

Newsletter

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2026

Staying Engaged in a Season of Change

As we move into the heart of the second semester, there is a distinct sense of momentum within the halls of North Bend Central. While our students are busy mastering new concepts and our athletes are competing with Tiger pride, there are several significant factors at the state and local levels that deserve our community's attention. From the bustling activity at the State Capitol to the quiet, vital conversations taking place during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences, your engagement is the foundation of our success.

Advocacy in Action: The Legislative Session

The 109th Nebraska Legislature has officially convened for its 60-day "short" session. For those of us in public education, this is a critical window where policy moves at a frantic pace. Senators in Lincoln are currently debating several high-stakes bills that could fundamentally alter the landscape of our classrooms and our district's fiscal health.

One of the primary focuses this year is LB 1050, the "Reading to Learn" initiative. This proposal seeks to implement stricter third-grade reading proficiency requirements, potentially mandating that students meet specific benchmarks before advancing to the fourth grade. While literacy is our North Star, we are watching closely to ensure the state provides the necessary funding and resources for the intensive interventions these students will require.

In addition to academic mandates, LB 1053 is being debated to address classroom environment and safety. This bill aims to restore traditional classroom management tools, providing teachers and administrators with more autonomy in handling disruptive behavior among our youngest learners (Pre-K through 2nd grade). We believe our educators are best positioned to determine how to maintain a safe, productive learning environment for all students, and we support efforts that return that decision-making power to the local level.

Finally, we cannot ignore the fiscal reality facing our state. With an estimated \$470 million budget shortfall, the TEEOSA school funding formula is once again under the microscope. We are monitoring LB 990 and other property tax relief proposals to ensure that "tax relief" doesn't inadvertently create unfunded mandates. As your superintendent, I am actively advocating to ensure that any shift in state funding does not force us to compromise the local programs or extracurriculars that define the Tiger experience.

The Power of Partnership: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Closer to home, we are preparing for our spring parent-teacher conferences, coming up March 11 and 18. In an era of instant digital updates and online grade books, it can be tempting to feel that a formal meeting is unnecessary if a student's grades look "fine." However, these face-to-face conversations are about much more than a letter grade on a screen.

Conferences provide a unique opportunity to discuss a child's social-emotional growth, their work ethic, and their specific career aspirations. It is a time for us to align our goals and share insights that aren't captured by a percentage. When parents and teachers sit together, it sends a powerful message to the student: We are a team, and we are all invested in your future. Whether your child is thriving or facing challenges, your presence at conferences is one of the most effective ways to support their academic journey and strengthen our school community.

Thank you for your continued support of North Bend Central. Whether you are attending a board meeting, a basketball game, or a conference, your involvement is what makes our district *excellent*! Go Tigers!



Mr. Patrick Ningen, Superintendent

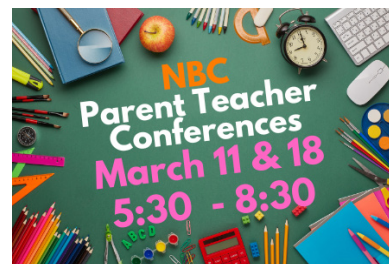
From My Desktop

Brenda Petersen, Secondary Principal



Parent-Teachers Conferences at NBC MS/HS

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 11 and 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Parents are encouraged to come either evening that works best in their schedule. At any time if parent need to contact a teacher regarding a student's success in a given classroom, please feel free to call or email.



Breaks are a great time for appointments

There will be no school for students on February 20-23 and March 13-17. This would be a great time to schedule those appointments that cannot be taken care of after school or on the weekends. We understand that some appointments cannot be scheduled outside of school time, but we do appreciate your efforts in trying to care of these appointments when school is not in session.

Get Those Doctor's Notes

Before you leave the doctor's office, stop by the front desk and get a note documenting your visit. NBC is required to have a doctor's note on file to list your absence as MEDICAL. You can either bring the note to the school office after your visit or have it faxed to the high school: 402-652-8348.

