THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

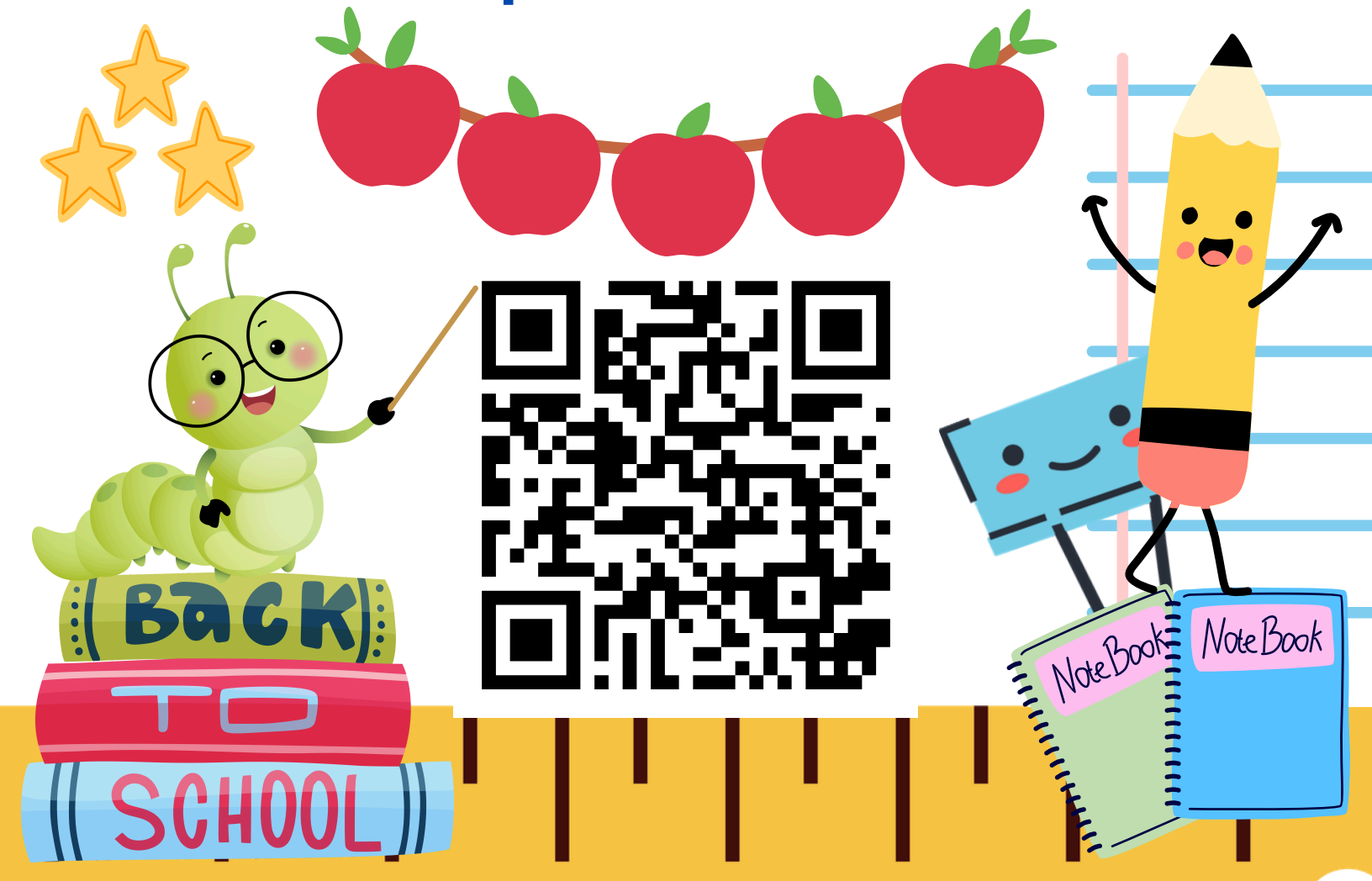
Back to School 2026

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South Platte Public Schools Mission Statement

South Platte Public Schools will provide quality educational opportunities for developing responsible citizens who will make positive contributions in a changing world.

For the most up to date school calendar:



First Day of School - August 17th

K-6 8:00am-3:35pm

7-12 7:45am-3:47pm

Bus Times:

Ogallala 7:05 - Brule 7:20

Lodgepole 7:00 - Chappell 7:12

Bus will leave South Platte at 3:52

Dear South Platte Students and Families,

Welcome Back! I hope your summer has been filled with time to relax, make memories and enjoy being with family and friends. We are excited to welcome everyone back for another great year at South Platte. This school year brings a fresh start and a new four-day school week. While it will be an adjustment for all of us, I know our students, families and staff will embrace this opportunity together. Our focus remains the same-to provide every student with a safe, caring environment where they are challenged, supported and encouraged to grow each day.

