JUICE MILK	14 CEREAL GRAHAM CRACKER FRUIT JUICE MILK	15 EGG PATTY BAGEL FRUIT JUICE MILK	16
19 STRAWBERRY PULL APART FRUIT JUICE MILK	20 BREAKFAST PIZZA FRUIT JUICE MILK	21 BISCUITS&GRAVY FRUIT JUICE MILK	22 BREAKFAST TORNADO FRUIT JUICE MILK	23
26 FRENCH TOAST FRUIT JUICE MILK	27 OMELET BISCUIT FRUIT JUICE MILK	28 DONUT FRUIT JUICE MILK	29 PUMPKIN BREAD FRUIT JUICE MILK	30 

October 2026 LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 BEEF STEW BISCUIT LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	2
5 MEXICAN TATOR TOTS DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	6 TURKEY SANDWICH BAKED BEANS LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	7 CHICKEN PATTY GARDEN BLEND RICE LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	8 HOT HAMBURGER MASHED POTATO GRAVY DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	9
12 CHICKEN NUGGETS POTATO LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	13 GOULASH GARLIC BREAD LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	14 HOT HAM AND CHEESE BAKED BEANS LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	15 CHICKEN FAJITA MEXICAN RICE LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	16
19 ORANGE CHICKEN RICE EGG ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	20 HAMBURGERS POTATO WEDGE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	21 CHILI CORN BREAD LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	22 HOT DOG/BUN FRENCH FRIES LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	23
26 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	27 PORK PATTY DINNER ROLL LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	28 CHICKEN TETRAZZINI GARLIC BREAD LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	29 DUNKERS MARINARA SAUCE LETTUCE VEGGIE FRUIT MILK	30 