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Newsletter - Sep 18th, 2026

Arrival: 7:50-8:20 Dismissal: 3:20 Early Dismissal Days: 1:00

Principal's Update

Parent-Teacher Conferences & No-School Reminders

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held next week. **Your child's teacher will send home a reminder slip today with your scheduled conference date and time.**

- **Wednesday, September 23:** Early dismissal at **1:00 PM** and Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Thursday, September 24:** No school, Teacher PD, and Parent-Teacher Conferences (8:00-12:00)
- **Friday, September 25:** No school

Please plan ahead for the early dismissal and no-school days.

Champions Care Available September 24–25

Champions at Bennet Elementary plans to offer care on September 24 and 25 from **7:30 AM–5:30 PM**.

- Space is limited to **30 children per day**
- Currently enrolled Champions families will receive priority
- Remaining spots will be available to the school community on a first-come, first-served basis
- Families must provide a **cold lunch** each day
- The daily rate is **$51 per child**
- New families must complete enrollment paperwork and pay the registration fee of **$60 per student or $100 per family**

Please use the links below to register:

- Sign up for September 24–25 care
- Complete Champions enrollment

On the comment portion of the sign-up form, please include your child's name.

Questions may be directed to Caitlin Jenkins, Champions Site Director, at **(402) 433-5533**.

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🐾 Panther Fun Run Update

What an incredible day for our Panthers! Our current unofficial fundraising total is **$30,475**, crushing our original **$25,000 goal!** We have officially earned our **Ice Cream Truck reward!** We will share more information as the ice cream truck and our other earned rewards are scheduled and begin making their way to Bennet Elementary.

The fundraising website will remain open through **Monday, September 21**. Final grade-level and classroom standings will be calculated after the donation window closes and will include all online, cash, and check donations.

Final Prize Distribution

All remaining Fun Run prizes will be distributed next week. This includes prizes earned from donations received during the past two days that students may not have received yet. I will personally make sure every student receives each prize they earned throughout the fundraiser. If you believe your child is missing a prize or there has been an error, please contact me directly so I can make it right.

Current Grade-Level Standings

1. 5th Grade: **$6,510**
2. 1st Grade: **$6,185**
3. Kindergarten: **$5,480**
4. 2nd Grade: **$5,032**
5. 3rd Grade: **$3,773**
6. 4th Grade: **$3,495**

Current Top Five Classes

1. Wusk, Kindergarten: **$3,330**
2. Partida, 5th Grade: **$2,525**
3. Petska, 1st Grade: **$2,415**
4. Greenfield, 1st Grade: **$2,265**
5. Burwell, 5th Grade: **$2,050**

The final top class will receive a **Donuts and Juice Party with Mr. Haag**, and the winning grade level will receive a **Popsicle Party with Mr. Haag**. Thank you to our students, families, staff, volunteers, and community sponsors for making this year's Panther Fun Run such a huge success. We are incredibly grateful for your support throughout this fundraiser, and we had so much fun celebrating with our Panthers today!

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Upcoming Events & Important Dates

September:
- Sep 22- TeamMates Dine Out at Runza (Andermatt Location) Night
- Sep 23- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Sep 23&24- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Sep 24- No School/ Teacher PD
- Sep 25- No School

October:
- Oct 7- No School/ Teacher PD
- Oct 14- End of First Quarter
- Oct 15- No School/ Teacher PD
- Oct 16- No School

November:
- Nov 17- No School/ ECNC One Act
- Nov 25-27- No School/ Thanksgiving Break