I invite you to join us for Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00pm. where you'll have the opportunity to meet teachers, reconnect with friends and get ready for a successful year ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community and we can't wait to see our hallways filled with students again. Here's to a wonderful school year filled with learning, growth and plenty of reasons to celebrate.

Working Together - Mr. Spencer

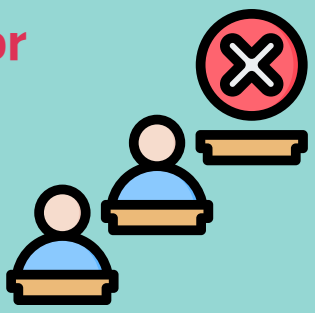
REMINDER TO PARENTS ABOUT ABSENCES!

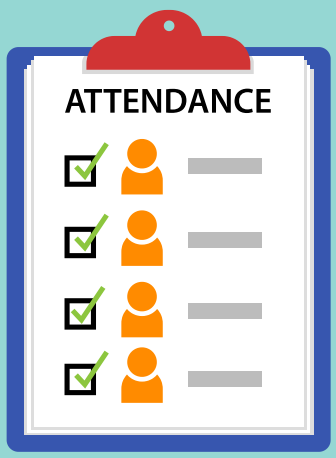
Please keep the school informed if your student will not be in attendance for the day. Follow these guidelines for student absences:

1. If you know about the absence in advance, please send a note or call the office ahead of time. Students should contact their teachers for assignments.
2. If the absence is due to an illness, please call the school offices (K-12) 308-889-3674 or as early as possible on that day to report the absence.

At South Platte we feel that students and staff should dress appropriately to promote a positive atmosphere for students to learn.







Dear South Platte Family,

It is hard to believe summer vacation is almost over and in a few short weeks we will be back in school. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready to begin the school year with us. The school has been a busy place this summer. Students have been involved in camps, open gym and in the summer weights program. The custodial staff has been working diligently to get the school prepared for our students and staff to return. Teachers have been preparing their classrooms and have been involved in professional development and continuous education opportunities throughout the summer. As the summer weight sessions are completing, families that want to continue using the Fitness Center can purchase family memberships at the High School Office. Remember, anyone under 18 must be supervised by an adult to utilize the fitness center. The 2026-27 Student Handbook and Activity Handbook can be found on our school website and through our school Facebook page. The signature page for both of those handbooks can be completed online. For students who are participating in extra curricular activities, the signature pages are due prior to the first day of practice. All other students need to have the signature pages completed by August 28. If you have any questions regarding either handbook, please contact your student's school principal. The first day of fall sports practice for high school volleyball, football and cross country is Monday, August 10th . Be on the lookout for practice times and locations from our coaches. Back to school night on Tuesday, August 11th is a great opportunity for students to take a look at their class schedule and check out their chromebooks. Also, we will be having our preseason parents meeting for JH/HS students and parents who will participate in sports and activities this year. We are excited to announce our activity schedule and school calendar will be on Bound. Our Bound page is found at https://www.gobound.com/ne/schools/southplatte. Please bookmark the page, download the app and check it regularly for the most up-to-date schedule information. Our Bound page is also linked on our school website and the South Platte Knights Facebook page.

Go Knights!

Nick Brost



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

South Platte will be having "Back to School Night"/Title I meeting on Tuesday, August 11th at 6:00pm. This will be a time to bring in all supplies for the year, receive information about the school year and meet with the teachers. The doors will open @ 5:00pm to allow time to fill out paperwork, purchase activity passes and pay for lunches. We hope to see you there!!

7-12 Parent/Student Meetings

Following Back to School Night there will be a parents meeting of Junior/Senior High students who participate in any activities/athletics in the gymnasium at 6:30pm. At least one parent from each family is encouraged to attend. Important information regarding the athletic programs will be covered. Following the athletic meeting there will be a parent/student meeting to go over technology regulations. Chrome books will be available for check out to the 7-12 students at no charge.

Attention Band Members

All students in grades 6th-12th can stop by the music room and reserve their school instrument at back to school night. Please make sure to bring your personal instruments with you on the first day of school. Thanks!

