Hartington-Newcastle

Public Schools



November, 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher Conferences were a success! Thank you to all parents/guardians that were able to attend conferences. The partnership between home and school is what drives our children to continue to grow.

The Book Fair turn-out was outstanding! Thank you to everyone that purchased books for themselves, children and classrooms! The gift of a book is a gift for life! Enjoy sharing those reading moments with your children of all ages.

November is bringing in the weather changes. We never know what the day will truly bring us in weather. It is very important to have your children prepare for the changes in and out of school and especially for bus riders. Shorts are no longer allowed in the elementary and children wearing dresses should also wear warm leggings. Hats, gloves and coats are a necessity for arrival, recess and dismissal. We will go out for recess as long as the temperature is above 0 degrees. Please dress accordingly.

We are always in need of snow pants, hats, gloves and boots for the elementary, if anyone would like to donate to the school. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to scan your Box Tops and collect Best Choice UPC's, and Foodtown receipts. All of these add up to big savings for our school. Thank you for your help!

Sarah Edwards, Elementary Principal

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, November 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends! (Set your clocks back one hour)

ONE ACT PLAY PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

Sunday, November 1 – One Act Play Public Performance at HNS at 7:00 p.m.

TEACHER INSERVICE

Wednesday, November 4 – Teacher In-service – Noon dismissal. Lunch will be served. There will be no preschool.

FFA FRUIT SALES

Thursday, November 5 – FFA Fruit Sales End!

VOCAL MUSIC

Monday, November 9 – GNAC Vocal Music at Home – There will be a concert at 5:30 p.m.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Wednesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day Program at Cedar Catholic High School at 2:40 p.m.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week will be celebrated November 16–20! This annual event recognizes the importance of public education and celebrates the dedicated individuals who make our schools successful. From teachers and administrators to paraprofessionals and support staff, we are grateful for everyone who plays a role in creating a positive learning environment and helping our students succeed. Let's take this week to recognize and thank those who make a difference in the lives of our students every day!

THANKSGIVING VACATION

Wednesday, November 25, 2026 – Noon dismissal (No preschool)

Thursday, November 26, 2026 – Thanksgiving – No School

Friday, November 27, 2026 – Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

Mrs. Anderson's Kindergarten News

It is so hard to believe the first quarter is already in the books and the holidays are already upon us. The kindergartners have been working so hard learning letter names, letter sounds, blending sounds to make words, and high frequency words. These kiddos are even reading books!! It is so amazing to listen to them read.

They have also been working on their handwriting. They are writing numbers 0-10 and working on writing their first name and the letters we are learning in class.

They have been working on identifying their numbers 0-10. Next up is identifying and learning about the teen numbers. They have been working so hard on patterns. They are successfully able to make AB, ABC, and AABB patterns. Learning about coins and their values is a fun topic for them to learn about. So far we've learned to identify the penny and nickel and their value. They are even counting money which means they are adding as well!

The kindergarteners got to go to the fire station and learn about fire safety in October. We got to visit the fire station and talk with the firefighters. This year they got to ride in the firetruck around town. They also got to see how the firefighters put on all the gear that they wear and use to put fires out. They were so wonderful to share with us how to be safe if a fire occurs.

I am so excited to see the success that these children will experience as we continue out the year. It's been so fun to watch them grow this first quarter!

NEWS FROM KEN KNEIFL

Remaining ACT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
December 12, 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026
February 27, 2027	January 22, 2027	February 7, 2027
April 10, 2027	March 5, 2027	March 23, 2027
June 12, 2027	May 7, 2027	May 25, 2027
July 10, 2027	June 4, 2027	June 22, 2027

You may register for the ACT either online at www.actstudent.org. The high school code for Hartington-Newcastle Public School is 281-035.

SAT Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
November 7, 2026		
December 5, 2026	November 20, 2026	November 24, 2026
March 6, 2027	February 19, 2027	February 23, 2027
May 1, 2027	April 16, 2027	April 20, 2027
June 5, 2027	May 21, 2027	May 25, 2027

The easiest way to register for the SAT is to go online at www.collegeboard .com. Again, the high school code for Hartington-Newcastle Public School is 281-035.

Students who wish to take the SAT test should be aware that we do offer the John Baylor SAT Test Prep Course. See Mr. Kneifl for further information.

College Rep Visitation Schedule

*There are currently no visits scheduled for November

Senior/Senior Parent Notes

The FAFSA is the form needed to obtain financial aid for the freshman year of college. To complete this online form both the student and one parent will need an FSA ID which will serve as your electronic signature. This FSA ID number can be obtained at studentaid.gov. Each will also need their own e-mail. For the student it is best **NOT** to use their school e-mail as this ID number will be used in future years. Your account must be verified before you can complete the FAFSA. This can take 3-5 days so be sure to apply early.

The FAFSA form itself will be found at studentaid.gov. The FAFSA application is free of charge. If you find that you are being charged for it, you are at the wrong site. Again, applying for the FAFSA is free of charge.

