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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Principal's Office

I simply cannot believe that we are half way through December and the end of the first semester is only a few days away. It literally feels like we just started this school year and here we are ready to close the first semester. Good luck and continued success to all of our winter sports teams and athletes. Good luck to all our students as they tackle their semester tests. You will do awesome.

### Weather Reminder:

Thank you to all parents for ensuring your child is dress appropriately for the weather as winter has been here for awhile. As a reminder, we try to have outside recess as much as possible. Heavy coats, hats, and gloves are essential for your child each day. Thank you again for your help with this.

Report Cards: Just a reminder that report cards are not mailed out for grades 5-12. Student grades are available through PowerSchool with your parent login. If you would like a printed copy, please call or email me at school and I will print one to send home with your child.

### Attendance:

Student attendance at school is essential for their success. As we move into the flu season, please help your child to remain healthy by encouraging healthy habits such as hand washing and eating healthy. Our custodial staff does a great job of cleaning and disinfecting each night to help during this time of year. Remember to contact the school if your child is ill and will not be in attendance at school.

### Lunch Balances:

As we move to a new semester, remember to maintain a positive lunch balance to help our lunch program run effectively. Students with a balance of -\$25 will be provided with a sack lunch until their balance is brought up to date. If your financial situation has changed, please contact the office to receive a free/reduced lunch form. Thank you.

I hope that everyone has a good break and returns to school refreshed and ready for another great Semester. Thank you for your support of the school, teachers, coaches, and students. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or stop by and visit.

Educationally yours,

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# News from First Grade



For Thanksgiving, we celebrated by portraying the pilgrims and the Kindergarten-ers were the Native Americans. We walked through as a group during the Thanksgiving lunch. Then, we had a "feast" together and watched Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving.





The sixth graders and Mrs. Lassen came down to help us with our penguin research project. They each made a book about their species of penguin and then they presented their book to the class.



The first graders performed plays in their reading groups! The rest of the students practiced being a good audience.

We are so excited to announce that Overton Public Schools now has an amazing sensory room that is finished and ready to be used!

Sensory rooms are specially designed environments created in order to give an immersive sensory experience for individuals with various abilities. Our Sensory room has been carefully designed to provide a one-stop-shop for a variety of needs. Our sensory room is designed for calming and contains elements that have a proven track record of providing a calming sensory experience, which helps children with Autism (and other disorders) to de-escalate. Our sensory room includes a variety of lights, music, bubble tube, tactile stations, aroma therapy, box activities and other calming activities.

Our Sensory room is in Room 105, the room between Ms. Sloan's room and Mrs. Ryan / Mrs. Wallace's room.

We are very excited about the possibilities this room offers our students. If you would like to stop by and see the sensory room please feel free to do so.

We would like to thank Jennie Thompson, Merle Glassmeyer, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Ehlers, Mr. Hoyt, and especially Mr. Aten for helping to make this room possible. There were also several students who helped bring this all together; Kaven Raastad, Johnathon Robertson, Jaycee Wallace, Curtis Kniffen, Christian Smith, Alex Elfren, and many more!



## Yearbook News:

Yearbook is off to a another great start to the year and has three students who have graciously taken the roll of making the Yearbook for the 2018-19 year. Junior, Jaylee Davenport and Senios: Cande Bueno and Amaris Crandal have taken a big roll in putting together this yearbook as they are the only 3 students who wanted to put this yearbook together this year. In the 1st quarter we began selling ads from businesses to help fund the budget for the yearbook and then we planned the layout out of the Yearbook. This was a step by step process that was very detailed this year because we wanted to bring back traditional plans to the yearbook layout. I am very proud of what these girls have accomplished up to this point and look forward to what the Yearbook will look like after next semester.

**YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW UNTIL MARCH 1ST! 30 DOLLARS WITH A NAME ON THE COVER AND 27 DOLLARS WITHOUT A NAME ON IT!**

## FBLA News

FBLA students got off to a great start this year with hosting our 2nd annual Career Fair in September for all of the Junior and Senior High School. We had 18 different careers attend and we went through a rotation so that all students were able to spend 5 minutes with each career and have a chance to learn about that career and what it takes to prepare for that career. Our FBLA students have also started a FBLA Facebook page that lets everyone know of the cool things that are happening in our program and future events coming up. Make sure you send us out a friend request if you are interested in keeping up on the FBLA future events. We are currently running concessions at athletic events so each student can fundraise to be able to attend STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE in April in Omaha, NE. We will also be fundraising for March of Dimes this year and students will be doing projects to earn ribbons at State Leadership Confernce.