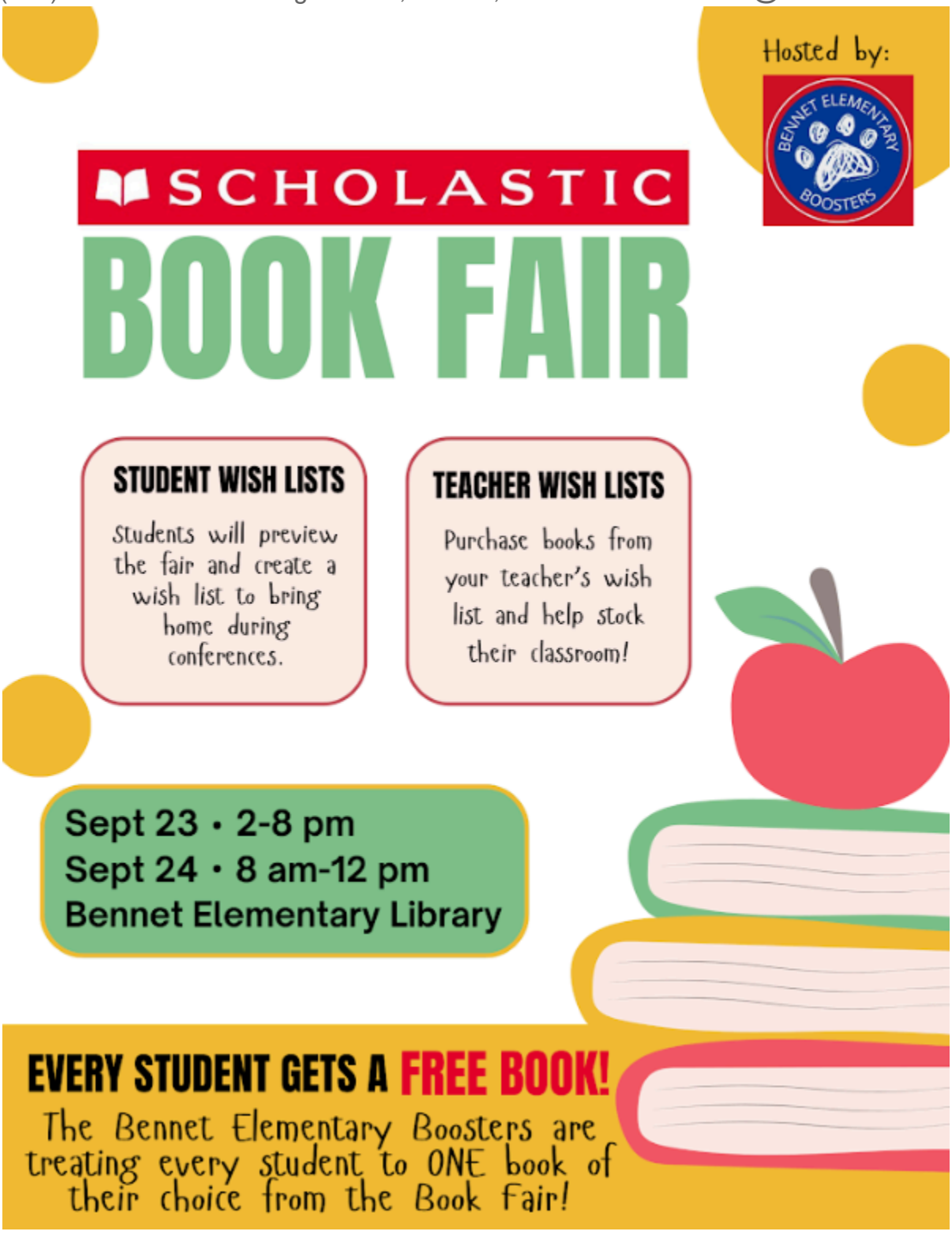
December:
- Dec 18- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Dec 18- End of First Semester
- Dec 19-Jan 3- No School/ Winter Break
- Jan 4- No School/ Teacher PD

District Calendar

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How to Access our School Programs from Home

This document is to help our students reach their academic school programs from home. **This includes AR, Boost, and IXL.** Please follow this step by step guide to access these programs.

Important information to login:

Student email address:_____

Student email password: _____

Step 1: Go to https://www.districtor1.org/

Step 2 Click on this dropdown menu on the webpage.