*It should be noted that the Nebraska department of Education is mandating as a graduation requirement that all graduating seniors must fill out a FAFSA application. There will, however, be an option to OPT OUT of FAFSA Completion. To opt out a family must sign a waiver. That waiver may be obtained by contacting the school. This is a very quick and simple procedure.

Seniors are allowed two college visitation days which do not count against their attendance. Visits can be set by the family by going to the college website.

This is the time of year that seniors should be applying to colleges. On October 27th we held an "Apply to College" Day where the seniors had an opportunity to apply to the college or colleges of their choice. Though several seniors were unable to complete all of the applications they wanted, most either completed, or at least got a good start on this process. It is encouraged to apply to several or more. An application does not commit the student to the college but it does provide the student with choice options. Seniors who have already completed their applications of choice had the opportunity to work on various scholarship opportunities. Seniors who do not plan on attending college had the opportunity to work on such things as job resumes, job searches, and so on.

Finally, as students are awarded scholarships, please provide Mr. Kneifl with written documentation of the awards. This is what is read at graduation and goes in the graduation program. It does not matter if the student is attending the college of which the award is made. All known documented awards are recognized at graduation.

Juniors

Remember the juniors are allowed one college day which does not count against their attendance. We encourage juniors to use this opportunity to get a jump on the college decision.

Sophomores

The sophomores recently attended the Northeast Nebraska Career Day. This was held at Wayne State College. Students were able to learn about several possible future career opportunities as well as other information concerning life after high school.

8th Grade

On Wednesday, November 18th the 8th Graders will attend 8th Grade Career Day at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. Early in November the students took a battery of surveys, the results of which can indicate possible areas of career interests the student may want to explore. The students will leave at 8:00. While at Northeast the students will explore possible career paths as well as learn how to research career paths. The students will also do a fun budget activity which can provide a snapshot as to the challenges which can come with adult life. The students will eat lunch (free of charge to the student) at the Northeast Community Cafeteria and will return to school somewhere around 1:30.

Best Wishes
Mr. Kneifl

NOVEMBER, 2026

01 **Daylight Savings Time Fall Back One Hour**	MONDAY 02 Assorted Cereal/Fruit/ Juice/Milk Popcorn Chicken Mac & Cheese Veggies Fruit Milk	TUESDAY 03 Sausage Biscuits/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Tavern / Bun Baked Beans Veggies Fruit Milk	WEDNESDAY 04 Banana Bread/Fruit/Juice/Milk Stuffed Crust Pepperoni Pizza Croutons Veggies Fruit Milk **INSERVICE – NOON DISMISSAL** **NO PRESCHOOL**	THURSDAY 05 Frudels/Fruit/Juice/Milk Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Bread Veggies Fruit Milk	FRIDAY 06 Assorted Cereal Bars/Fruit/ Juice/Milk French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Hashbrowns Veggies Fruit Milk	SATURDAY 07 
08 	09 Assorted Cereal/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Walking Taco Lettuce Tomatoes Red Pepper Strips Fruit Milk	10 Waffle Sticks/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Chicken Strips Cheesy Green Beans Veggies Fruit Milk	11 Pumpkin Bread/Fruit/Juice/Milk Chili Soup Cinnamon Rolls Crackers Veggies Fruit Milk	12 Donuts/Fruit/Juice/Milk Pork Steak Mashed Potatoes / Gravy Peas Fruit Milk	13 Assorted Cereal Bars/Fruit/ Juice/Milk Philly Steak & Cheese Sandwich Chips Veggies Fruit Milk	14 
15 	16 Assorted Cereal/Fruit/ Juice/Milk Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Veggies Fruit Milk	17 Chocolate Bread/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Fiestada Lettuce Tomatoes Red Pepper strips Fruit Milk	18 Pancake Wraps/Fruit/Juice/Milk Super Nachos Lettuce Tomatoes Red Pepper Strips Fruit Milk	19 Breakfast Pizza/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Turkey & Dressing Mashed Potatoes / Gravy Rolls Corn Fruit Milk	20 Tornados/Fruit/Juice/Milk Chicken Noodle Soup Bread Sticks Crackers Veggies Fruit Milk	21 
22 	23 Assorted Cereal/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Lasagna Garlic Bread Veggies Fruit Milk	24 Long John Donuts/Fruit/ Juice/Milk Pancakes Sausage Patties Eggs Veggies Fruit Milk	25 Chocolate Muffins/Fruit/Juice/Milk Chicken Nuggets Smiley Fries Veggies Fruit Milk **NOON DISMISSAL**	26 **NO SCHOOL** **THANKSGIVING** 	27 **NO SCHOOL** **THANKSGIVING VACATION**	28 
29 	30 Assorted Cereal/Fruit/Juice/ Milk Soft Shell Taco Lettuce Tomatoes Red Pepper Strips Fruit Milk		**USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER**		**ALL MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**	