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The Spring High School Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Tuesday, March 10th**

4:00 - 8:00 PM  
*(Classes dismiss at 2:00pm)*

The teachers will be available in their classrooms and welcome parents/students on a first come, first serve basis.

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The JH & SH Choir including Select Choir will present:

**“Back to the 80’s” Fundraising Concerts**

Monday, March 16th or Tuesday, March 17th

Beginning at 7:00pm

Held at the Evangelical Free Church, 602 E. 14th St.

Advance Tickets: $5.00/person (K - Adult)

Tickets are available from any choir member or Mrs. McNutt!

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.
MHS Activities - March

2 - FFA—Frontier Co. Invite @ Stockville
   Spring Sports Practices begin
   Girls Track/Field Info meeting in Rm 140, 3:40pm
   Boys Golf & Parent Meeting in Conf. Rm B, 7:00p

3 - Night of Speech Presentations in Aud., 7:00pm

4 - 2:00pm Dismissal (Teacher in Service)

5 - Interact Club Blood Drive @ LIFT gym, 8a-2:00p
   V. Girls State Basketball @ Lincoln, TBD

6 - Computer Club Lock In, 6:00pm
   Select Choir Lock-In, 7:00pm
   V. Girls State Basketball @ Lincoln, TBD

7 - Speech Team Invite @ North Platte, 8:00am
   V. Girls State Basketball @ Lincoln, TBD

9 - School Board Meeting in JH Conf. Rm, 7:00pm

10 - Speech Team –SWC @ Valentine, 8:00am
   FFA CDE #3 District Contest @ NCTA
   2:00pm Dismissal
   6-8 gr. Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:30-8:00p
   9-12 gr. Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-8:00p
   College Info Night w/MCC in Conf. Rm B, 7-8p

11 - NO SCHOOL
   K-5 gr. P/T Conferences, 2:00-8:00pm

12 - NO SCHOOL
   K-8 gr. P/T Conferences, 8:00am-12:00pm
   V. Boys State Basketball @ Lincoln, TBD

13 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
   V. Boys State Basketball @ Lincoln, TBD

16 - District Speech @ Gering, 8:00am
   FFA CDE #4 -Welding Contest @ MCC
   JH/SH Choir Fundraiser Concert @ MEFC, 7:00pm

17 - ACT Inventory/Practice for JUNIORS
   10:00am Start for 9th, 10, & 12th Grades
   JH/SH Choir Fundraiser Concert @ MEFC, 7:00pm

18 - 2:00pm Dismissal (Teacher in Service)

20 - Fine Arts –SWC @ Minden, 8:00am
   2:00pm Dismissal (End of 3rd Quarter)
   V. Track/Field @ UNK Indoor Invite, 1:00pm

24 - NO SCHOOL – ONLY Freshmen & Sophomores
   ACT Testing for JUNIORS, 8:00am
   Industrial Tour for SENIORS, 8:00am

25 - NO SCHOOL - ONLY Juniors & Seniors
   Pre-ACT for FRESHMEN & SOPHOMORES, 8:00a

26 - JV/V Girls Tennis vs. Hershey/NP, 2:00pm

27 - V. Boys Golf @ North Platte Invite, 10:00a

28 - V. Track/Field @ Sidney Invite, 9:00am MT

31 - JV/V Girls Tennis @ Adams Central/
   Hastings, 1:30/4:00pm

Congratulations to our
BISON WRESTLER
that placed at Class B STATE!

ALEC LANGAN
Junior
3rd Place
@ 195 lbs.

2020-21 CHEER Tryouts

March 9
Cheer Parent meeting
in SH Conf. Rm B at 7:00pm

Practices
March 19-20 in SH gym, 6:30-8:30pm
March 24 in SH gym, 6:00-7:15am

March 24
Tryouts in SH gym, 7:00pm

Questions? Call Mrs. Erickson
If you’re interested, sign up in the office.

2020-21 DANCE Tryouts

March 30-April 2
Practices in SH gym, 6:00-7:15am

April 2nd
Tryouts in SH gym, 6:00pm

Questions? Call Mrs. Dellevoet
If you’re interested, sign up in the office.
SENIORS - Remember, senior portraits were due for the yearbook by February 28th. You can still bring them in, mail them, or you can have your photographer email them to Mrs. Harris at kharris@mccookbison.org. We need them ASAP. We are still missing many! If we don’t receive your senior picture by March 15th, we will be using your school picture taken this past August.

Also, if senior parents would like to purchase a Senior Tribute Ad in the 2020 yearbook, we still have a few spots left! Senior Ads are a great way to give your special senior personalized recognition that will be cherished in their senior yearbook for years to come. Pricing for this year is as follows: Full page = $150, Half page = $100, 1/4 page = $60, and 1/8 page = $35. Contact Mrs. Harris at kharris@mccookbison.org for more information.

Don’t forget to order your 2019-20 MHS Yearbook! Go to www.jostens.com. Click on yearbooks, then buy your Yearbook and search for McCook High School.

BLOOD DRIVE
Sponsored by Interact Club
Thurs., March 5th
MHS Learning Center (LIFT) Building
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Make an appointment with TJ Renner or walk ins are welcome.
Students must be at least 16yrs old to donate and if they are 16, they need a parent permission form beforehand. Students that are 17 and above do not need a parent permission.