After School Assistance

NBC provides assistance Monday-Thursday after school for students to make-up assignments, take quizzes/test, or just a quiet spot to study. The media center is open until 4:00 p.m. each day. Students are encouraged to utilize this time to keep on top of their homework items.

Preparing Students for the ACT

To prepare our students to take the ACT in their junior year as required by the state, NBC will be administering the Pre-ACT (grades 9 and 10) and a practice ACT to our 11th graders this spring. The purpose of these tests is to give our students a feel of what the ACT will be like in terms of questioning, timing, and process. The following are the dates selected for students to test:

March 23 - 10th Grade Pre-ACT

March 24 - 11th Practice ACT

April 8 - 9th Grade Pre-ACT

Peru State College Dual Enrollment Program

Students received information via their nbtigers.org email account regarding enrollment and payment of the Peru Courses and credits

Peru
State
College

Dual Enrollment Program North Bend High School Spring 2026

Applications due by **February 20th**

Dept	Course #	Section	Title	Instructor	Credit Hours
BIOL	130	059L	General Biology	Jami Schluter	4
ENG	101	059L	English Composition	Suzy Morgan	3
ENG	202	059L	Appreciation of Literature	Suzy Morgan	3
MATH	113	059L	College Algebra & Trigonometry	Aubrey Miller	3
SPCH	152	059L	Fundamentals of Speech	Ross Lafleur	3

Application Checklist:

- ☐ Get approval from your Parent/Guardian
- ☐ Choose Dual Enrollment Course(s) from list above
- ☐ Visit <https://www.peru.edu/dualenrollment>
- ☐ If applying for the first time, complete the Dual Enrollment application
- ☐ Complete the required Dual-Credit Enrollment Form to select your classes.
- ☐ After enrolled, pay Tuition

Tuition: \$60 per credit hour

Tuition DUE by April 1, 2026

To be eligible for enrollment, past due balances from previous terms need to be paid in full



ACT Test Dates	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline
	April 11	March 6	March 24
	June 13	May 8	May 29
	July 11	June 5	June 24

Senior Slide Show

Seniors will put together a slide show for the Senior Banquet for everyone to enjoy. Details explaining the idea will be communicated to the senior students via email. Slides are due April 1.



Class of 2026

Senior Checklist

Scholarships due - March 1
 2025-26 Sports Banquet - March 30
 Senior Slide Show Slide Due - April 1
 Senior Banquet - April 22
 Honors Night - May 1
 Fine Arts Night - May 5
 Seniors Last Day of School - TBD
 Graduation - May 10



FROM YOUR GUIDANCE OFFICE MRS. WESS

Seniors:

Local scholarship applications are due March 3. Students will apply using an online platform. Please note that many scholarships require at least two recommendation letters—one from a teacher or school staff member and one from a community member. Be sure to plan ahead and give your recommenders plenty of time to write thoughtful letters.

To support students, scholarship work nights are scheduled in January and February. The last one will be Monday, February 9.

Additionally, completion of the FAFSA is a graduation requirement. Families needing assistance are encouraged to contact EducationQuest at www.educationquest.org. Their services are free and offered by appointment with one-on-one support.

Upcoming College Visits:

- Juniors: University of Nebraska—Lincoln – April 9
- Sophomores: Wayne State College – April 1
- Freshmen: University of Nebraska—Omaha – April 16
- 8th Grade: Central Community College – March 30

Juniors:

Now is a great time to start planning individual college visits. Please take advantage of in-service days and scheduled school breaks, or utilize your two excused absences for college visit purposes.

Counselor Meetings:

Counselor meetings for juniors and sophomores will take place this semester. Meetings with seniors and freshmen were completed during the first semester.

Winter Wellness Tip:

Shorter days and colder weather can impact mood, energy, and motivation. It's important to normalize conversations about mental health and to ask for support when stress, sadness, or anxiety feel overwhelming. If you or your student could benefit from a quick check-in, please feel free to stop by the counseling office.

