

FEBRUARY 2015

# Sterling Jet news

## Superintendent's Notes *by Mike Davis*

**TeamMates.** We are very proud to announce that the Sterling TeamMates chapter has 10 matches! January was National Mentoring Month and the mentee-mentor matches were introduced at the January 27<sup>th</sup> basketball game. They also did a fund raiser selling chances to win cakes and other desserts. The fund raising efforts by the Sterling TeamMates are for activities for the chapter and for scholarships for mentees when they graduate from high school.

At least three more students would love to have a caring adult to meet with them one hour a week through the school year. If you would like more information or would like to be a mentor, contact a member of Sterling TeamMates board of directors: Erin Mackey-President and Co-Coordinator, Jill Shea-Co-Coordinator, Gen Lempka-Vice President, Jordan Schardt-Secretary, Steve Chellew-Treasurer, Lois Agena-Member, or Mike Davis-Member.



**Playgrounds.** The playground for our PreK students is planned to be installed this summer in order to meet Rule 11. The playground equipment currently behind the elementary school and near the PreK building will need to be moved. It will be moved to the playground near the outside basketball court.

The PreK playground will need to be fenced in and be at least 1500 square feet with playground equipment having no more than a four foot drop.

**Hot Lunch.** The kitchen has new ovens which were installed over the semester break. A salad bar was installed on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students now have more fresh fruits and vegetables to choose. Additionally, students can have a choice of the main entrée or a chef's salad.

**Second Chance Breakfast.** This has been very popular this year! The number of breakfasts in grades 7-12 has increased by 68% this year over last year.

**Board of Education.** The Board of Education has two new faces! Lois Agena and Rick Vollman were elected to a four year term. Tom Nieveen and Dottie Heusman have retired after 12 years.

Officers serving in 2015-2016 are: President, John Harms; Vice President, Mike Hestermann; Secretary, Cheri Wirthele; and Treasurer, Rick Vollman. Members include: Brad Goracke and Lois Agena.

**FFA.** Sterling FFA Competed in the District FFA Leadership Skills Event at Southeast Community College in Beatrice on January 27<sup>th</sup>.



Erika Eckhardt won first place in the Coop Speaking contest and qualified for the state contest in April.



The Parliamentary Procedure Team of Erika Eckhardt, Micah Erickson, Jacob Schwenneker, Austin Buss, and Elly Lempka placed 4<sup>th</sup>.



## From the Principal's Desk *by Ryan Theobald*

We seem to be enjoying a rather unseasonal January in terms of the weather. I personally don't mind not having much snow, but also realize that we are an agricultural community and we do depend on Mother Nature to do her part. I am definitely not a meteorologist, but I do believe in the law of averages, and with spring still a couple of months away, there is plenty of time for some winter weather. With that being said, here are some items of interest that I would like to share.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences.** Our spring parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 12th, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Our elementary conferences will continue with the same format. We will, however, be making a slight change to the format for grades 7-12. All teachers will be located in the gymnasium for the spring conferences rather than in their respective classrooms. We hope this change will allow more parents to visit with more teachers. I am also asking parents to try and limit each individual conference to 5-7 min. If you need more time than that, feel free to make an appointment with that particular teacher.

**Class Dues.** In the August newsletter I referenced several handbook changes, one of which was class dues. We will once again be assessing class dues for students in grades 7-11. Class dues will be \$10 per student per year. These funds will essentially be used to pay for prom. We hope this will reduce the amount of fundraising that has had to take place in the past to fund prom. Students will need to have paid their dues before they can attend prom as well as before they can be signed out for the school year. We have received this fee from several students, but still have the majority of our students who need to pay. Please be cordial in getting these dues to the school office as soon as you can. These dues are fee waivable if your child qualifies for free and/or reduced lunches, but you will need to submit the proper form which can be found on the school website.

**Attendance.** January was a particularly rough month for Sterling Public Schools and attendance as we battled some cold and flu issues. With that being said, it is really important that if your child was seen by a doctor that you provide the school with a note that covers their absences. Doing this now will save me from either calling or emailing you at a later date should the absences become excessive.

**Weight Room.** At the January school board meeting, the board approved the purchase of new strength equipment as well as several pieces of cardiovascular equipment. Based on space limitations, we will have several items for sale. Sterling Public Schools will be taking sealed bids on these items until March 1st. A complete listing of items with pictures is posted on the school webpage. Items may also be inspected during regular school hours.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call. GO JETS!!!

