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Happy Thanksgiving from the Principal's Office

Where in the world did this semester go? It is November and I'm wondering what happened to September & October! Turkeys are being made in the elementary classes and it seemed like they were just coloring 1st Day of School pictures. Congratulations to the Volleyball and Football teams on their amazing fall seasons. Thank you for representing Overton positively during all competitions. Congratulations to our National Champion FFA team. Good Luck to the Wrestlers and Basketball teams as you begin your seasons.

Upcoming Events:

November 18th: FKC Choral Clinic @ Loomis

November 21st: One-Act School Performance during 1st Period

November 23rd: Youth Turkey Dinner 11-1PM

November 23rd: Community One-Act Performance 7PM

November 24th: FKC One-Act @ Holdrege

November 26-28th: No School - Happy Thanksgiving

December 1st: Winter Sports Pictures

December 2nd: 11:30 Dismissal; Overton JHWR Invite 12PM

December 4th: GBBB @ Arapahoe 4:30/6/7:30PM December 5th: One-Act Districts @ North Platte

December 5th: BWR @ Hi-Line 10AM December 5th: GWR @ Southwest 11AM

December 5th: GBBB vs. Loomis

December 8th: School Board Mtg. 7:30PM

December 9th: JH/HS WR @ Elm Creek 4:30PM

December 9th: GBB vs. Gibbon 6/7:15PM
December 11th: JHWR @ Ansley 9AM
December 11th: K-6 Winter Concert 7PM

December 12th: BWR @ Twin Loup (Sargent) 10AM

December 12th: GBBB vs. Axtell 4:30/6/7:30PM (Parents Night)

December 13th: GWR @ Sandhills Valley 10AM

December 13th: GBBB @ Southern Valley 2:00/3:30/5PM

Reminders for Students:

- As we begin Basketball games, please remember that students are not allowed to leave the game after you have arrived. If you do leave, you will not be able to re-enter the building.
- Remember to dress appropriately for the weather as we move in the winter months. Hats and gloves are a necessity when it gets colder. Elementary students will have outside recess as much as possible so dress accordingly. A hooded sweatshirt may not be appropriate on very cold days. If you need a winter coat, please stop by my office to visit with me. Thank you to parents for ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- The final day of the 1st Semester is Friday, December 19th.

Educationally yours,

Mr. Brian Fleisch, PS-4 Principal/AD

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NFHS & NSAA #BenchBadBehavior











Overton Eagle fans, we can do our part to impart sportsmanship back into high school athletic events. Yelling, screaming, and/or cursing at officials or opposing teams has no place in high school athletics and is a very large reason for the lack of officials in our state. Disagreeing with an official's call is one thing but when the disagreeing turns into screaming and berating the individual we have crossed a very dark line. Actions along these lines are grounds for removal from the facility and potential revocation of access to Overton events. We can and need to do our part in this effort. Thank you for your attention and efforts to support the #BenchBadBehavior campaign. Go Eagles!

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Update from the MS/HS Principal

The end of the 1st Semester will be here before we know it. After Thanksgiving Break, we will have only three weeks until Christmas Break. Please take a moment to check your student's grades and encourage them to finish the semester strong.

Jr. High and High School Winter Sports, along with the High School One Act Play, are in full swing. This busy schedule will make December fly by.

Middle School students will continue to go outside for a short recess during lunch. As we transition into winter weather, please ensure they bring appropriate warm clothing for this activity.

Middle School/High School Upcoming Schedule:

- No School Thanksgiving Break: Wed.–Fri., Nov. 26, 27, & 28
- Mon., Dec. 1: Winter Sports Pictures (morning)
- Tues., Dec. 2: 11:30 a.m. dismissal for the Overton JH Wrestling Tournament
- Calendar Change: One Act Districts in North Platte moved to Friday, Dec. 5
- Fri., Dec. 19: End of 1st Semester
- No School: Dec. 20 Jan. 4
- Mon., Jan. 5: School Resumes First Day of 2nd Semester

As always, view https://www.overtoneagles.org/ for the most updated school information.

I wish you and your families safe travels during the Holiday season.

Educationally yours,

Bill John

Mr. Bill Johnson-5–12 Principal





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

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VETERANS DAY 2025



Thank you to all the Veterans for your service and sacrifice. Overton Public School is happy to honor you in front of family, friends, and the community.

HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER REVEAL







AMAZING JOB PAIGE WALAHOSKI!!!







THANK YOU VETERANS, THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS & THANK YOU ALL WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND







SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THIS GROUP OF FCCLA GIRLS FOR HELPING MAKING THE DAY SUCCESSFUL!!

In Overton, veterans are heroes

75 banners will honor those who served

Enterprise Editor

has one of the many attractive veterans memorials in south-central Nebraska.

Standing proudly on the Highway 30, the Overton for their military veterans. memorial carries the names nation in major conflicts beginning with World War II.

Soon, a new salute that is the brainchild of a sophomore at Overton High School will appear on dozens of power poles around Overton. The banners will complement the polished stone memorial along Highway 30.

"I can feel the momentum the high school sophomore who spearheaded Overton's Hometown Heroes Salute.

When the communitywide project climaxes on dents will get their first look completing a banner salute at more than 75 colorful vi-

nvl banners bearing veterans' photos. Soon, the ban-The village of Overton ners will hang from dozens of light poles around Overton. Paige said she hopes that the banners reinforce the respect and appreciation east edge of town along U.S. Overton's 650 residents hold

of veterans who served their about the Nov. 11 reveal," said Paige, a cheerleader and member of Overton High School's FCCLA future business leaders club. She has in Sumner, Paige's focus been working for months on the banners that will create a visual expression of Overton residents' gratitude for their

when I heard about the banrising," said Paige Walahoski, ners," said Jess Putnam Jr., a U.S. Navy veteran like his father, Jess Sr.. "Of all the of Overton High School's things you could do, this is really good."

Paige kicked off her proj-Veterans Day, Overton resiect almost two years ago by in Sumner, which is about 16



Three of Overton's military veterans recently visited the military memorial that's on the east edge of their town. From left are Tim Miller, Jess Putnam Sr. and Jess Putnam Jr.

miles north of Overton.

Paige's older brother, Parker, had things rolling in Sumner, with 29 banners hanging over the village's "We are really excited streets. After Parker left for college, Paige took over and added another 19 to make it 48 banners in Sumner.

When work was finished shifted to Overton. She made multiple announcements so everyone would have an opportunity to purchase a banner for their heroes. A total "I was glad and proud of 75 families put in orders.

Banners were \$145 each. Most of the money covered materials used by members shop class to hang the banners from poles.

Other volunteers and donors will be purchasing and preparing food for the Nov. 11 luncheon.

Paige recorded each sale, deposited the money and followed through with helpers up and down the assembly line, including a Grand Island photographer who scanned the photos so they could be printed on the ban-

Many of the veterans to be







HOMETOWN HEROES, COURTESY

LEFT: Like his father, Jess Putnam Jr. served in the U.S. Navy. He is excited to see a banner with his name and photo displayed above the streets of Overton.

MIDDLE: Jess Putnam Sr. of Overton served aboard the USS Saratoga aircraft carrier. He appreciates the efforts that have gone into the Hometown Heroes salute to military veterans. RIGHT: Tim White is well known around Overton for his sports and school activity photos. When his banner hangs over the streets of Overton, he'll also be known as a U.S. Army veteran.

honored have passed away, but their families cherish ton residents and students their memories and purchased banners in remembrance.

On Nov. 11, many Overwill gather in the school in

Please see HEROES, Page 3







With 130 years experience, Our family is dedicated to honoring your family for generations.















Get ready for Winter Bingo! Bring your friends, family, and best holiday spirit for some mornings full of laughter, prizes, and festive fun!

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2025

10AM-11:30AM OVERTON FAMILY CENTER

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Free Will Donation accepted for Cards
Concessions available for Purchase
Prizes for Bingo Winners will NOT be cash

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ITALY TRAVEL GROUP Overton Cross Country team will be having two fundraisers in December. We are eagle fan water bottles and tumblers that can be personalized, as well as key chains and earings. They can be ordered through the QR code link or by going to Https://stores.inksoft.com/overton_eagles_cross_country/shop/home.

The team will also be available on December 9th and 16th to help place orders during the home basketball games. We will also be selling raffle tickets for apple air pods, (thanks to Trivent), pampered chef products (thanks to Paula Osborne), Norwex products and other awesome prizes (thanks to an anonymous monetary donation)

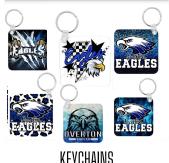
Thanks for your support!



FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO OVERTON CROSS COUNTRY TEAM







KEYCHAINS



32 OZ WATER BOTTLE









12 OZ YOUTH WATER BOTTLE



40 OZ TUMBLER WITH HANDLE







30 OZ TUMBLERS



20 OZ TUMBLER











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Strawberry Sales

Start January 2026

For Italy EF Trip

Sale Ends February 4th, 2025

Berries come in 1 pound boxes in mid-February

Full Flat \$32 (8 boxes), Half Flat \$20 (4 boxes), 1/4 Flat \$14 (2 boxes)

Help your elementary schooler develop math fact fluency

Title I-Educational Service Unit 10

Math fluency is similar to being fluent in a language. Fluent math students know that 2 + 2 = 4 without having to think about it, just as they know "Hello" is a greeting. Being able to recall math facts automatically lets your child focus on the more complex aspects of solving problems.



To strengthen your child's fluency in math:

- **Use counters.** Small items like dry beans or buttons help students "see" numbers and processes. Your child can put several pennies in a cup, dump them out and add those that land on "heads" plus those that land on "tails." Then, have your child add the tails number to the heads number. Or, subtract the heads number from the total number of coins.
- **Play Math War.** Remove face cards from a deck and deal the rest face down. Each player flips over two cards. In Addition War, each player adds the numbers on their cards, and the one with the higher sum wins all the cards. In Subtraction War, each player subtracts their smaller number from their larger one: the one with the larger difference wins the cards.
- **Choose a number,** such as the date. Ask your child to come up with as many addition and subtraction facts as possible that equal that number. On the 15th, your child might think of 20 5, 7 + 8 and 10 + 15.

Source: N.M. McNeil and others, "What the Science of Learning Teaches Us About Arithmetic Fluency," *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, Sage Journals.



Fill winter break with learning fun

The thought of days of free time during a school break can inspire joy in students—and mild panic in their families. To avoid hearing "I'm bored" from your child, plan a few enjoyable activities that promote learning:

- **Volunteer as a family.** Turn your child's attention from the "I wants" to helping others who are less fortunate.
- Cook together. Help your child make seasonal foods you remember from your childhood. Share your memories.
- Read and watch. Choose a book that has been made into a movie. Read it together, and then

- watch the movie. Discuss how the two are alike and different.
- Explore first-person history. Help your child interview relatives—even you—about life in the past. Together, brainstorm a list of questions, such as, "What was school like for you when you were my age?" and "What trends were popular?" Have your child record or write down the conversations.

Kindness is empowering

It's true that children aren't always kind to one another. But your child doesn't have to accept unkindness as the norm.

Talk together about ways to respond if a classmate is being treated unkindly. Then, challenge your child to do at least one nice thing for a classmate each week. Explain that your child has the power to make a difference.

Say 'no' to multitasking

It isn't really possible to concentrate on many things at once. Research shows that when students multitask, their minds just switch quickly between tasks without focusing on any.

When your child does school-work, eliminate distractions as much as possible. Then, help your child schedule time to do tasks consecutively, rather than at the same time. Limit multitasking to activities that don't need attention, like eating a snack while chatting.

Source: C. Kubu, Ph.D. and A. Machado, MD, "The Science is Clear: Why Multitasking Doesn't Work," Cleveland Clinic.

Check off responsibilities

Checklists are useful tools that can help your child remember to fulfill responsibilities without being reminded. Sit down together and make a list of responsibilities your child is ready to handle independently. Here is a starter list you can adapt:

- Get up on time.
- Complete schoolwork.
- Read at least 20 minutes a day.
- Take care of personal hygiene.

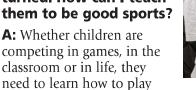
Agree on consequences for shirking. And be sure to praise your child for a job well done!





How can I teach fairness to my highly competitive kids?