→ In the Loop with Mr. LaChapelle

Brad LaChapelle, Elementary Principal

Tiger Cub Preschool

Enrollment packets for our Tiger Cub Preschool were mailed to families in January. If you know of someone that has a child who will be 4 on or before July 31, they are eligible for the Tiger Cub Preschool. If they are interested in the program, have them give us a call!



Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on March 11 and 18 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. We're excited to share the progress students have made so far this year!



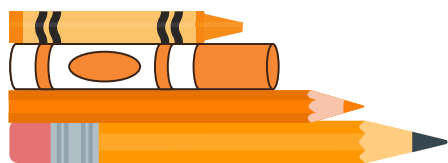
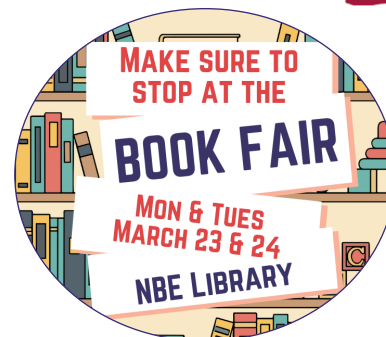
Read Across America Week

We will be celebrating Read Across America Week from March 2-6! National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2, the birthday of Dr. Seuss and encourages children to read where ever they are. We will celebrate the week with fun reading and Dr. Seuss activities.

Mark Your Calendar!

Below are some of the activities coming up in February and March.

- February 13: Valentine's Day Parties
- February 19: 1:25 pm Dismissal
- February 20: No School, Winter Break
- February 23: No School, Teacher Inservice
- February 25: Heart Association Assembly
- March 12: End of 3rd Quarter
- March 13: No School, Teacher Inservice
- March 16 & 17: No School, Spring Break
- March 24: Report Cards Sent Home
- March 23 & 24: NBCE Book Fair



PROM 2026

A Night in Athens

Preparations are underway for the 2026 Prom, which will be held on April 11. Four work nights are scheduled: February 9 (3:45–7:30 p.m.), March 3 (3:45–5:00 p.m.), March 23 (3:45–5:00 p.m.), and April 7 (time TBD). We need as many juniors as possible to attend these work nights in order to create a memorable prom experience.

On April 11, the school will be open for public viewing of the decorations from 5:00–5:30 p.m. Doors will open for juniors, seniors, and their dates at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:45 p.m., and doors will be locked at 7:00 p.m.

Students are expected to dress in formal attire.

The Grand March will be held in the new gym at 8:15 p.m. Doors to the Tiger Arena will open to the public at 8:00 p.m. The public is not permitted in the Old Gym during or after the Grand March.

The dance will take place from 9:00–11:30 p.m., with Post-Prom festivities to follow at the city auditorium.

If you have any questions about Prom, please email one of the sponsors:

Suzy Morgan (smorgan@nbtigers.org) or Sarah Castillo (scastillo@nbtigers.org)

POST PROM INFO

Thanks to a supportive community and wonderful parents, plans are underway for the 41st Annual Post Prom Party. The Post Prom Party will follow the Junior and Senior Prom and will be held on Saturday, April 11, at the North Bend City Auditorium.

Doors open at 11:30 p.m. and will be locked at 12:00 a.m.

Food, games, and entertainment will last until 4:00 a.m.

Prize drawings throughout the night.

Parents of students who leave the auditorium before 4:00 a.m. will be contacted.

There will be a **FREE** breakfast following post prom for all who attend. More details to come out later!

The Post Prom Committee's goal is to create a fun-filled, memorable evening that captures the attendance of 100% of our juniors and seniors. The evening will be filled with entertainment, food, non-alcoholic beverages, and incredible prizes.

Without the support of our community and parents, this event would not be possible. Your monetary donations are used for prizes, food, beverages, games, supplies, and entertainment. Thank you in advance for your continued support and encouragement!

If you are a junior or senior parent and would like to help and were not able to make it to the organizational meeting earlier in the year, please contact Amy Williams at 402-730-9761.