Step 3: Click on students from the dropdown menu



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Step 4: Click on Clever login

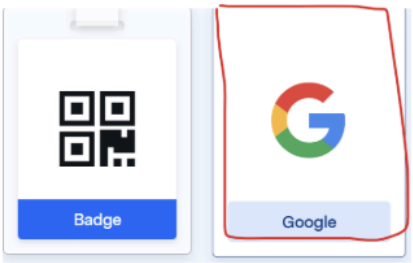
Elementary Links

PowerSchool
Clever Log In
Accelerated Reader Log In
Accelerated Reader Book Finder
Library World (Bennet)

High School Links

PowerSchool
Library World (Palmyra)

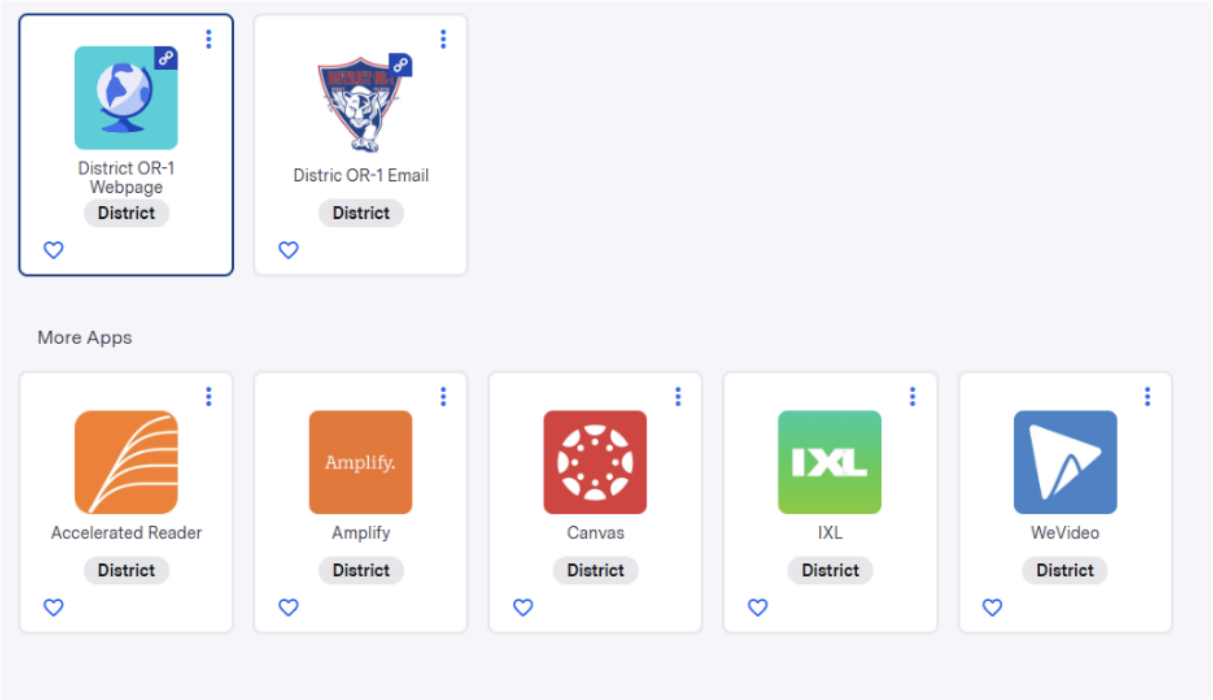
Step 5: Click on Google log in



Step 6: Enter in student email address and password:

Step 7: Click on desired program

***** Please note the Amplify option will get you to Boost. *****



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CHAMPIONS

WE'RE YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR LEARNING AND FUN.

Bennet Elementary

- Safe and sound environments
- Talented and nurturing teachers
- STEM skills galore
- Laughter and friends
- Independent and curious
- Inside (and outside!) play
- Help with homework
- Snacks included!

Our before-and-after school programs start when school stops so your child can extend their education in a new way every day.

SPACE IS LIMITED...ENROLL TODAY!