Q: My children are so competitive that it's an issue. My younger child cries after losing, and the older one sometimes cheats when my back is turned. How can I teach them to be good sports?





fairly and accept the results. To help your children learn these lessons:

- **Explain that fair play is important.** Make it clear you expect them to play by the rules and be gracious to opponents—win or lose.
- **Set time limits.** Establish a time to stop playing and set a timer before the game starts. When it goes off, the game is over.
- **Be gentle when correcting** your children for making a wrong move. Just explain what the player should do instead.
- **Discourage cheating.** Review the rules at the start of the game. If a child tries to cheat, just repeat the rules. The second time, calmly say, "When you don't play by the rules, people get upset. If it happens again, the game is over."
- **Reject trash talk.** Every poke, put-down or unkind comment earns the player a foul. Five fouls, and the player is out.



Are you teaching your child to move on?

Disappointments happen to all students from time to time. Events are canceled, games are lost, friendships fade. Are you helping your child learn to move forward after letdowns? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- **__2. Do you talk** about things to learn from mistakes? "Next time, you can start studying a few days earlier."
- **___3. Do you explain** that it is OK to express feelings, but not OK to sulk?
- 4. Do you teach your child to expect the unexpected and respond in positive ways?

__5. Do you help your child brainstorm next steps to take?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are helping your child learn to cope with disappointment. For each no, try that idea.

"You may not control
"You may not control
all the events that
happen to you, but
happen to decide not to
you can decide not to
be reduced by them."

—Maya Angelou

Discuss respectful behavior

When children behave respectfully toward teachers, classmates and school staff, they help create the positive academic environment all students need to learn. Remind your child that it's important to:

- Be courteous to everyone.
- **Raise a hand** and wait to be called on, and avoid interrupting others.
- **Listen when the teacher** or classmates are speaking.
- Accept constructive feedback from the teacher politely. Teachers point out mistakes so students can learn from them.

Play with punctuation

Punctuation makes writing easier to read and understand. Here's a fun way to get this point across to your child and provide some practice at the same time:

- **1. Write a short story** and remove the punctuation.
- **2. Ask your child** to read it aloud. It's challenging!
- **3. Edit the story together,** adding punctuation that makes it easy (or funny) to read. Talk about why you are choosing—or not choosing—certain marks. Then, let your child write a story for you to punctuate.

Let your child tackle it first

Students gain skills and confidence when they learn to do things for themselves. Let your child take the lead with:

- **Addressing confusion** about schoolwork or grades. Ask your student to talk to the teacher about it before you step in.
- **Solving minor issues** with peers. Discuss things your child can do.

If issues persist or are serious, such as bullying, contact the school yourself right away.

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MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2025 7:30 p.m.

Mission Statement: The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.

Board President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members Present:

Brennan Jeffries Kizer Lassen Meier Walahoski

Notification: The November 10, 2025, meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, The Lexington Clipper Herlad, Overton 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 Bill Johnson 5-12 principal.

Guests Present: Jamie Roberts, Jaelynn Roberts, Shalee McCarter, Juliana Loudon, Paige Walahoski, Toby Orvis, Mason Dutro, Brooke Puffer, Kent Puffer, Pat Luther, and Cathy Luther.

Public Comments: Brooke Puffer, Kent Puffer, Pat Luther, and Cathy Luther commented on the prek program and the governing policies.

Reports: Jaelynn Roberts updated the board on her role as a FCCLA state officer.

Communications: No Communications.

Other: The FFA team members Paige Walahoski, Toby Orvis, (Parker Walahoski could not be present, Mason Dutro and sponsor Juliana Loudon reported on their trip to the National FFA competition which resulted in their winning the National Championship in Environmental and Natural Resources Career Development Event. This is only the fourth team from Nebraska to win a National Championship. The Volleyball team was recognized for their runner-up at the state Volleyball Tournament.

Action Items:

- 1. **Agenda**: Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the November 10, 2025, regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
- 2. **Minutes:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Kizer to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
- 3. **Claims:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Meier to pay the November General Fund bill roster in the amount \$54,558.95 and the November payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$358445.62. Discussion: Superintendents provide additional information on the bill roster. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
- 4. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to approve the agreement with the Chesterman's Bottler Company. Discussion: Board agreed that the agreement is acceptable. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

5. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Kizer, Lassen, Meier, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

Board Reports and Discussion Topics:

- 1. Board Reports:
 - a. Transportation: No Reportb. Curriculum: No Report
 - c. Facilities: No Report
 - d. Negotiations: Determine the date and time for the second meeting
 - e. Interlocal Committee: No Report
 - f. Committee on American Civics: Meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the LMC
- 2. **Discussion Topics**:
 - a. December Board Meeting Date and Time: Monday, December 8, 2025, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
 - b. Superintendent evaluation at the December board meeting.

