

Tigerhawk Talk

December 2022



Old Man Winter has joined us!

Winter jumped in sooner than most of us wanted this year. That brings around the possibility of delays, cancellations, early outs and utilizing hard surfaces for busing. As our team prepares for everything that winter brings, we will make sure that we keep the community informed. It's often that I'm asked about how we determine our weather related decisions, and I always put the safety of our students and staff at the forefront of those decisions. I rely on forecasts, observations from staff that are on the roads and conversations with neighboring Superintendents to guide those decisions. I try to have a decision made by 6:00 am unless we have enough



Tim Salmon
Superintendent

information the night prior. Information will go out on local television as well as utilizing our messenger system and social media.

As we have moved just past the first third of the school year, I've had the opportunity to observe, meet many great people, and have conversations with staff, community and our students. I will continue to focus on building those relationships and moving our district forward. It's the partnerships that we develop between our schools, parents and community that will not only improve our district, but our entire community. We all have to be diligent in our demand for success for our kids, while working together as a team to accomplish that goal.

The Department of Education recently released annual school ratings for

all public schools. Our schools performed well, as the elementary building received a rating of "High Achieving" and the Jr/Sr High was rated "Acceptable". Both buildings improved their overall scores from the previous year and we have goals set to continue that growth as we strive for excellence. Staff are focused on student needs and making needed adjustments for all. This includes providing support for not only our students that are struggling, but those that need advanced work.

As we enter into the holiday season, please be sure to take care of yourself and others. This time of the year can be stressful and we need to support each other. Watch for warning signs and don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. Together we are much stronger!

NHS Induction – Fall 2022

The following students were inducted into National Honor Society on Sunday, November 13. NHS selections are made based on Scholarship (students must have a 3.25 GPA), Service, Leadership, and Character.

Moving forward, the selection and induction will be moved to the beginning of second semester, so we will have a second selection period this school year.

Ashton Byal
Joslyn Chadwick
Caylee Cunningham
Konner Dalton
Cale Duffy
Logan Exley
Addison Kochheiser
Mickayla Lind
Merritt McConeghey
Brooke Pease
McKenna Pleima
Abigayle Rawlins
Cassidy Smith
Rachael Uecker
Carley Underwood
Lio Winklepleck
Felicity Woods



Colfax-Mingo Salutes Our Veterans

Name	Years Served	Branch of the Military
Ray Casper	1972-1975	Army
Ron Warner	1975-2003	Air Force
Ron Johnson	1975-1981	Army
David Mast	1968-1970	Army
Harold Hill	1951-1953	Army
Keith Russell	1958-1980	Navy
Andy Conn	1942-1945	Army
Jerry Miller	1968-1971	Army
Bill Beeler	1958-1970	Army
Gary Rawlins	1968-1968	Army

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Bill Pierce	1954-1957	Navy
Vernon DeRaad	1967-1969	Army
Randy Temple	1987-1997	Army
Larry Moffitt	1968-1970	Army
Bill Padgett	1958-1960	Marines
Ethan Opfer	2017-Present	Air Force
Brandon Talsma	2005-2011	Army
Craig Scott	1968-1970	Army
Erin Hume	2007-2012	Army
Carl VanZee	1965-1969	Air Force
Shane Webster	2003-Present	Air Force

Dave Hostetter	1997-2005	Navy
Raymond Casper	1972-1975	Army
Deanna Cross	1984-2000	Air Force
Bob Rhone	1973-1999	Navy
Mike Britt	1995-2003	Army
Bill Hansen	1954-1957	Marines
Alex Overhouse	2008-2011	Army
Eric Onnen	1998-2003	Marines
Mike Hunsberger	1995-2005	Army
Jennifer Barrer	2008-Present	Air Force
Sabrina Kinch	2002-2012	Army
Dave Smith	1974-1987	Army









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WINTER BASEBALL CAMPS

HOSTED BY
COLFAX-MINGO HS
Sat: Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22

U.S. Baseball Academy's Spring Training Program is a unique concept that provides young players an opportunity to take their game to the next level. USBA camps are designed to develop skills in all facets of the game with an emphasis on teaching proper fundamentals and techniques.