### Missoula Children's Theatre presents ROBIN HOOD

An audition will be held for the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) production of ROBIN HOOD March 16, 2015 at Sterling Schools from 4:00 to 6:00PM. Those auditioning should arrive at 3:50PM and plan to stay for the full two hours. Parents are welcome to come to the gym and watch the auditions. Some of the cast members will be asked to stay for a rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Among the roles to be cast are: Robin Hood, Maid Marion, Marion's Maid, Prince John, the Sheriff of Nottingham, the Foresters, the Aristocrats, the Merry Band, the Guards, the Horsemen, and the Skunks. All students, grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>, are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary. Assistant Directors will also be cast to assist with the technical aspects of the production.

The Missoula Children's Theatre touring productions are complete with costumes, scenery, props, and makeup. MCT Tour Actor/Directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week from 4:00 to 6:00PM for the younger students and 6:00 to 8:00PM each day for the older students.

ROBIN HOOD will be presented on March 20, 2015 at 6:30PM. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Sterling is brought to you by Sterling Public Schools. For more information contact Mike Davis.

# STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER/2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER HONOR ROLL

### 2014-15

#### HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION

(Students receiving an overall average of 93% or above, with no grade lower than 90%)  
 (\*\*denotes both 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> semester)

**Students of the  
 Month:  
 December  
 Hannah Jasa  
 And  
 Ryan Lairmore**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Joel Rathe (2nd qr. only)  
 Colby Thies (2nd qr. only)  
 Torie Tucker (2nd qr. only)  
 McKayla Vermeer\*\*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Caleb Dolbow\*\*  
 Nicole Harms\*\*  
 Malayna Wingert\*\*

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Zachary Scamehorn\*\*  
 Daniel Schwenneker\*\*  
 Sheanna Stolz\*\*

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Austin Buss\*\*  
 Taylor Cockerill\*\*  
 Micah Erickson\*\*

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Erika Eckhardt\*\*  
 Erika Goracke\*\*  
 Hannah Jasa\*\*  
 Bailey Kahler\*\*

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Megan Barber\*\*  
 Michel Crisante\*\*  
 Benjamin Logston\*\*  
 Tanner Shea\*\*  
 Nathan Thies\*\*  
 Becky Williams\*\*

#### HONOR ROLL

(Students receiving an overall average of 90% or above, with no grade lower than 85%)  
 (\*\*denotes both 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> semester)

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Joel Rathe (1<sup>st</sup> sem. only)  
 Colby Thies (1<sup>st</sup> sem. only)  
 Torie Tucker (1<sup>st</sup> sem. only)

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Emily Agena\*\*  
 Tristan Dirks (1<sup>st</sup> sem. only)  
 Morgan Haner\*\*  
 Logan Jasa\*\*  
 Carly Wenzl\*\*

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Heidi Eckhardt (2nd qr. only)  
 Benjamin Hier\*\*

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Valerie Keim (2nd qr. only)

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Haylee Boldt (2nd qr. only)  
 Kari Hansen\*\*  
 Marah Hestermann\*\*  
 Joshua Masur\*\*  
 Thomas Tucker\*\*

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jasmine Eickhoff\*\*



### 2014-2015 ACT test dates:

Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14–27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9–22, 2015

**What:** Johnson County Spelling Bee

**Where:** JCC High School

**When:** February 14, 2015

-registration @ 8:30AM

-contest @ 9AM



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our very own **MACY RICHARDSON** for placing 1st in her age group at the NFL's Punt, Pass, and Kick Championship in Seattle, Washington!!!



Macy, represented the Kansas City Chiefs, punted 67'8", passed 81'8", and kicked 55'2" for a total of 204'6" in the finals!!! She received a plaque for her victory and was introduced during the Seattle Seahawks' game with the Carolina Panthers. Macy had previously set an age group record with a pass of 89'2" at the sectional event at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri.



Way to go, Macy! We're so proud of you!!!

**Students of the Month: October**  
**Meri Hietbrink & Joel Rathe**

**Students of the Month: November**  
**Micah Erickson & McKayla Vermeer**

~January is National Mentoring Month~



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MENTORING PROGRAM

Order your 2014-15 "We Were There" YEARBOOK today for only \$50.00! Contact Mrs. Koncaba at school!!!