Don't forget to use the South Platte App! It's everything South Platte, in your pocket. Download for Android https://bit.ly/3PrlUtQ Download for iPhone https://apple.co/38sXEXW

2026-2027 South Platte Back-to-School Supply Lists

ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS K-6 NEED PE SHOES AT THE START OF SCHOOL
NOTE: BOTTOM OF SHOES NEED TO BE CLEAN WITH A NON-MARKING SOLE

Kindergarten-Mrs. Johnson

12 pencils with erasers
2 large boxes of tissues
2 pks. Crayola Crayons
Backpack (standard size)
2 class-pack snacks (10 students)
3 containers of Clorox or Lysol wipes
1 box of cereal (no bran or flake type)
Gym shoes-Preferably with Velcro closures
Optional: Water bottle
*Please note: All colored pencils, markers and glue are supplied by the school. Most items are community supplies so please do not label with student names.

1st Grade-Mrs. Schneider

Scissors
2 notebooks
water bottle
1 pencil box
2 glue sticks
2 box of Kleenex
1 box of crayons (24)
2 pkgs. #2 lead pencils
1 pkg pencil cap erasers-to be shared with the class
1 container Clorox wipes
NO PENCIL SHARPENERS
Optional: chap stick, colored pencils
Gym shoes-**preferably with Velcro closures**

2nd Grade-Mrs. Whipple

2 pocket folders
2 box of Kleenex
Clorox wipes-2
tennis shoes for PE
Water bottle with lid
1 pair headphones(wired)
1 box of snacks (class)
1 3 ring binder-1”
1 composition notebook

3rd Grade-Mrs. Gallentine

40 pencils
Deodorant
1 notebook
Water Bottle
2 large erasers
Pencil cap erasers
1 (1-inch) three-ring binder

4th Grade-Mrs. Huff

Kleenex
Pencils-20
Glue-sticks
1 notebook
Scissors
Clorox Wipes

5th Grade-Mr. Richards

4 notebooks
2 large erasers
Pencil box or bag
2 boxes of Kleenex
20 pencils
Optional: glue, scissors, colored pencils, markers, ruler
*NO Alcohol markers

6th Grade-Mrs. Duncan

Erasers
Glue Sticks
Scissors
Clorox Wipes
20-Pencils
Pencil Box or Bag
5 Pocket Folders
Water Bottle
4 Notebooks or loose-leaf paper
2 Boxes of Kleenex
Optional-Colored Pencils, dry-erase markers, headphones(wired)

7th-12th Suggested Supply List

Erasers
5 Notebooks
Pencils, Pens
Pocket Folders,
3 Ring Binders
Loose Leaf Paper
Scientific Calculator (Non-Graphing)
Graph Paper Notebook (8 grade)



Shh!



We are accepting your requests for the

Adoptive Parent Program

for the 2026-2027 school year!
If you would like to adopt a juior or senior, please email Mrs. Spady or Mrs. Cheleen the names of your top 3 choices of the student that you would like to adopt.
We assign students on a first request basis whenever we can!

cspady@southplatteschools.com
acheleen@southplatteschools.com

Steph's Studio, Alliance, NE

Save the dates for school pictures!!
Steph's studio will be taking our school and sports pictures again this year. Fall picture day will be Sept. 9th. We will take class pictures, individual pictures and fall sports pictures. If you have a student in Football, Volleyball, Cross Country or Cheer please plan on having uniforms ready to go on this day.
Winter sports and retake day will be Nov. 24th. Sports pictures that will be taken this day will be JH & HS Basketball and Wrestling. We will do HS and JH clubs on this day as well. This will include One Act, Band, Choir, Stuco, FFA, Speech, Science Olympiad and Quiz Bowl.
Spring picture day will be March 24th. On this day we will take spring sports pictures including Golf and Track; NHS will be taken along with any other clubs not finished in Nov.
Be on the lookout for order forms that will be sent home a week before picture day or they will be available online. This year there will be a new way to get the online viewing codes. Please look for them on the four color take-home paper.

Sept. 9

- Individual Pictures
- Class Pictures
- JH/HS Fall Sports -CC/FB/VB/Cheer



Make sure to bring your uniform the day of sports pictures!

Nov.24

- JH/HS Winter Sports - Wrestling/BBB/GBB
- Retakes

March 24

Spring Pictures -Sports Only- Track/Golf

FRIDAY AUG. 21st Annual Back to School BBQ sponsored by South Platte Early Learning Programs.
Serving will start at 4:30pm and will be held in the patio area outside of the HS commons area. $6/plate. Menu is hamburger or hot dogs with beans, chips, drink and dessert.

HS Volleyball/Football Sports Drinks/Snacks Scrimmages-Friday, Aug. 21st Volleyball @ 5:00pm & Football @ 6:00pm

Jr. High football equipment checkout is on Mon. Aug. 10th and Tues. Aug. 11th from 1-3pm in the gym for anyone who is able to make it.

