



THE VOICE

CORY-RAWSON LOCAL SCHOOLS DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

HS Highlights

Welcome back to another exciting school year! I am filled with the same energy and optimism as always, along with immense pride in how far our school community continues to grow together. Whether you are walking through our doors for the first time or returning to familiar hallways, this year brings a fresh start and endless opportunities to learn, achieve, and connect.

A very special welcome goes out to our incoming 7th graders who officially crossed the connector to join us this year—we are thrilled to have your energy and fresh perspectives in our building! To our seniors, we are looking forward to celebrating your final high school chapter with you. Get ready for an unforgettable year filled with all the fun milestones, traditions, and final events that make senior year so memorable.

Our teachers and staff have spent the summer preparing engaging lessons, updating our space, and gearing up to support every student's goals. I encourage all of our students to get involved, try something new, and support one another along the way. Parents and guardians, thank you for your continued partnership. Let's make this our best school year yet!

Mrs. Gerten

A Bright Beginning to 26-27



Excitement in the Elementary

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are beyond excited to welcome our students, staff, and families back into the building for a year focused on strong communication, student empowerment, and a vibrant school culture. Our Building Leadership Team is thrilled to share our core goals for the upcoming year:

Transparent Leadership & Open Communication: We are expanding our team representation and establishing a bi-weekly meeting schedule. All staff will have access to a centralized decision log to keep our school community connected, aligned, and informed.

Student-Led Ownership & Resilience: Students will take the wheel in their learning this year! Through weekly data binder tracking, self-advocacy mini-lessons focused on self-worth, and new student-led conferences, our learners will learn to set goals, track their own growth, and showcase their achievements directly to their families. Elementary Conferences will be held on November 4th and 10th and we look forward to seeing many CRES families there!

Building a Stronger Community: We are committed to ensuring every child feels heard, valued, and connected. Look out for our expanded Student Lighthouse Team, daily social media highlights, and the launch of our Friday "Club Time" this October—giving students a 30-40 minute block to explore interests and hobbies like STEM, art, and baking with peers and staff mentors.

It's going to be an incredible year of growth and connection. Welcome back! - Mr. Kuhlman

CR NEW STAFF



Jenna Stoltz

returns to the elementary as an Intervention Specialist after student teaching here last school year. She shared: "I am beyond excited to return to Cory-Rawson this year as a full-time teacher! I can't wait to meet my new students, build meaningful relationships with them, and watch them learn and grow throughout the year. It's going to be an amazing year at Cory-Rawson!"



Jeremy Kuhlman

is our new CRES Principal. He shares: "Overall, I value family, relationships, hard work, and lifelong learning. I'm most looking forward to becoming part of the Cory-Rawson community and building strong relationships with students, colleagues, and families. I'm excited to contribute to a school where I can make a positive impact every day."

Levi Gazarek

joins CR as Athletic Director. Levi said, "What excites me the most about joining Cory-Rawson is the opportunity to work with our student-athletes, coaches, families, and community members to continue building a culture of excellence. I look forward to supporting our students as they compete, grow, and represent the Hornets with pride."



Dan Wilson

joins Cory-Rawson as the Band Director and Instrumental Music Teacher. He shared, "I will be entering my 20th year teaching and am so excited to work with the amazing band program at Cory-Rawson. I am passionate about helping students develop skills in band to become well-rounded individuals who will thrive in any career path."



Madeline White

joins our Kindergarten team, and shares: "I am excited to begin my teaching career and look forward to building relationships with my students and watching them grow throughout the year. I am also excited to become part of the Cory-Rawson community! I'm excited to continue learning, growing, and making a positive impact on my students' and colleagues' lives."



Julie Klingler

is excited to join the Cory-Rawson family as the new Elementary Building Secretary! She shared: "I'm looking forward to getting to know the students, families, and staff and being part of a team that helps create a welcoming, positive environment for everyone."

Katelyn Recker

joins the elementary staff as a third grade teacher for her ninth year of teaching. She shared: "I am so excited to join the Hornet family. I can't wait to meet all the families and become a part of this community." Katelyn is also a member of the Lady Titan Soccer coaching staff for the past four seasons and looks forward to continuing for the 2026 season.



Hannah Bame

will begin her first year of teaching this fall as Cory-Rawson Elementary's 6th grade ELA and Social Studies Teacher. She shared: "I'm so excited to interact with students in the classroom, and to join the small town community at Cory-Rawson. I'm looking forward to meeting my students and building connections as they learn!"