Programs	Hours	Weekly Tuition Part Time 1-2 days I Full Time 3-5 days
Before School	6:30am - School Start	$30.00 I $45.00
After School	School Dismissal - 6:00pm	$40.00 I $65.00

Enroll Here!

Area Manager: Jessica Shafer-Coburn
Phone: (682) 371-8864
Email: jessica.shafer@discoverchampions.com

Call or email us for more information, or to schedule a tour today.

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CHAMPIONS

HOW TO ENROLL

Follow these steps to register your family and enroll in a Champions® program. This can only be done on the website, not in the app.

- Register once per location if your child attends more than one school.
- If you want to enroll in a program at a different school, make sure to use the same email so we can link accounts. Enroll at Multiple Locations.
- Complete registration steps for each child.!

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to **my.discoverchampions.com.**
2. Search by Zip Code or choose your location, then click "Enroll."
3. Enter your child's information. Click "Continue."
4. Fill in parent/guardian information. Select the Primary Caregiver. Click "Continue."
5. Add at least three contacts: Family Member, Authorized Pick-up, and Emergency. Click "Continue."
6. Choose your program, select attendance days, and pick your Monday start date. Click "Continue."
7. To add any discounts, click "+Add Discount," select Coupon Code or Subsidy from the drop-down options, and then enter eligibility information or coupon code.
8. Review your order and click "Continue."
9. Click "Pay Now," enter payment info, and confirm.
10. Check your email for confirmation. Follow the link to set your password, and finish setting up your account.

WELCOME TO CHAMPIONS!



Questions? Email us at ChampionsHelp@KC-Education.com or call 1-800-246-2154. Champions Family Support is open Monday through Friday, from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST.

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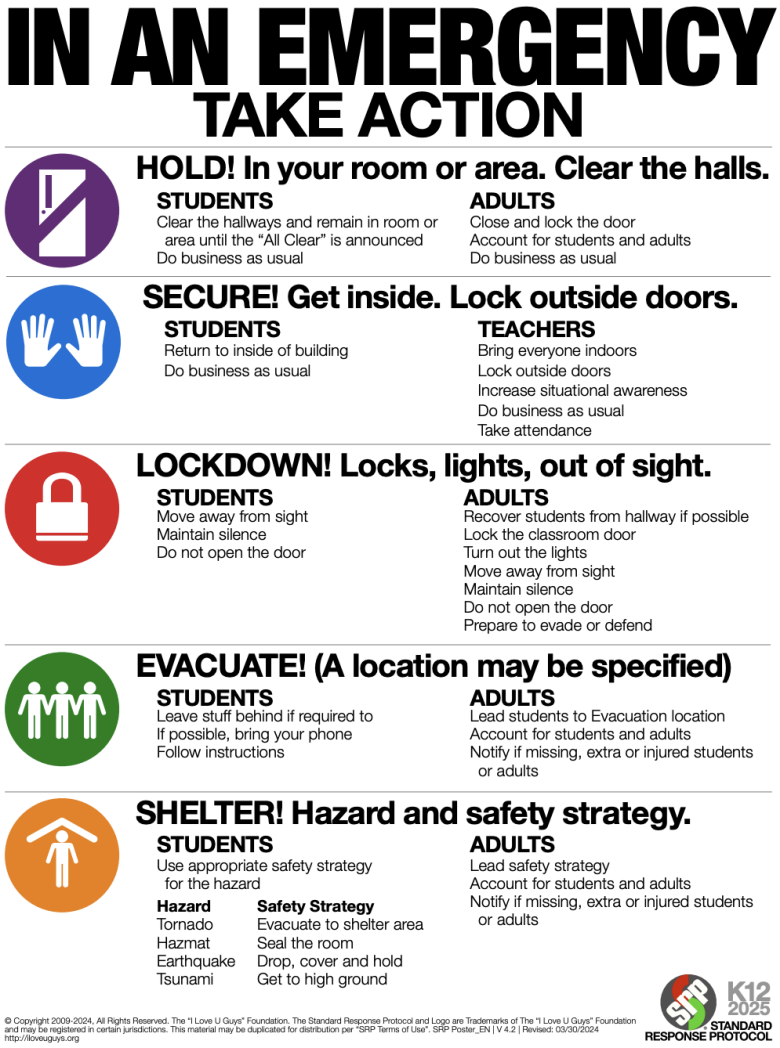
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Standard Response Protocol

Student safety remains our highest priority. Throughout the year, students will practice the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) which will teach them how to respond during different emergency situations. The SRP provides a standardized approach for responding to both threatening and non-threatening events that may occur in or around our school.