MHS Starz Dance Team ended their 2019-20 season placing 6th in the High Kick & placed 4th in Hip Hop Class B competition at the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition on Feb. 21 at the Heartland Event Center in Grand Island. The dance team is thankful for all those who came out to support them through their season! We couldn't have done it without you!
Dance Sponsors: Jody Dellevoet & Stephanie Montes

Pictured: 1st Row - Brolin Morgan, Kori Uerling, Emily Loker & Chasity Samaniego
2nd Row - Sierra Eschliman, Katie Taylor, Megan Hodgson, Lexi Hauxwell, Peyton Doucet, Makynna Cunningham, Kendra Rogers, Bryn Hill

The BISON DAYS planning committee would like to thank all of the community members who volunteered their time and talents to help make Bison Days 2020 a success!
“We Are One”
Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff, NFHS Executive Director

While the behavior of parents and other fans at high school games is still a work in progress, there is some good news on the officiating front. Last fall, we reported on a growing shortage of officials nationwide – even reaching a crisis stage in some areas as games were being cancelled. Through a nationwide recruitment effort, progress is being made in attracting more people to the high school officiating avocation. Thanks to the NFHS' #BecomeAnOfficial campaign that was launched in the spring of 2017, more than 4,000 men and women across the country have registered and become certified officials. Many of these individuals are former high school athletes who want to remain involved in sports, earn some extra income and stay in shape, including first responders such as police officers, firefighters and EMTs.

Individuals interested in becoming an official can sign up through the www.HighSchoolOfficials.com website, and most state associations respond within 24 hours to continue the registration process.

On the flip side, however, is the fear that any gains in new officials coming in the front door are being offset by other officials heading out the back door because of the continued boorish behavior on the part of parents and other fans.

Rickey Neaves, associate director of the Mississippi High School Activities Association, is struggling to cover all basketball games in his state in his role as officials' coordinator.

“Fans and coaches alike feel freer to downgrade officials, and holler and scream at them, as opposed to the way it was 10 years ago,” Neaves said. “You can see where it is getting worse and worse with parents and coaches blaming officials or staying on an official to the point where they’re just not going to take it, so they just get out.”

Unfortunately, we continue to hear reports like this from across the country. A recent survey conducted by Officially Human: Behind the Stripes that was completed by about 19,000 respondents in 14 states indicated that the problem persists, with fans who do not know the rules being the main culprit.
If efforts by the NFHS at the national level – and others at state and local levels – to attract more people to officiating are to be successful, unsportsmanlike behavior on the part of parents and other fans must cease or we will lose some of these new officials within two years.

While we recognize the task of improving the culture at high school events is challenging and is one more item on the busy plates of school administrators, it is essential if we are to retain officials.

Brenda Hilton, founder of Officially Human: Beyond the Stripes, said “The time is now for all of us to realize that officials are human and their existence and hard work at sporting events allows all of us to enjoy the games that we love. We must start to humanize officials now before the whistles fall silent.”

Recognition and thanks should also be a part of the game plan. We must regularly share our appreciation for the men and women who officiate high school sports.

Dana Pappas, commissioner of officials for the New Mexico Officials Association, shared the following with officials in her state during a special appreciation week:

“Never think that what you do as an official doesn't matter because it does. Never let one contest where the fans are exceedingly brutal and the scrutiny is overly intense derail your love for what you do. Never think that you are not making a difference because you most definitely are. You are educators, role models and guardians of the integrity of the sport you officiate. You officiate because you care about kids, you care about your chosen sport and you care about your community.”

Instead of viewing these officiating issues as a crisis, let’s see them as an opportunity to impact lives through education-based athletics.

Dr. Karissa L. Niehoff is in her second year as executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is the first female to head the national leadership organization for high school athletics and performing arts activities and the sixth full-time executive director of the NFHS, which celebrated its 100th year of service during the 2018-19 school year. She previously was executive director of the Connecticut Association of Schools-Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference for seven years.
ACT TEST SCHEDULE

ACT information is available in the Guidance Office. Actual registration must be done online at www.act.org. Use High School code 281455. Registration fee is $52.00 or $68.00 w/writing test. Late registration fee is an extra $30.00.

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch can use up to two fee waivers a year from the counseling office.

**On March 24th, all Juniors will be taking the ACT test** as part of the required statewide testing program. The test fee for this test will be paid for by the school.

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McCook High School students enrolled in an art class will be showing their work at the Writestone Art Gallery
March 16th-20th

Please come check out their hard work and see how many creative students we have in our community.

McCook Community College will be hosting their annual High School Art Exhibition for the surrounding schools March 30th - April 9th at the Writestone Art Gallery. A number of MHS students will be showing their work during this great event.

The Writestone Art Gallery is open Monday- Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm Friday 7:30am-5pm

JUNIORS
You MUST PAY YOUR CLASS DUES by April 1st in order to attend the 2020 PROM.

OUR MISSION
It is the mission of McCook Public Schools’ community to equip all students to succeed in a complex global society. This mission is based on the following beliefs about how students learn and what they must know to be responsible and contributing citizens in a global society. Students, school, home and community share the responsibility for education. All students can learn.

Learning is a lifelong process.
High expectations promote success and challenge all students.
Everyone is entitled to a safe and caring school environment.
Learning opportunities exist beyond the classroom environment.
Learning is promoted by the respect of self and others.