Chloe Rieman

joins the Intervention Specialist team for CRES, and shares: "I am very excited to join Cory-Rawson and be able to make meaningful connections with the students and staff! I am especially looking forward to helping each student learn and become more confident in themselves."



Cory-Rawson Students Find Success at Hancock County Fair

More than just a fair, this is a tradition of excellence for the Cory-Rawson community as our students demonstrate their skills, talent, knowledge, dedication, and perseverance. Cory-Rawson FFA and more than 10 different 4-H clubs saw more than 45 students participate in livestock and animal projects, more than 50 students exhibit still projects in the Educational Agriculture and Art Displays, and the CR marching band performed in the County Marching Band Show. In total, more than 100 Cory-Rawson students participated at the fair!

The fair provided students with an opportunity to showcase the time, effort, and dedication they have put into their projects throughout the year. From livestock to woodworking, rabbits, dogs, and educational displays, Cory-Rawson students demonstrated a wide variety of skills and interests.

Several students earned special honors. **Logan Inbody** was crowned the Hancock County Junior Fair Prince. **Carrie Ludwig** and recent graduate, **Abbey Miles**, competed in the Small Animal Showman of Showmen Contest, putting their knowledge and showmanship skills to the test against other exhibitors.

Other notable accomplishments include **Kylen Steiner**, who earned recognition in Dog Obedience Intermediate Showmanship; **Carter Frost**, who exhibited the Grand Champion Market Chickens; **Addy Neilson**, who earned honors with a Single Rabbit Fancy Mini Rex; and **Carsen Reese**, who exhibited the Grand Champion Overall Wood Project.

Students also earned class placings in a wide variety of livestock and project areas including Market Wethers, Market Ducks, Market Chickens, Market Turkeys, Dairy Heifers, Dairy Cows, Beef Feeders, Dairy Steers, Hancock County Calf Club Steers, Dairy Feeders, Crossbred Dairy Feeders, Boer Goats, Dairy Goats, Market Barrows, and Market Gilts. Equine exhibitors found success in Horse Poles, Horse Stakes, Horse Keyhole, Horse Barrels, and Draft Horse classes. Students also competed successfully in Dog Rally and other animal-related events.

Cory-Rawson Art Department celebrates Grand Champion, **Peyton Nickels**; First Place, **Parker Brown**; Second Place, **Macie Augustine**; and Third Place, **Anjali Smith** for their outstanding pieces. What a great showing of CR Art!

Cory-Rawson Marching Band was honored to celebrate America 250 in playing the National Anthem alongside the bands from every school in Hancock County. They also had a great performance of their show including pop hits Timber, Made You Look, and Old Town Road.

We are extremely proud of the students' efforts, hard work, sportsmanship, leadership, and dedication. They have truly made CR proud, and we congratulate them again on all they accomplished!

From Mr. Fenstermaker

Cory-Rawson School Community: As we begin a new year, our staff is excited to reconnect with our students, families, and community. This year, we are proud to emphasize **resilience** as a foundational pillar as part of our Portrait of a Hornet.

Resilience is more than just bouncing back, it is the courage to tackle difficult tasks, learn from mistakes, and keep moving forward with confidence. True growth happens when we step out of our comfort zones and trust in our ability to overcome obstacles. With this mindset, we aim to equip our students with the internal strength they need to succeed both in school and in life.

Success is a team effort, and we invite our families to join us in modeling and reinforcing perseverance at home. Thank you for your unwavering partnership and commitment to our students' success. Here's to a powerful, inspiring, and resilient school year ahead!



August

27 - Open House

December

23-31 - No School
Christmas Break

September

8 - First Day of School!
22 - Picture Day

January

1 - No School
Christmas Break
18 - No School PD Day
22 - End 2nd 9-weeks

October

12 - No School
PD Day

March

25 - End 3rd 9-weeks
26 - No School
Spring Break

November

6 - End 1st 9 Weeks
4 & 10 - Elementary Conferences
25-27 - No School
Thanksgiving Break

May

23 - Graduation
27 - Last Day of School!



Cory-Rawson Local School will be receiving Title IV-B Funds. These funds are used to supplement special education and special needs programs already in place in the school district and county. This allocation is earmarked to help pay for the special education services Cory-Rawson students receive through the Hancock County ESC. The school system would like to continue to use its IDEA-B money for this purpose. If you have any questions or comments pertaining to the use of these funds or our special education programs, please contact the superintendent's office at 419-964-3415.