These protocols provide actions for the following situations:

- Hold (stay in classrooms due to a non-threatening event)
- Secure (danger is outside the school)
- Lockdown (danger is inside the school)
- Evacuate (leave the school building, often referred to as fire drill)
- Shelter (tornado or severe weather)



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WE'VE GONE DIGITAL!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL STUDENT FORMS ARE NOW DIGITAL THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

1. Click the link to be taken to the PowerSchool log in page
2. Click on "forms" on the left hand side. You will need to fill out forms for each child.
3. Continue clicking "forms" until all forms have been completed.

New users to Powerschool were mailed their log in information in July. If you need additional assistance, please email Melissa for the elementary: ostrander.mel@districtor1.net or Kristi for the high school: norman.kri@districtor1.net

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Complaint Procedures

As outlined in the District OR-1 Parent/Student Handbook, we ask families to follow the district's established complaint procedure when questions or concerns arise. In most situations, that means starting with the staff member who is most directly involved in the matter.

Our goal is always to address concerns as quickly and effectively as possible. The person closest to the situation is typically in the best position to provide information, answer questions, and work with you toward a resolution.

The Parent/Student Handbook outlines the following process:

Step 1: Contact the staff member most directly involved in the matter and provide them an opportunity to address the concern.

Step 2: If the concern is not resolved, contact the building Principal.

Step 3: If the concern remains unresolved, contact the Superintendent.

Step 4: If the concern remains unresolved, it may then be addressed with the Board of Education.

We certainly want parents to communicate with us when they have questions or concerns. At the same time, please help us honor this process by beginning with the appropriate staff member and working through the established steps rather than skipping directly to a later level.

Following this process gives the individuals closest to the situation an opportunity to listen, gather information, and address the concern before it is elevated. It also helps us maintain open, respectful, and productive communication between our families and staff.

As always, certain matters—including discrimination, harassment, bullying, or disciplinary concerns—may have specific procedures outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook and should follow those procedures when applicable.

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Panther Weekly Bulletin

Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pancakes Syrup Sausage Links Hard Boiled Egg	Breakfast Pizza Yogurt	Yogurt Parfait Granola Hard Boiled Egg	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hamburger Bun French Fries Sandwich Top-pings	Panther Rib Smile Fries Baked Beans	Cooks Choice	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

Happening this week at PHS

Monday, September 21st- FCCLA District Leadership Conference, Weeping Water, 9:00 am– 3:00 pm. Bus leaves at 8:20 am.

JH Football vs. Milford @ Milford High School, 4:30 pm. Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.

Softball vs. Arlington @ RVR Sports Complex, JV at 5:00 pm, Varsity at 6:30 pm. Bus leaves at 2:30 pm.

Reserve, JV Volleyball vs. Elmwood Murdock @ PHS West Gym 5:00/ 6:00 pm.

One Act Rehearsal, 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 22nd– Girls Golf, Arlington Invite @ River Wilds Golf Course, 9:00 am. Van leaves at 7:00 am.

HS Cross Country @ Branched Oak Malcolm Invite, 10:00 am. Bus leaves at 7:30 am.

Softball vs. Syracuse @ Taggart Park, JV at 5:00 pm, Varsity at 6:30 pm.

One Act Rehearsal, 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 23rd- 1:00 pm dismissal for PHS.

Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:00– 8:00 pm @ PHS.

Senior Step to College Presentation, 5:30—6:30 pm, PHS Counseling Office.

Thursday, September 24th- NO SCHOOL.

Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 am– 12:00 pm @ PHS. Staff Development Day.

Girls Golf vs. Norris @ Pioneers Golf Course, 4:00 pm. Van leaves at 2:45 pm.

JH Volleyball vs. Auburn @ PHS East Gym, 4:00/ 5:00/ 6:00 pm.

HS Volleyball vs. Auburn @ PHS West Gym, 5:00/ 6:00/ 7:00 pm.

Football vs. Bergan Catholic @ Olson Sports Complex, 7:00 pm.

FCA 5th Quarter, Olson Sports Complex, 9:00 pm.

Friday, September 25th- NO SCHOOL.

Softball ECNC Tournament Rescheduled @ Auburn. Palmyra vs. Platteview 12:00 pm. Bus leaves at 10:45 am.

Saturday, September 26th- Waverly Parade and Field Contest, TBD.

Volleyball vs. Sandy Creek Quadrangular @ Sandy Creek High School, 10:00 am. Bus leaves at 6:45 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 28th– FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference @ UNL East Campus.

Girls Golf @ Elmwood Murdock High School, 10:00 am.

HS Cross Country @ Kearney Country Club, 12:30 pm.

JH Football vs. Falls City @ Olson Sports Complex, 4:15 pm.

JV Volleyball vs. Nebraska City @ Nebraska City High School, Reserve at 5:00 pm, JV at 6:00 pm.

JV Football vs. Wilber-Clatonia @ PHS, 6:00 pm.

One-Act Rehearsal from 6:00 –8:00 pm.

Tuesday, September 29th– Volleyball vs. Elmwood-Murdock @ PHS, 5:00 pm.

Softball vs. Auburn @ Auburn City Recreation Complex, JV at 5:00, Varsity at 6:30 pm.

Volleyball vs. Syracuse, TBD, 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 30th– Nebraska Wesleyan College Visit, 8:00 am.

Thursday, October 1st– Girls Golf @ Hidden Valley Golf Course, 9:00 am.

HS and JH Cross Country @ Raymond Central High School, 10:00 am.

Softball vs. Malcolm @ Taggart Park, JV at 5:00 pm, Varsity at 6:30 pm. Softball Senior Night Recognition 6:00– 7:00 pm.

One-Act Rehearsal from 6:00– 8:00 pm.

Football Team Meal in the East Commons @ PHS, 6:00 pm.

Friday, October 2nd– Football vs. Yutan @ Yutan High School, 7:00 pm.

Saturday, October 3rd– JH Volleyball Tournament @ Lincoln Christian School, 9:00 am.

Volleyball vs. Fort Calhoun Classic @ Fort Calhoun High School, 9:00 am.

GO PANTHERS!

Senior Steps to College

with Mrs. Vodicka



Seniors,

Conference day is not just for parents! You are all invited to come learn about the college application process, how to apply for scholarships, and what you [Yes, you!] should be doing right now to prepare for your next step! (Oh yeah...bring your adult(s) too!) See you there!

