

Tiger Talk



September 2026

WELCOME BACK!

We are excited to be back in school. Our student enrollment this year is 171 students PreK-12. We have 15 new students who joined PreSchool and 25 new students in grades K-12. We are excited to have them join our school and the Paxton Tigers!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Back to School Night. It is always fun to see everyone at the start of the new school year. We have an AWESOME school board and appreciate that they would take time to help cook and serve all of us, not only on Back to School Night, but throughout the school year.

As we begin another year of successes and challenges, I would like you to keep a few things in mind. Although we are encouraged to see students arriving at school early each day, please be advised that students arriving earlier than 7:40 am MT cannot be properly supervised. The cafeteria opens at 7:40 am until 8:00 am for students eating breakfast at school. Please make every effort to not bring or allow your children to be at school before 7:40 am MT.

Teacher schedules remain the same as they have for the past two years. Teachers will be in the classroom from 7:45 to 8:00 each day for any student that needs extra help. Teachers will also be available after school from 3:30 to 3:45 unless they are sponsoring an activity. Please encourage your student to meet with teachers during this time when extra help is needed.

The school day begins at 8:00 am MT and ends at 3:27 pm MT. Elementary students who walk will be dismissed Monday - Thursday at 3:20 pm MT. We will have early dismissals on Friday at 2:00 pm MT. Elementary students who walk will be dismissed at 1:50 pm MT on Fridays. We will not have any scheduled late start inservices this year. Instead, we have 3 all-day inservice days scheduled; September 21st, January 25th and April 12th. These dates are used for staff professional development and are great opportunities to schedule student appointments.

Parent-teacher conferences will occur on Monday, Oct. 5th from 12 pm - 7 pm. This is a great time to visit with your child's teacher and learn about the great projects and lessons your child is doing in class. The schedule for elementary will be coming out soon and middle/high school students and parents can visit teachers without an appointment when teachers are available.

We are looking forward to another great year at Paxton Schools and encourage you to take part in your child's education whenever possible. Whether you choose to eat lunch with them, sponsor a classroom activity or bring them forgotten items from home, please remember to check into the office upon entering the school. This ensures the safety of all children attending classes.

Educationally yours,

Stacy McAbee
Superintendent



2026-2027 Activity Passes

Rates have been set for admission and for yearly activity passes for the 2025-2026 school year. You may purchase annual activity passes at the Paxton Consolidated Schools office.

Regular admission to Paxton Consolidated Schools home activities will be **\$5.00 for adults** and **\$4.00 for elementary students** during the 2026-2027 school year.

- Season passes for all regular home activities:
 - **Adults \$85**
 - **K-5 Students \$50**
 - Preschoolers are Free
 - Students in grades 6-12 who participate in an activity are admitted to home activities for free. During a conference tournament or an NSSA State Event spectator students must pay regular admission fees.
- Senior citizens, (62 years and older), will be issued passes upon request.
- During a conference tournament or an NSSA State Event all spectators must pay regular admission fees.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences for students in grades K-12 are scheduled for:

Monday, October 5th from 12-7 p.m.

There will be NO SCHOOL on October 5th.

Prizes drawings will be held for those families who attend! Prizes include a season activity pass for your family, a Paxton apparel Gift Certificate, free admission to school activities, concession stand coupons and more!

We hope to see all of you at the 2026-2027 Parent-Teacher Conferences.

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<http://www.paxtonschools.org/>

OR

Download the Paxton Schools App

Paxton Tiger Apparel

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/paxton/paxton-high-school>

The store will be open year round.



Reminder

When picking up elementary children after school please park in the front parking lot. Elementary students will be dismissed from the south doors.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The Box Tops program has launched the next generation of digital Box Tops. The new and improved Box Tops Mobile App uses state of the art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add the Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com> to sign up, download the app to your smart phone and start participating in the school's account to help purchase free books for our school library.

Stay up-to-date with all activities in the Bound App! Order tickets, pay with a card at the concession stand, and gate!



#paxtontigers

So HAPPY
To Have Our STUDENTS BACK



Paxton Consolidated Schools Newsletter

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Welcome Back! We are off to a great start! I have really enjoyed getting to know our students, staff, and families. Teachers and students are settling into new routines, and learning is well underway!

We started our year with a great presentation by Jay Martin. He presented to our 4th–12th grade students during the day and returned in the evening to speak with parents and community members about digital engagement, youth well-being, AI, and digital platform safety. It was packed with great information, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and community members in attendance for the evening session.

Student of the Month Nominations for Student of the Month begin in September! Each month, staff members will vote to select one student from grades 6–8 and one student from grades 9–12. We are looking for students who are positive, respectful, responsible, safe, and exemplify the traits on our Tigers Matrix.

Winners will receive:

- Coupons for the concession stand
- Front-of-the-line privileges in the lunch room
- Special recognition signs on their lockers
- An interview featured by the journalism class
- A reserved parking spot (for high school students)

Be on the lookout for our September Student of the Month!