**CONGRATS**  
**JETS!!!**  
**BASKETBALL AWARDS 2015**



**MUDECAS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS: A DIVISION**  
First Team  
Taylor Cockerill

Honorable Mention  
Erika Goracke

**MUDECAS ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS: B DIVISION**  
Honorable Mention  
Josh Masur



Looking for a fun after school activity for your child?  
Consider signing up for a 4-H Afterschool Workshop hosted by the University of Nebraska Extension.

For the month of **February**:

**-Vet Science:** Youth will participate in hands on activities to enhance their understanding of an animal's biology and their behaviors. By the end of the workshop, youth will have the skills to assess the health and well-being of multiple animals. The workshop runs from after school to **5:30pm on February 10**. It is open to students, **grades 3-6** and only costs **\$10**.

For more workshops and dates, check out the school website: [www.sterlingjets.org](http://www.sterlingjets.org). For more information: a flyer will be sent home from school a few weeks before the workshops or download it from <http://johnson.unl.edu/county4h>. Contact the Johnson County Extension Office with any questions at (402)335-3669.

# HONOR CHOIR

High school vocal and instrumental music students from more than 100 schools in Nebraska were selected to participate in the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Honor Band and Choral on Monday, Jan. 26. The event included 697 students and featured three choirs and two bands, which rehearsed all day before presenting a 6 p.m. concert at the UNK Health and Sports Center. The honor choir was directed by David Bauer, professor of music and UNK director of choirs. The festival choir clinic included guest clinician Jason Stevens, director of choirs at Millard South High School. The UNK Honor Band and Choir is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who were selected through auditions. Congratulations to those students from Sterling who attended and performed!! They were Ben Logston, Megan Barber, Hannah Jasa, and Kari Hansen.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

After all of our planning, selling and fundraising the time has finally come for our music trip to Branson, Missouri! We will be leaving on Wednesday, March 18th and returning on Saturday, March 21st. The total cost for the trip will be \$350 per student. I have handed out balance slips to most students, but if it did not make it home have your student check with me personally. If you need to know your students balance please check by email or phone with Mrs. Renninger. Our final payment for the trip is due on March 1 requiring all students to have this amount in their accounts. Please feel free to use the slip below if you would like to make a direct payment into your student's account. Students will also have to be academically eligible to participate in this trip--this trip is not graded nor is it a requirement therefore it should be looked at as a privilege that could be taken away if their grades are not high enough to be eligible.

Enclosed in next month's newsletter you will find a detailed itinerary for the trip. On the schedule, you will find the name, address, and phone number of the hotel we are staying at should you need to contact us in the event of an emergency. You will also find websites for most of the events and attractions we will be attending. This will give you an idea of what your child will be doing at any given time.

I'm really looking forward to traveling with this group of students, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call the school or email me.

Angel Renninger-Music Director  
Sterling Public Schools

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to be deposited \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Girls' State, Boys' State, and Junior Law Cadet

## Cornhusker Girls' State

Cornhusker Girls' State applications are due by **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. All junior girls are encouraged to apply for this experience. Girls' State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and Country. Since the inception of the Girls State program in 1937, nearly one million young people have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how their state and local government works. High school girls, who have completed their junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary sponsored Girls State programs in every state. They learn how to participate in the functioning of their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. The maximum enrollment for this year will be 410 delegates, with more than one girl from each school if funding allows. This year's Girls' State will be at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 6, 2015.

## Cornhusker Boys' State

Applications are currently being accepted for Cornhusker Boys' State. This annual citizenship program sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion is designed to provide youth with a better understanding of how city, county, and state governments operate. Each boy is sponsored locally by an organization such as an American Legion Post, or by some other patriotic, civic, fraternal, or religious group in cooperation with the local American Legion Post.

American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51<sup>st</sup> State" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, take part in band and chorus, compete in athletics, and

be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program. They will set up their own state government and draft bills.

All junior boys are eligible to apply for Boys' State. This year's session will be from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup> at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Deadline for application is **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**, with the Legion Post in charge.

## 2015 Junior Law Cadet Program

Nebraska Department of the American Legion

### Basic Requirements:

- High school junior in good health & able to participate in physical activities.
- Must possess a positive attitude & display respect for law enforcement.
- Good grooming, average or above average scholastic record, & able to share the knowledge gained through the program.
- Must possess a valid Nebraska operator's license or learner's permit.

This program gives students the chance to: drive a State Patrol car; learn to fire a service weapon, learn self-defense, pressure point control tactics, and assault prevention measures; and interact with law enforcement officers.