Please mail your donation by March 15 to:

NBC Post Prom
P.O. Box 160
North Bend NE 68649

Enclosed Donation \$ _____

Please check one:

Junior/Senior Parent or Grandparent ☐
Post Prom Supporter ☐

Name _____

School Lunch & Breakfast Questions?

Please contact **Angela** if you have any questions about your student's lunch account or the NBC lunch program.

atauber@nbtigers.org

402-652-3268

Don't forget to lunch money can be paid with a credit card online on Infinite Campus or cash or checks brought to the school office. Thank you for keeping your lunch account up to date.



NORTH BEND CENTRAL FOUNDATION



Your Generosity Keeps NBC Students Learning

NBC FOURTH GRADERS carefully prepare their class bird sanctuary last spring at the elementary school. From studying plants to planning a perfect bird-friendly space, these students are helping local birds feel at home. A mini-grant from the NBC Foundation provided for the sanctuary's supplies. For 2025-26, the NBC Foundation Board has approved more than \$19,000 in teacher-initiated projects for our students, something that can only be done thanks to the generosity of our donors and we greatly appreciate that support.

Please continue your generosity in 2026. The NBC Foundation is NOT a governmental agency and receives NO tax funds. Every donation is fully tax-deductible. A donation form is provided below for your convenience.

~NBC Foundation Board of Trustees

Enclosed is my contribution to the North Bend Central Foundation.

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NORTH BEND CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
P. O. BOX 160
NORTH BEND, NEBRASKA 68649

*Thank you for
your support!*

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In Memory of _____

View NBC Foundation page on the NBCPS website and follow us on Facebook at "NBC Foundation."

<https://www.nbtigers.org/nbc-foundation>

PLANT SALES

The NBC sophomore class is looking ahead to the 2027 Prom. Their annual NBC Plant Sale will begin on March 24 and run until April 15. Plants will be available to pick up on April 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m in the Old Gym. This sale features a variety of annuals and perennials available to order. Plants include vegetables, flowers, and grasses in addition to potted planters and baskets. The NBC Home Grown greenhouse will be providing all plants for this year's sale.

How to order:

Orders can be placed directly through an NBC sophomore or by downloading order forms and catalogs at nbtigers.org starting March 30 . Orders can be paid for using a check, cash, or credit card. Walk-in shoppers will be welcome April 28 during the 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. pick-up time as there will be extra plants available.

(NOTE: Order forms must be turned in by April 15th.)



Email:

Mrs. Sarah Castillo, scastillo@nbtigers.org
if you have questions.



SAVE THE DATES


MONDAY, MARCH 30

NBC Booster Club host the
SPORTS BANQUET


TUESDAY, MAY 5

NBC Booster Club and
NBC Music Booster Club host the
FINE ARTS NIGHT

Come celebrate all the achievements
of our students from the entire school
year in fine arts and sports!
More details to come.

North Bend Central FFA Valentine Orders Due Soon

Reminder to get your Valentine's orders submitted by February 6. Elementary students had a reminder sent home January 29.

Orders can also be placed online through the link on the nbtigers.org website. Money needs to be turned in to NBC by Monday, February 9, for online orders to be filled.

Thank you for your support of the FFA and Greenhouse.



3 Candy Bundle
+ Stick Balloon \$7

4" Stuffed Gorilla +
Candy + Stick Balloon \$8



1 Lollipop + Rubber Ducky \$2

Candy Bouquet
(9 full size candy bars
+ stick balloon) \$20





FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Information is subject to change. Check out nbtigers.org for most up to date information.