Enrollment Updates Our total student enrollment currently stands at 172. We are thrilled to welcome all of our new and returning students this year:

- **Preschool:** 2 classes: 19 total students (15 new students)
- **Kindergarten:** 11 students (5 new students)
- **1st Grade:** 8 students (all returning)
- **2nd Grade:** 9 students (1 new student)
- **3rd Grade:** 13 students (4 new students)
- **4th Grade:** 8 students (2 new students)
- **5th Grade:** 9 students (2 new students)
- **6th Grade:** 15 students (6 new students)
- **7th Grade:** 12 students (3 new students)
- **8th Grade:** 13 students (1 new student)
- **9th Grade:** 18 students (1 new student)
- **10th Grade:** 10 students (all returning)
- **11th Grade:** 14 students (all returning)
- **12th Grade:** 13 students (1 new student)

Our volleyball, football, and cross-country athletes are working hard and the first events of the season are underway. Our band and cheer students participated in band camp on Friday evening. Paxton has so much to offer our students. As a reminder, the best place to find up-to-date information and events are on our school website or facebook page!

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Paxton Consolidated Schools Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		VB Tri @ Sutherland vs Cambridge @ 4:00		XC JH/HS NP St. Pats @ 4:00 VB @ Paxton vs Maxwell @ 4:00 FB @ Paxton vs Minatare @ 7:00		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL ESU PLC DAY	JH VB @ Paxton vs Creek Valley @ 1:00 JH FB @ Paxton vs Creek Valley @ 1:00	XC JH/HS @ Chase Co @ 9:00 VB Tri @ Garden Co w/ Minatare @ 4:00	FB @ South Platte @ 7:00	VB Seven Valleys Tourn @ Callaway @ 8:30	
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
JH VB @ South Platte @ 1:00 JH FB @ South Platte @ 2:00	VB Tri w/ Perkins Co & South Platte @ 4:00	FFA Husker Harvest Days	XC JH/HS @ Arapahoe @ 3:30			VB Maxwell Tourney
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE	VB Paxton Tri w/Wallace, Wa-Pa & Potter Dix @ 4:00				XC JH/HS @ Ogallala @ 3:00 FB @ Wallace @ 6:00	
27	28	29	30			
JH VB @ Paxton vs Wallace @ 1:00 JH FB @ Paxton vs Wallace @ 2:00	VB Tri @ Arthur Co w/ Sandhills/Theford @ 4:00	Picture Retakes @ 8 am				

Counselor Corner

Welcome back to school! We have roughly 18 students taking about 16 different college classes through MidPlains Community College. These college credits are free for them due to a special grant the college received. Who doesn't love free!

In September we will have a couple possible field trips available - College Fair (juniors/seniors) in Ogallala on September 2. In October the Freshmen class will visit various Ogallala area businesses for the EXCEL tour put on by KCAD and MPCC.

ACT tests in Ogallala will no longer be available by paper/pencil. They will be provided a laptop to take it. Below are the National Test dates. Let me know if you need any assistance in getting signed up to take it.

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

I am in the elementary classrooms every week doing guidance lessons. In the Middle school grades, I'll be in twice a month or so. In high school grades, I'll be with them usually once a month.

Looking forward to a great year!

Jean Spencer

School Counselor PreK-12

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Paxton Consolidated Schools Breakfast/Lunch Menu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
THIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER		1 French Toast	2 Egg McMuffin Sandwich	3 Smoothie	4 GRAB & GO	5 ** DONATED BEEF BY TIGER BEEF PROGRAM
		Hamburger Stroganoff, Veggie & Garlic Toast	Pork Loin Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Roll and Butter	Sausage Gravy over Biscuits & Veggie	Chicken Tacos & Tater Tots	
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 NO SCHOOL ESU PLC DAY	9 Cini Mini Cavatini, Veggie & Breadstick	10 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage or Cheese Pizza & Veggie	11 GRAB & GO Chicken Patty on a Bun and Chips	12
						
13	14 Apple Frudel Taco & Corn	15 Breakfast Pizza Chicken Spaghetti, Veggie & Breadstick	16 Scrambled Eggs with Cheese Breaded Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie, Roll & Butter	17 Breakfast Burritos Turkey Subs & Fries	18 GRAB & GO Hot Dogs on a Bun & Mac & Cheese	19 BREAKFAST IS SERVED WITH FRUIT/ FRUIT ALTERNATE, CEREAL & TOAST
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 Unrustables Chicken Fajita Casserole, Veggie and Garlic Toast	23 Breakfast Bowls Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie, Roll & Butter	24 Smoothie Tater Tot Casserole, Veggie & Breadsticks	25 GRAB & GO Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun with Fries	26
27	28 Lumber Jacks Pulled Pork on a Bun & Potato Wedges	29 Breakfast Casserole Super Nachos & Corn	30 Combo Bar Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggie Roll & Butter			