Two sessions offered – one for boys and one for girls. The program now takes place at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island.

Girls' session – June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Boys' session – June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Deadline: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Application Available at <http://www.nebraskalegion.net/Programs/JRLaw.html>**

# FEBRUARY MENUS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Menus are subject to change without notice.</b></p> <p><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i></p>	<p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal.</i></p>	<p><i>Alternate Entrée - Chef Salad</i></p> <p><i>Milk served with every meal.</i></p>		
<p><b>2 B-</b> French Toast Sticks OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Pork Chop Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Peaches</p>	<p><b>3 B-</b> Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Ham Patty on WG Bun, Tator Gems, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p><b>4 B-</b> Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken Noodle Soup, PB&amp;J Sandwich, Rom. Lettuce Salad, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p><b>5 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Nachos w/ Cheese Sauce or Bean Dip, Peas, Celery w/ PB, Pears</p>	<p><b>6 B-</b> Sausage Gravy over WG Biscuits OR WG Cereal/WG Biscuit, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p><b>9 B-</b> Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Tacos, Green Beans, Celery w/ PB, Applesauce</p>	<p><b>10 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Peaches</p>	<p><b>11 B-</b> Pancake &amp; Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Mini Corn Dogs, Peas, Baked Beans, Pears</p>	<p><b>12 B-</b> Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Chili Soup, Rom. Lettuce Salad, WG Cinnamon Roll, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>16 B-</b> Egg Taco OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Pears</p>	<p><b>17 B-</b> WG Waffles, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Waffle, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Hamburger, FF and/or Swt. FF, Tomatoes, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p><b>18 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Tomato Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Rom. Lettuce Salad, Applesauce</p>	<p><b>19 B-</b> Toaster Pastry, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Goulash, Green Beans, WG Tea Roll w/ Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p><b>20 B-</b> Yogurt Parfait OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Fish Nuggets, Peas, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit</p>
<p><b>23 B-</b> Breakfast Bar OR WG Cereal/WG Muffin, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn, Peaches</p>	<p><b>24 B-</b> Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Vegetable Beef Soup, Rom. Lettuce Salad, WG Cheese Breadstick, Applesauce</p>	<p><b>25 B-</b> WG Pancakes, Sausage OR WG Cereal/WG Pancake, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Sloppy Joe on WG Bun, Peas, FF and/or Swt. FF, Pears</p>	<p><b>26 B-</b> Omelet, WG Toast OR WG Cereal/WG Toast, Fruit, Milk <b>L-</b> Potato Bake, Ham Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich, String Cheese, Mixed Fruit</p>	<p><b>27 B-</b> WG Cereal, WG Toast, Juice, Milk <b>L-</b> Pizza, Green Beans, Black Bean Salad, Pineapple Tidbits</p>