Administrative Reports:

Prek-4 Principal Report:

- a. PreS and Prek programs
- b. Veterans Day Program

Grades 5-12 Principal Report:

a. No Report

Superintendent's Report:

1. Enrollment Option Report

Option Enrollment:

Out: a. None

In: a. None

Change of Status: a. None

- 2. Financial Information & Update
- 3. Financial Update
- 4. Budget Review
- 5. 2026-2027 BCBS Health and Dental Premiums
- 6. FKC Update

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Winter Sports Pictures Cheer Practice 6PM One-Act Practice 7PM	2 11:30 Dismissal Overton JHWR Invite 12PM One-Act Practice 7PM	3 FCA 7:15AM	4 GBBB @ Arapahoe 4:30/6/7:30PM	5 One-Act Districts @ North Platte BWR @ Hi-Line 10AM GWR @ Southwest 11AM GBBB vs. Loomis Times TBD	6 FFA LDE Showcase 7PM
7 Dance Practice FKC Cheer/Dance Practice @ Overton 4PM Cheer Practice 4PM	8 FFA District LDE @ Ansley Student Council Mtg. @ Lunch Cheer Practice 6PM Music Booster Mtg. 6:30PM FCCLA Mtg. 7PM School Board Mtg. 7:30PM	9 6th Grade to Inventure Day JH/HS BGWR @ Elm Creek 4:30PM GBB vs. Gibbon 6/7:15PM	10 FCA 7:15AM JH Quiz Bowl @ Pleasanton (Kearney Library 2PM)	11 FKC JHWR @ Ansley 9AM K-6 Winter Concert 7PM	Lions Vision/ Hearing Screening BWR @ Twin Loup (Sargent) 10AM GBBB vs. Axtell 4:30/6/7:30PM (Parents Night)	13 ACT Test Date @ Overton GWR @ Sandhills Valley 10AM GBBB @ Southern Valley 2/3:30/5PM
14 Dance Practice Senior Class Post Prom Gift Wrapping Fundraiser 1-4PM Cheer Practice 6PM	15 7-12 Winter Concert 7PM	16 GWR @ Maxwell 2PM GBBB vs. Anslemo-Merna 4:30/6/7:30PM	17 FCA 7:15AM LMC Lattes	18 LMC Lattes GBWR @ Ansley-Litchfield Quad 5PM Pre-School Holiday Movie Night	19 Last Day of Q2/ S1 GBBB @ Pleasanton 4:30/6/7:30PM	20 GBWR @ Cambridge 10AM
21	22 No School	23 No School	24 NSAA Practice Moratorium No School	25 NSAA Practice Moratorium No School	26 NSAA Practice Moratorium No School	27 NSAA Practice Moratorium
28 NSAA Practice Moratorium	29 No School GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tournament 1/2:45/4:30/6:15PM	30 No School GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tournament 1/2:45/4:30/6:15PM	31 No School			





Saturday	9	13	20	27	Lunch is served with choice of grain, meat/meat alternate, fruit and vegetable.
Friday	5 B: Oatmeal L: Fiestada	12 B: Poptarts L: Turkey pepperoni pizza	19 B: Funnel cake L: Cheeseburger	26	**Overton is an equal opportunity provider. **
Thursday	4 B: French toast L: Turkey & noodles	11 B: Churro L: Breakfast for lunch	18 B: Waffles L: Mexican day	25	Breakfast is served with choice of grain, meat, meat alternate, fruit or vegetable.
Wednesday	3 B:banana muffin L: sloppy Joe	10 B: Pancakes L: Pork rib sandwich	17 B: Breakfast on a stick L: Chicken fried steak	24	31
Tuesday	2 B: apple frudel	9 B: biscuit & gravy L: Chicken alfredo	16 B: Donut L: Max sticks	23	30
Monday	1 B: waffles L: Chicken noodle soup	8 B: breakfast cookie L:Corn dog	15 B: Cereal L: Mandarin orange chicken	22	29
Sunday	Alternate: chicken patty sandwich	7 Alternate: chicken patty sandwich	14 No Alternate	21	28