NEW remember to utilize our website:
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or the activity calendar on
https://www.gobound.com/ne/schools/southplatte





Aug. 11 HS Fall Sports Practice Begins



Aug. 10 and 11 JH Football Equipment Check Out

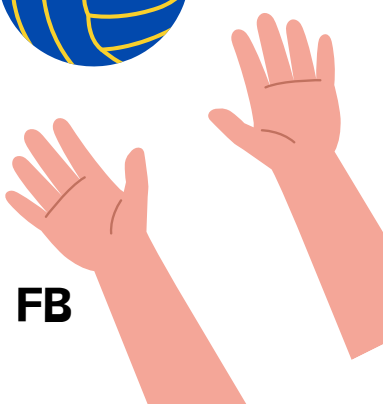
Aug. 11 Back to School Night



Aug. 17 First Day of School

Aug. 21 Back to School BBQ





Aug. 21 HS Sports Scrimmages, VB and FB

SOUTH PLATTE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

COMFORT CLOSET

In a compassionate effort to ensure that all students have access to basic needs, the South Platte National Honor Society will be stocking a "Comfort Closet." Students will have the opportunity to visit the "Comfort Closet" with the assistance of teachers or administration. The goal is to provide students with items that may not be available to them outside of school, remove the burden of fitting in, and promote a culture of giving in our community and among our students.

We have helped dozens of South Platte students so far, but are always in need of the following items:

Hygiene Items

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products

Donations can be brought to either office or Mrs. Scherbarth.

Thank you for helping South Platte students!



The school year is quickly approaching which means we will soon have many more little feet at our South Platte Childcare Center as well as new kiddos anxious to grow and learn at South Platte Preschool! We are so grateful for the continued love, support and generosity that our programs receive. Our programs are a success because of you! We have created an Amazon wish list of items both of our programs could benefit from. If you feel you are able to donate, any item will help! Again thank you so much for your support! We truly have an amazing community!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HPGPZWBY731R?ref_=wl_share



Preschool Back to School Night
August 27th - 6:00pm



South Platte Preschool School Supply List for the 2026-2027 school year. Preschool will start on Tuesday, September 2, 2026

2 Clorox wipes
4 glue sticks
2 bottles of Elmer's glue
1-8 count crayons-nothing larger
1 box of washable markers
1 box of kleenex
1 Package of Napkins-Boys only
Standard sized Backpack
*Change of clothes







South Platte Preschool still has a few openings for the 2026-2027 school year. If your child will turn 3 by July 31, 2026 and you would like more information please reach out to Jennifer Blochowitz at southplatteprescool@gmail.com or 308-874-4212.

South Platte Early Learning Programs will be hosting their annual golf tournament on August 22nd at Crandell Creek Golf Course. To register a team please contact Shelby McClung 307-331-4513 or Lyndsay McClung 308-874-4275.

Enrollment Available at South Platte Preschool



KIDS CONNECTION

THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO CHILDREN OF LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES IN NEBRASKA. KIDS CONNECTION IS THE RESULT OF LB1063 AND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE NEBRASKA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM (HHSS). KIDS CONNECTION BUILDS ON THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM AND PROVIDES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHOSE INCOME IS 185% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL OR BELOW. PREGNANT WOMEN WITH THE SAME INCOME LEVEL WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ROUTINE, PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE AND BASIC HOSPITALIZATION FOR CHILDREN NEEDING COVERAGE. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.HHS.STATE.NE.US.



2026-27 SOUTH PLATTE ACTIVITY CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OR AREA BUSINESSES. PLEASE PICK UP AND RETAIN FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. FOR UP TO THE MINUTE CHANGES AND VIEWING OF CURRENT SCHEDULES ON-LINE AT: https://www.gobound.com/ne/schools/southplatte OR AT THE SCHOOL WEB SITE: WWW.SOUTHPLATTESCHOOLS.COM



- PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SOME DATES ON THE CALENDAR ARE TENTATIVE, PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE OFTEN FOR UPDATES OR IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, REFER TO THE MOST CURRENT CALENDAR IN THE KNIGHTLY NEWS (CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO GET PLACED ON THE MAILING LIST).

Lunch

We are asking each family to fill out the free and reduced lunch application that you will be receiving in the mail or it may also be picked up at the school. The school depends on completed meal applications for school funding.

Please pay your lunch bill ahead of time. Listed below is an estimate per month for breakfasts and lunches depending on the age of your child/children. Funds can be applied early to your account for the upcoming school year. Please plan to budget accordingly.



