



DAVID CITY SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Student Spotlight

Hayden Schmit is the Class C 138 lb State Champion! We had 4 other qualifiers: Jesse Divis 2nd, Manny Venegas 4th, Daren Vodicka 6th and Teagan Rerucha



A Note from the Principal

" The Power of Relationships and High Standards

At DC Pub, the end of the season is a time for celebration, but it is also a moment for deep gratitude. This year, our Seniors introduced a new tradition: honoring a staff member who has left an indelible mark on their high school career. While the DC Scouts "I Make a Difference" t-shirt is the visible symbol of this honor, the story behind it is about much more than a piece of clothing. It is about the profound impact of teachers who lead with both heart and high expectations.

Research consistently shows that "no significant learning occurs without a significant relationship". Our Seniors didn't just choose the "fun" teachers; they chose the ones who truly saw them. These connections are the essential foundation that makes rigorous learning possible. The most impactful educators at DC Pub understand that caring for a student and holding them to high standards are not opposing goals—they are two sides of the same coin.

Becoming a member of this "Difference Maker" club is the ultimate professional achievement because it is awarded by the students themselves. It confirms that the hours spent grading, the difficult conversations about expectations, and the simple moments of "being there" were all worth it.

To our staff: thank you for being the mentors who didn't just teach a subject, but who helped our Seniors find their own strength through your belief in them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Girls State Basketball**
Mar 4-6
- * **Boys State Basketball**
Mar 11-13
- * **No School** Mar 6, 13, & 16
- * **FFA State Convention**
Mar 25-27
- * **FCCLA State Convention** Mar 29-31

WHAT'S *Be* **BUZZ** About?

QUIZ BOWL

The Scout Quiz Bowl teams are in full swing! Spring is a busy time with conference, districts and our own invite.

Participation numbers are up this year and our teams are having so much fun!

Curious about quiz bowl? Stop by our home contest on April 11th and see for yourself what all the buzz is about!



What are the three layers of the Earth?



Crust, Mantle, Core



Upcoming EVENTS

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| March 2: | Thayer Central Junior High Contest |
| March 6: | Bellevue University High School Invite |
| March 9: | ESU7 District Contest (High School) |
| March 11: | Knowledge Master Open (Middle School) |
| March 23: | SNC High School contest at Sandy Creek |
| April 11: | DC Invite - High School and Middle School |

TOP finishes



Middle School

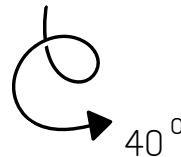
Top 4 finish at SNC
Quarterfinalists at Concordia
Quarterfinalists at Nebraska Christian

High School

Quarterfinalists at Nebraska Christian
Silver Bracket Champs at Central City



What is the only temperature identical in both Celsius and Fahrenheit?



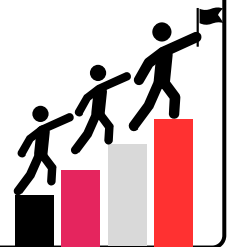
POINT leaders

Middle School

- 1- Zoey Allen
- 2- Max Hlavac
- 3- Andrea Eilers

High School

- 1- Jackson Harris
- 2- Caelan Olson
- 3- Paul Tebbe



Shop Students Explore Careers at Premier Plastics and CLAAS of America

Students in our shop and career exploration program recently had the chance to get out of the classroom and see manufacturing in action during tours of Premier Plastics, Inc. and CLAAS of America.



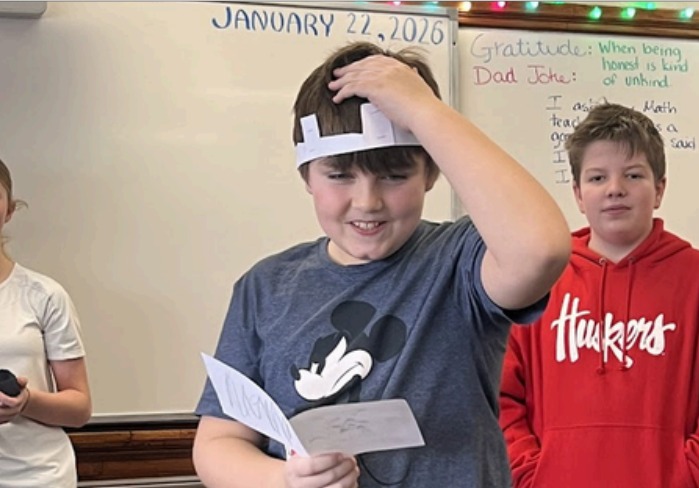
At Premier Plastics, students learned how plastic injection molding works and watched as raw materials were turned into precision parts used in agriculture, automotive, and medical industries. They saw how design, engineering, quality control, and teamwork all come together to create finished products. The visit reinforced the importance of safety, attention to detail, and strong technical skills in today's manufacturing careers.