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	EHC Girls Basketball Tournament TBA 	2	EHC Boys Basketball Tournament TBA 4:30 pm JH G Basketball @ Bergen	3	State FFA Degree Deadline District FFA Proficiency Due @Arlington	4	EHC Girls Basketball Tournament TBA 4 pm JH G Basketball vs. LVSS @ Scribner	5	EHC Boys Basketball Tournament TBA District Girls Wrestling @ Plainview	6	EHC Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament TBA District Girls Wrestling @ Plainview 9 am B V Wrestling @ GICC
8	State Bowling TBD EHC Honor Band @ WSC 3:45-7:30 pm Prom Work Night 4:30 pm JH G Basketball @ NBE 4:30 pm JH Wrestling @ NBC 6 pm Scholarship Work Night	9	District Bowling TBA State Bowling TBD 4:30 pm JV B G Basketball 6:00 pm V G Basketball 7:30 pm V B Basketball vs Tekamah-Herman @ NBC	10	Girls State Wrestling TBD	11	11 am NHS Valentine Lunch @ The Gathering Place 4:30 pm JH G Basketball @ Fort Calhoun 4:30 pm JV B G Basketball 6:00 pm V G Basketball 7:30 pm V B Basketball @ Howells Dodge	12	8 am Speech Meet @ Wakefield	13	District Boys Wrestling @ Broken Bow Stanton JH Honor Band & Choir 
15	4:00 pm JH B Wrestling @ Yutan Subdistricts V G Basketball TBD	16	Subdistricts V G Basketball Girls State Wrestling TBD	17	Girls State Wrestling TBD	18	1:30 pm School Dismissal 4:30 pm JH G Basketball vs West Po. Beemer @ NBE Subdistricts V G Basketball TBD Boys State Wrestling TBD State Cheer Dance Comp.	19	No School 4:30 pm JV B Basketball 6:00 pm V B Basketball vs Fort Calhoun @ NBC Boys State Wrestling TBD State Cheer Dance Comp.	20	Boys State Wrestling TBD
22	FFA WEEK Feb. 22 - 28 	23	No School for Students Teacher In-Service 4:30 pm JH G Basketball @ Wisner-Pilger Subdistricts V B Basketball TBD	24	EHC Speech @ Howells-Dodge	25	Subdistricts V B Basketball TBD 6:30 pm SkillsUSA Work Night	26	District Finals V G Basketball TBD	27	Optional Date for District Finals B Basketball TBD

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Optional Date for District Finals B Basketball TBD Scholarships Due Spring Practice Begins 4:00 pm JH Wrestling @ Winnebago	3 Optional Date for District Finals B Basketball TBD 9:00 am FFA CDE @ West Point 3:00 pm JH Wrestling @ Malcolml 3:45 pm Prom Work Night	4	5 Girls State Basketball TBD	6 TBD Girls State Basketball 4:00 pm JH Wrestling @ Fort Calhoun
8 	9 7:00 pm MS HS Band & Chorus Concert	10 4:30 pm JH Wrestling @ Raymond Central	11 TBD Boys State Basketball 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Teacher Parent Conferences	12 End of Third Quarter	13 No School Teacher In-Service TBD Boys State Basketball
15	16 No School Spring Break District Speech @ David City	17 No School Spring Break 	18 3:45 pm Prom Work Night 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Teacher Parent Conferences	19	20 1:00 pm V Track @ Doane College Malcolml Middle School Music Contest 7 pm - 8:30 pm PTA Daddy/Daughter Prom @ NBE
22	23 8 am PreACT for 10th Graders 3:30 - 7:00 pm NBE Book Fair @ NBE Library 5:30 - 8:30 pm Prom Work Night	24 Practice ACT for 11th Graders 3:30 - 7:00 pm NBE Book Fair @ NBE Library 4:00 pm V Track @ David City	25 Pre ACT for Sophomores State FFA Convention	26 State FFA Convention	27 State FFA Convention TBD State Speech @ Kearney
29	30 8th Grader College Visit @ CCC 6 PM Booster Club Banquet *Watch for details to come out	31 11 am V Track @ Stanton			28 All State Honor Band
					7 TBD Girls State Basketball 8 am Speech Meet @ Logan View

You can now upload the entire NBC calendar to your phone, or choose to add only specific team or group schedules. Follow the step by step instructions listed on NBTIGERS.ORG. Click on "See All Posts" under NEWS.

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