# Pioneer Conference Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament

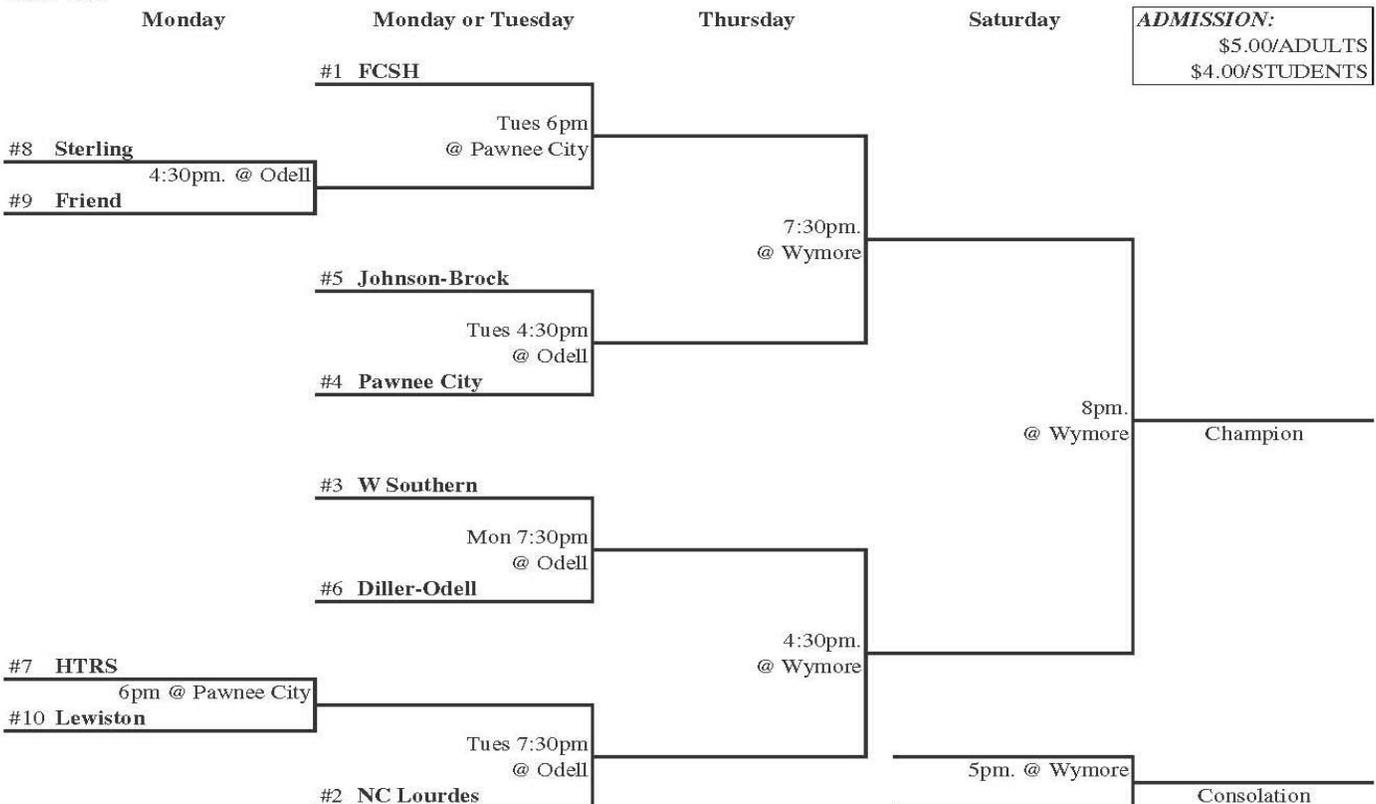
February 2-7, 2015

## GIRLS



Consolation games TBA @ Pawnee City and Odell, Friday. Games times 4:30, 6pm, 7:30pm  
Updated January 22, 2015 - 2:18 PM

## BOYS



**ADMISSION:**  
\$5.00/ADULTS  
\$4.00/STUDENTS

# FEBRUARY 2015 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>This calendar is subject to change.</i>	2 JH Girls BB @ FCSH - 4PM	3	4	5	6 Pioneer Conference Games @ Pawnee City or Diller/Odell - TBA	7
Pioneer Conference Art Show						
Pioneer Conference BB Tourn. @ Southern						
8	9 JH Girls BB Tourn. @ Lewiston - 5:30PM 9/10 Boys BB vs. FCSH - HOME - 7PM	10 Girls BB @ Freeman (JV, V) - 6:15PM	11 JH Girls BB @ Freeman - 1PM Peru State Business Contest	12 DISMISS @ 2:57PM NO SCHOOL PreK <u>P/T Conferences</u> 3:30-8:30PM	13 Girls BB @ Tri County (JV, V) - 6PM NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK	14 Johnson County Spelling Bee - 9AM @ JCC Boys BB vs. Omaha Christian Academy - HOME - 4PM
15	16 School Board Mtg - 7:30PM	17	18 JH Girls BB @ Neb. City Lourdes - 2:30PM	19 GIRLS BB SUB-DISTRICT FINALS @ SOUTHERN	20 Boys BB @ Freeman (JV, V) - 6:15PM	21
GIRLS BB SUB-DISTRICTS @ SOUTHERN						
22	23	24	25	26 JH Girls BB @ HTRS - 2PM BOYS BB SUB-DISTRICT FINALS @ SOUTHERN	27 GIRLS DISTRICT FINALS @ TBA	28
BOYS BB SUB-DISTRICTS @ SOUTHERN						
1	2 JH Girls BB Tourn. @ Johnson-Brock - 4PM Track Practice Begins	3	4	5	6 End of 3rd Quarter	7
GIRLS STATE BB TOURNAMENT @ LINCOLN						

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## **DON'T FORGET...**

- Feb. 12 NO SCHOOL PreK**  
**ELEM/HS DISMISS @ 2:57PM**  
**P/T Conferences: 3:30-8:30PM in the gym**
- Feb. 13 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK  
Feb. 14 Johnson County Spelling Bee @ JCC High School  
Feb. 16 School Board Meeting

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