For her FCCLA STAR project this year, Jaycee Wallace decided she wanted to honor the community's military veterans. She wanted to do this project because her Grandpa Earl Linn is a Vietnam Veteran and she knows how important it is to appreciate our Veteran's and active duty service members sacrifice and service to our country. Jaycee kicked off her project at the Veteran's Day program but passing out surveys to the veterans in attendance asking for permission to interview them. Since then, she has conducted several interviews and for the last three weeks she has featured a Hometown Hero of the Week on the FCCLA Facebook page, flyers throughout town and on a display board at home basketball games. Jaycee also worked with our FCCLA chapter to write Christmas cards to all local veterans and a few active duty service members as well. The Pre-K class even helped out with the project by coloring pictures to be included with some of the cards. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, FCCLA held a raffle to raise money for the Dawson County Area Hero Flight. The chapter raffled off cakes, Husker Basketball Tickets, holiday décor, Eagle spirit items and several gift certificates. The raffle raised around \$600 to donate to the Hero Flight. Thank you to the raffle donors Amy Barnes, Divas Floral Shop, Overton Golf Club, John and Janet Wallace, Mandi & Curt Wallace, Earl and Deb Linn and Seth and Angie Ehlers. Also a big thank you to First Tier Bank in Elm Creek for the donation of \$500 and a roll of stamps to this project. That brings the project total to just over \$1,000 that will all be donated to the Dawson County Area Hero Flight. Jaycee and the FCCLA chapter plan to continue this project into the new year-recognizing even more of Overton's Hometown Military Heroes.



Calli Weston's FCCLA project this year was a Family Reading Night, held on December 13<sup>th</sup> for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and their families. Students and their family members were invited to come and participate in three stations. At one station the family read *Where the Wild Things Are* and then they were able to create a custom crown just like the crown Max wears in the book. At another station, the families read books about cupcakes and then they were able to decorate a cupcake together. The final station was in the library where students and their family members were able to read books about space, take and AR test about the books and visit the Star Lab. The Star Lab is an inflated observatory where students and their families were able to view the stars as if they were outside looking at the sky. Overall, it was a fun and successful night of reading as a family.



Another project the FCCLA chapter has participated in this year has been a blanket drive led by Samantha Sarratt. The blanket drive was held from December 8<sup>th</sup>-December 17<sup>th</sup> at the school. Samantha made 5 blankets with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and she was able to collect 30 blankets that will be donated to the Safe Center in Kearney.





December 10, 2018

From: Overton Music Boo:

We want to share with you changes to the Music Trip that was scheduled for this Spring.

Last year, we started planning for an upcoming trip to San Antonio. At that time, an interest survey was provided. This showed approximately 40 students were interested. We received an original estimate on the cost of this trip based upon those numbers.

As time progressed, the numbers dropped to 25 students. This gave a significant impact on cost. At the November 12, 2018 Music Booster meeting, a decision was reached that the trip would be changed to St. Louis. This allowed the remaining 25 students to have a trip, but retain a similar cost that was originally estimated for 40 attending San Antonio. After the trip was moved to St. Louis, additional students requested not to attend.

With the reduction in numbers, the cost would be assessed to a fewer number of students creating a 40% increase in cost for the remaining 18 students. At the Booster meeting tonight, it was decided that it was too cost prohibitive to continue the trip.

This is an unfortunate situation, but we are trying to do what is right. Music Boosters are requesting cancellation from the company originally retained. The company will need to refund the money already paid to them minus any cancellation fees. Once this is completed, it will be determined what is available for refunds to individual families. More information will be available at that time.

There are a few additional upcoming events that we would like for you to know about:

- Music Boosters will be responsible for concession sales at the January 12 basketball game. We will have a sign-up available. Proceeds will go to the student accounts if the student/parent participates.
- Music Boosters will have a cake raffle at the January 25 basketball game. We would like for each family to provide baked items for this event. Once again, proceeds will go to the student accounts if the student/parent participates.
- The Showcase program has officially been re-scheduled for Sunday 2/24/18 at 2:00P. Due to scheduling conflicts, this arrangement is different from what was originally planned, and different from years past. We are planning to serve desserts instead of a meal at the performance. Additional information will be sent home to ask for your assistance.

Many decisions are being made where we want your input. We will explore feasibility for future trips at future meetings. Our next meeting is January 14 at 6:00PM in the music room. Please plan to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Music Booster President Alvin Zimmerman (325-2809). Thank you.

# FFA News



## Fundraising

We have successfully completed our Fruit Sales fundraising event and would like to thank everyone you purchased items from us. We hope you enjoy your goodies and we greatly appreciate your support! Congratulations to our top seller, Spencer Walahoski!