The group also toured CLAAS of America, where large agricultural machines are assembled and prepared for use around the world. Students walked the assembly floor and learned about the many different jobs involved in building this equipment — from fabrication and welding to engineering, logistics, and management. Seeing the machines up close gave students a better understanding of the scale, technology, and teamwork involved in modern agriculture.

Tours like these help students connect what they are learning in shop class to real career opportunities. They were able to ask questions, talk with professionals, and see how the skills they practice every day can lead to rewarding careers right here in Nebraska.

Thank you to Premier Plastics and CLAAS of America for welcoming our students and supporting career and technical education. Experiences like this make learning more meaningful and help students start thinking about their futures after high school.

By Lynn Hanson



MIDDLE SCHOOL Social Studies

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COMING UP IN MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

7th grade

The Early Americas

Europe in the Middle Ages

8th grade

The North & South

Reform Movements & Division

Civil War & Reconstruction

7TH GRADERS GO MEDIEVAL

7th grade Social Studies focuses on World History during the Middle Ages time period. So far this year, 7th graders have learned about the religions and history of the Middle East, China, Japan, and South and Southeast Asia.

A highlight of the year was learning about Japanese feudal social classes and creating skits to show the interaction between them.

8TH GRADE: FROM COLONIES TO CIVIL WAR

U.S. History is the topic of 8th grade Social Studies. The year begins with colonial America and ends with the Civil War and reconstruction. Students ride the ups and down of progress, power struggles, and social issues of the new nation while connecting them to current issues of the day.



WHAT'S TRENDING?

Classroom discussions come to life when tied to today's headlines!

- How can we connect actions of the current administration to the Monroe Doctrine?
- How do divisions among Muslim groups from over 1000 years ago relate to conflict today?
- How does the history of immigration in our country compare to immigration today?

TEAM SHOWS INCREDIBLE GROWTH & SUCCESS

A PROGRAM ON THE RISE

In just two short seasons, the Middle School Girls Wrestling program has experienced remarkable growth – both in numbers and in success. What began as a team of 12 athletes has expanded to 22 wrestlers, nearly doubling in size in one year. That growth reflects not only increased interest in the sport, but also the positive culture, strong leadership, and hard work that define this program.

The wrestlers' commitment to improvement, their support of one another, and their competitive spirit have built something truly special. Just as the roster has grown, so has the team's success on the mat, with consistent tournament placings and championship performances throughout the season.

With continued dedication and momentum on their side, the future of girls' wrestling at both the Middle School and High School looks incredibly bright. Congratulations to all of these athletes on a tremendous season!

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING



Results:

Central City Invite: 2nd Place out of 21 teams

Schuyler Wrestling Meet: 5th Place out of 14 teams

Centennial Invite: 1st Place of 13 teams
Thayer Central Wrestling Meet: no team points were kept

Norfolk Invite: 3rd Place out of 13 teams
East Butler Invite: no team points were kept



State Dance



Platinum Dance



25-26

Platinum Dance is back! We want to thank ALL of our supporters this year. These girls have worked hard all season long, both athletically and academically. We came home with an academic excellence award this year, and we are glad to get to experience state dance again! These girls put in A LOT of behind-the-scenes work, and we at DCHS are so grateful to have such a dedicated group.



Local Business Spotlight



St. Joseph's Villa & Court



This month, we are proud to highlight St. Joseph's Villa & Court, a skilled nursing and assisted living facility located right here in David City, Nebraska. St. Joseph's Villa & Court is dedicated to providing exceptional, consistent, and high-quality care to each of their residents.

Their mission centers on serving residents with love, compassion, and respect—values that are evident in the way they care for individuals and support families in our community.

We are incredibly grateful for our partnership with St. Joseph's Villa & Court and the meaningful opportunities they provide for our students. Through our work release program, students are able to gain valuable hands-on experience while making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Thank you to St. Joseph's Villa & Court for investing in our students and strengthening our community.