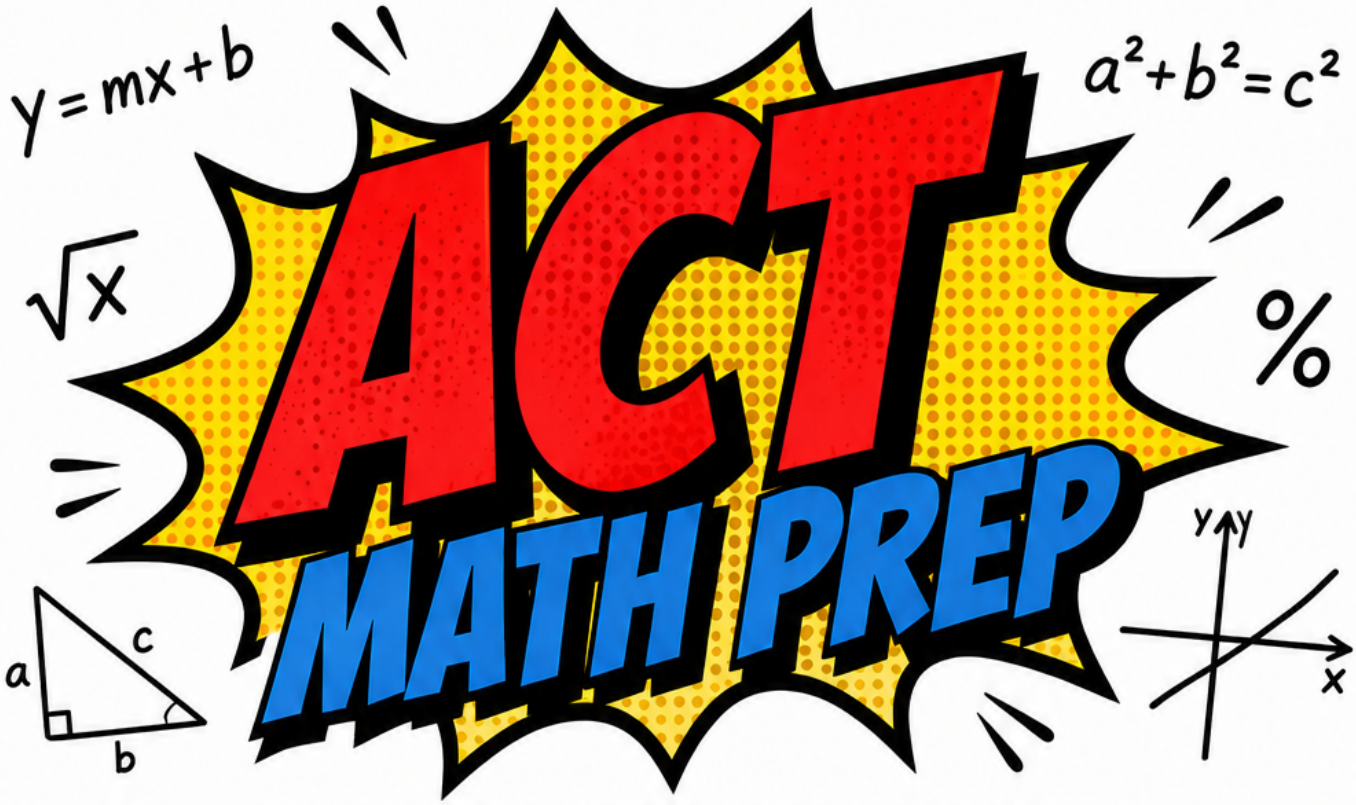
Mrs. Vodicka

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Palmyra High School

Counseling Officce



PREPARE WITH CONFIDENCE. UNDERSTAND THE MATH. IMPROVE YOUR SCORE.

Group ACT Math preparation focused on the skills, strategies, and mathematical understanding students need for test day.

- ★ Review key ACT Math concepts
- ★ Work through ACT-style problems
- ★ Learn efficient problem-solving strategies
- ★ Identify and strengthen weak areas
- ★ Practice working accurately under time constraints

WHO:	Local High School Students
FORMAT:	Group ACT Math Prep
COST:	$10 per session
LOCATION:	Palmyra High School

INTERESTED?

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Private mathematics instruction is also available.

Chapters & Chillers

PALMYRA FCCLA



OPEN

Sept 23rd: 1:00-5:00 pm

Sept 24th: 8:00-11:30am

Iced Coffee

Redbull Infusions

Lemonade Infusions

Dirty Sodas

1st Annual Pancake Feed

FUNDRAISING FOR
FIREFIGHTER PROTECTIVE GEAR & GAS MONITOR



Hosted by the Palmyra Volunteer Fire Department

Pancake Feed starts at 8am, donations appreciated

Oct. 3rd | **Palmyra Activity Center**
425 C St. Palmyra, NE 68418

All proceeds support the purchase of firefighter protective gear and a gas monitor for our department.

For more information, contact:
Allen K. - (402) 304-6460
Eric S. - (402) 405-4546
Or Message us on our Facebook page

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