Lunch Prices:

Grades K-6 $3.05 Reduced 0.00

Grades 7-12 $3.70 Reduced 0.00

0-12th Guest $4.00

Adult Guests $5.00

Extra Milk .65



Breakfast Prices:

Grades K-6 $1.90 Reduced 0.00

Grades 7-12 $2.15 Reduced 0.00

Extra Milk .65



Meal Cost

Monthly Estimate

Average

Days/Month: 16

Per Meal Per Month

JH/HS Breakfast:

$34.40

JH/HS Lunch:

$48.80

Elem. Breakfast:

$30.40

Elem. Lunch:

$59.20

Season Passes

SOUTH PLATTE SCHOOL WILL ISSUE SEASON PASSES FOR ATHLETIC CONTESTS DURING THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR. A STUDENT SEASON PASS FOR GRADES K-12 WILL SELL FOR $20.00. THIS WILL ENABLE THE STUDENT TO ATTEND ALL HOME CONTESTS FREE OF CHARGE AT THE GATE AS LONG AS THEY SHOW THIS PASS. ADULTS MAY PURCHASE A SEASON PASS FOR $30.00. A FAMILY SEASON PASS WILL ALSO BE SOLD FOR $75.00. THE FAMILY PASS WILL BE GOOD FOR TWO ADULTS AND THEIR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN. AGAIN, PASSES MUST BE SHOWN AT THE GATE OR YOU WILL BE CHARED THE REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSION PRICE OF $3.00 FOR STUDENTS AND $4.00 FOR ADULTS. PASSES MAY BE PURCHASED FROM DENISE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE. AS IT TAKES SOME TIME TO PRINT AND LAMINATE THE PASSES, PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR SEASON TICKETS IN ADVANCE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 889-3622, EXT. 2.



SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES FOR FREE ADMISSION TO ALL SOUTH PLATTE HOME CONTESTS (EXCLUDING TOURNAMENTS) ARE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS AGE 65 OR OLDER. PLEASE STOP BY THE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE TO PICK UP YOUR PASS OR CALL THE SCHOOL 889-3674. PASSES DO NOT EXPIRE EACH YEAR.

Non-Discrimination Statement

This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation.

The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:
(1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410

(2) Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov



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HOCO 2026

Friday
Oct. 23rd

1:00
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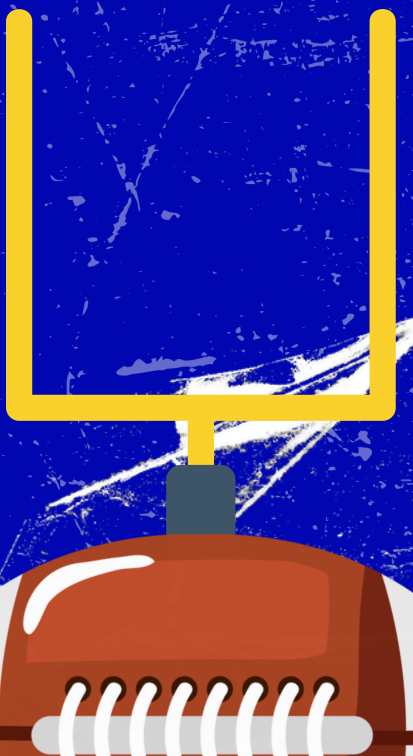
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SOUTH PLATTE KNIGHTS

VS

CREEK VALLEY STORM



SOUTH PLATTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2026-2027

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AUGUST
10: TEACHER IN-SERVICE
11: TEACHER IN-SERVICE
17: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER
7: NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
25: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (1PM-7PM)

OCTOBER
15: END OF 1ST QUARTER (36 DAYS)

NOVEMBER
25-26: NO SCHOOL -THANKSGIVING BREAK

DECEMBER
21-31: NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY
1: NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS BREAK
4: TEACHER IN-SERVICE
8: END OF 2ND QUARTER (38 DAYS)

FEBRUARY
26: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (1PM-7PM)

MARCH
11: END OF 3RD QUARTER (35 DAYS)
4: NO SCHOOL-SPRING BREAK
29: NO SCHOOL-EASTER BREAK

MAY
8: GRADUATION
26: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (TENTATIVE)
26: END OF 4TH QUARTER (43 DAYS)
27-28: TEACHER WORKDAYS

START AND END OF SCHOOL
TEACHER DAYS-NO STUDENTS
NO SCHOOL
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

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K-6 8:00-3:35
7-12 7:45-3:47

Bus Times

~~ Ogallala 7:05 ~~ Brule 7:20 ~~ Lodgepole 7:00 ~~ Chappell 7:12 ~~

Bus will leave South Platte at 3:52