## Ugly Sweaters & Secret Santa!



## Cinch & Wyatt teaching a lesson

### Farm Bureau Connecting Chapters

On December 5th, some of the officers attended a training put on by Farm Bureau representatives for a program called Connecting Chapters. We received materials from Farm Bureau and practiced teaching lessons on various different topics. In the spring, we will be going into elementary classes to read books related to Agriculture and teach lessons. The final part of the Connecting Chapters program is to partner with Farm Bureau to put on an Ag Literacy activity in the community.

### December Meeting

Our December monthly meeting was a fun meeting because we didn't have very much information to cover, therefore we got to have a little holiday fun. We wore ugly sweaters and also did a Secret Santa gift exchange!

### Member of the Month

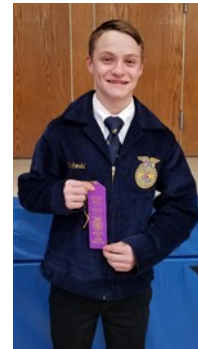
Congratulations to Wyatt Kennicutt for earning December's Member of the Month award! Wyatt received one of the top placed at District Livestock Judging and was a part of the senior team who finish in 6th place. Wyatt serves as the Reporter on our officer team and he also competed at Nationals in 4-H Shooting Sports. Wyatt's advice to younger members is, "some things in FFA are hard, but always remember to have fun!"



**LDE's**

Overton had a successful first time competing at the District 8 Leadership Development Events in Ravenna. All our members learned so much along the way and had fun while doing so! We have three State Qualifiers who will be representing the Overton FFA Chapter in Lincoln in April: Nathan Seberger, Abby Lawton, and Spencer Walahoski. A full list of results and topics students spoke on are below.

- Nathan Seberger - Extemporaneous Speaking - District Champion
- Abby Lawton - Extemporaneous Speaking - District Runner-up
- Spencer Walahoski - Discovery Speaking \*Antibiotics\* - District Runner-up
- Wyatt Ryan - Creed Speaking - Blue
- Alexandria Rodriguez - Career Poster - Blue
- Senior Parli Pro -(Nathan, Wyatt R., Abby, Addison, Angel, Cinch) - Blue
- Conduct of Chapter - (Emma, JoLee, Cassidy, Jada, Violet, Madison, Shaylee) - Blue
- Ag Demo (Braden, Caleb, Wyatt K.) \*Making Lactobacillus\* - Red
- Ag Demo (Jacob, Alex H., Dalton) \*Making a Halter\* - Red
- Christian Smith - Senior Public Speaking \*Little Farms vs. Big Farms\* - Red
- Addison Luther - Creed Speaking - Red
- Cinch Kiger - Natural Resources Speaking \*Importance of Bees\* - Red
- Siarra Potter - Natural Resources Speaking \*Hunting\* - Red
- Jr. High Quiz Bowl (Savannah Potter, Alexz, Spencer, McKenzie Jarmin)



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**Upcoming Events**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where - When</b>
1/14/19	Chapter Meeting	School @ 6:30 pm
2/4/19	Chapter Meeting	School @ 6:30 pm
2/18-2/22	FFA Week	Activities @ School
2/18/19	District CDE's - Day 1	Grand Island @ TBD

*-Abby Lawton - Overton FFA President*

**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 10, 2018  
7:30 p.m.**

**Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:**

Brennan  
Johnson  
Luther  
Meier  
Rudeen  
Walahoski

**Notification:** The December 10, 2018 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School web site, Beacon Observer, Post Office, and the Security First Bank.

**Open Meetings Information:** To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

**Administration Present:** Mark Aten, Superintendent and Brian Fleischman, Principal

**Guests Present:** Gordon Lassen, Alicia Lassen, Clint Little, and Seth Ehlers.

**Public Comments:** None

**Reports:** Mr. Little reported on the Leadership Program

**Communications:** Thank you (1)

**Other:** Board recognized and thanked board member Rex Johnson for his sixteen years of service to the students and staff of the district.

**Action Items:**

1. **Agenda** - Moved by Luther, seconded by Brennan to approve the agenda of the December 10, 2018 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
2. **Minutes** - Moved by Brennan, seconded by Johnson to approve the November 12, 2018 Parental Involvement hearing minutes and the November 12, 2018 regular board minutes. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims** - Moved by Meier, seconded by Luther to pay the December General Fund bills in the amount of \$49,236.51. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
4. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Johnson to approve the contract renewal for the superintendent. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).

5. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski, No (0). Absent (0).
6. Moved by Luther, seconded by Meier to approve the 2017-2018 school audit. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Luther to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Motion 6-0. Yes (6) Brennan, Johnson, Luther, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. No (0). Absent (0).

**Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

1. **Board Reports:**
  - a. Meetings Attended: NASB State Conference & NASB New Member Workshop
  - b. Interlocal Meeting: January 14, 2019 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Discussion Topics:**
  - a. January Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m.
  - b. Beef Boosters Update
  - c. Designated President Pro-Tem for January's meeting

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

1. School Calendar Update
2. School Enrollment Update
3. Teacher Evaluation
4. 2019-2020 School Calendar Options

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Enrollment Option Report
2. Option Enrollment-
  - a. Out - a.
  - b. In - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - c. Change of Status a.
3. Financial Update
4. Budget Review
5. Projects Update
6. FKC Update
7. January Board Topics



# January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 No School	2 No School	3 1st Day of S2  Cheer practice at lunch  WR @ Maxwell 2PM	4 Feb. ACT Reg. Deadline  Pep Rally 2PM  GBBB vs. Amherst 4:30/6/7:45PM	5 Speech @ Lexington  WR @ Amherst 10AM  GBBB @ Maxwell 2/3:30/5PM
6	7 FCA 7AM  Student Council Mtg. @ Lunch  FCCLA Mtg. 6:30PM	8 Last Day to Drop/Add Classes for S2  Dance Practice at lunch  FFA Officer Mtg. at lunch  GBBB vs. Brady 4:30/5:30/7PM	9 Jazz Band 7:15AM  JHBB @ Loomis 1PM  FKC Quarterly Mtg. @ Kearney 5:30PM	10 Cheer Practice at lunch  FFA CDE practice 4-7PM  ABC/PTO Mtg. 7PM	11 WR @ SEM 12PM  GBBB @ North Platte St. Pats 4:30/6/8PM	12 WR @ Shelton 10AM  Jr. Cheer Camp  GBBB vs. Bertrand 2/3:30/5PM
13	14 FCA 7AM JHBB @ SEM Tourney 12:30PM FFA CDE Practice 4-6:30PM (Mtg. 6:30PM) Music Booster Mtg. 6PM Inter-Local Mtg. 6PM School Board Mtg. 7:30PM	15 Dance Practice at Lunch  GBBB @ Elwood 3:30/4:30/5:30/7PM	16 Jazz Band 7:15AM	17 Cheer Practice at Lunch  STAR Presentation Night 7PM  Sr. Parent Post Prom Mtg. 7:30PM  Dance Practice 7:30 PM	18 GBBB @ Eustis-Farnam 5/6:30/8PM	19 JHBB @ Overton Tourney 9AM  WR @ Mullen 9:30AM (MT)
20	21 No School Teacher In-Service	22 Dance Practice at Lunch  JHBB vs. Kearney Catholic 1PM  GBBB vs. Shelton 4:30/6/7:30PM	23 No School— Teacher Workday  FCCLA District STAR @ Overton  JH Quiz Bowl @ Shelton 2:30PM	24 Cheer Practice at Lunch  FFA CDE Practice 4-7PM  Athletic Booster Mtg. 7PM  Dance Practice 7:30PM	25 WR @ Greeley 1PM  GBBB vs. Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM	26 FKC GBBB Bunny Bracket Games
27	28 FCA 7AM  FKC GBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:45PM	29 8th Grade NAEP Assessment  Dance Practice at Lunch  TE 204 Students 12:30-2:30PM  FKC BBB @ Top 2 Seeds 6/7:45PM	30 Jazz Band 7:15AM  FFA Officer Mtg. at Lunch  JHBB @ Axtell 12:30PM	31 Cheer Practice at Lunch  FKC GBB Semi-Finals @ Viazero Event Center 6/7:45PM		

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
No Alternates		1 No School	2 No School	3 Oatmeal Bar Chicken Patty Sandwich	4 Breakfast Pizza Pig's in a Blanket	5
6 Alternate Corn Dogs	7 Cake Donut & Sage Lasagna	8 Yogurt Parfait & English Muffin Taco Bar	9 Griddle Sandwich Soup Bar	10 Breakfast on a stick Beef & Noodles	11 Banana Muffin & Egg Chicken Quesadilla	12
13 Alternate Cheesy Garlic Toast	14 Donut Holes & Sausage Chicken Fried Steak	15 Breakfast Pizza Breakfast for Lunch	16 Breakfast Wrap Shredded Pork	17 Breakfast Cookie & Ham Chick Nuggets	18 Biscuits & Gravy Cheese Burger	19
20 Alternate Corn Dog	21 No School	22 Breakfast Casserole Chicken Stir Fry	23 No School	24 Pan Cakes & Sausage Taco in a Bag	25 Funnel Cake & Ham Pepperoni Pizza	26
27 Alternate Pepperoni Pizza	28 Cinn. Little Johns & Eggs Chicken & Noodles	29 Oatmeal Bar & Yogurt Super Nachos	30 Apple Muffin & Sage Hot Beef Sandwich	31 Breakfast Pizza Chili Soup Bar	Milk and choices of Fruits & Veggies with each meal	