**MAKE THIS SEASON,
THE BEST SEASON!**

- **Sessions for Grades 1-12.** Winter sessions are available in hitting, pitching, fielding/baserunning, and catching. Sessions include six hours of instruction in one skill for \$139*. Add a second skill and save \$20. Add a third skill and save \$60!

*Price subject to price increase after early registration period

- **A national baseball program with a local touch** operated by Drew Otto, Head Coach, Colfax-Mingo HS.
- **With a low player to coach ratio,** each player gets plenty of individual attention in a small-group atmosphere.
- **Scan QR Code to Register!** Scan QR Code with your cell phone camera to go to registration website.



For a complete description of our program and session times, call us now at 866-622-4487 or visit www.USBBaseballAcademy.com

Elementary School News



Brian Summy
Elementary
Principal

The first trimester is over and we are quickly heading toward the holidays. The first elementary program of the year will be a 4th-6th grade music/band program at the Jr/Sr. High building on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 pm. The elementary Student Leadership Team will be collecting new or gently used toys for the Community Christmas

Toy Give-Away on Saturday, December 10th. Please no stuffed animals due to allergies. The team will go shopping for toys and have a lunch outing with Mr. Summy and Mrs. Surprenant.

The elementary has been busy with our PBIS Soar Store. We have had popcorn parties & movies, special lunches, pizza parties catered meals and other fun activities. The Student Leadership Team has been busy filling online orders for students when they shop with the

Soar Bucks.

Calendar:

December 1st- 6th grade to the Character Counts Drake Women's Basketball game. Game at 11:00.

December 1st- District SIAC meeting. 6:00-7:30 at District Central Office

December 8th- 4th-6th grade music/band program. 7:00 pm at Jr/Sr High

December 23-January 2nd: Winter Break

January 3rd- classes resume



Preschool Fun!

By Mrs. Fritch,
Ms. Bunce and Ms.
Hammes

In October, all 3 Preschool classrooms took a walking fieldtrip to the Colfax Fire Station to help us learn about Fire Safety and how firefighters help us. We got to see what a firefighter wears, learn to Stop, Drop, and Roll, and to walk through the inside of a firetruck to see what is on the inside. It was a beautiful Fall day for a walk and we had so much fun learning! In November so far, we have learned about Scarecrows, Turkeys, and Thanksgiving. Coming up in December, we will have some fun learning with the Gingerbread Man and learn about how different families and cultures celebrate the upcoming holiday season. Everyday our classrooms are filled with playing, learning, and fun!



Kids Day
December 17th
1:00 - 4:30
*fun activities and
movie time*
Sign up with
Korie Whiteman
*Email kwhiteman@colfaxmingo.org
for more info.*



Jr/Sr High School News

From the Desk of Mrs. Lancaster:



Alex Lancaster
Jr/Sr High School
Principal

As we enter December, there are plenty of celebrations to be had so far this school year! We met our first building goal of increasing the percentage of students who made adequate growth on their MAP tests this fall by 10%. We went from 44% to 54%! We will be taking the MAP tests again in January, and

our goal is to reach 64% of our students making adequate growth. The tests cover the subjects of reading, math, and science and provide teachers with more in-depth information regarding students' understanding of specific skills.

Another building goal for this school year is to decrease our number of students chronically absent (missing more than 10% of the year) from 38% to 20%. We are currently at 31% of students having missed at least 10% of

the school year so far (about 7 days). There is still time to get this number down, however! You can easily check your student's attendance through Infinite Campus. We also have students creating attendance goals during advisory and tracking progress on those goals each month.

The end of first semester will be here before we know it. As that approaches, please encourage your student to be checking their grades, staying on top of any missing work,

and communicating with their teachers for any extra support or questions. We will also be updating schedules for the second semester, so now would be the time for your student to reach out to a counselor with any change requests for the second semester.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year. We appreciate our Tigerhawk family now more than ever. Let's make the rest of the year a great one!

National FFA convention

By Mike Rupert

Six members from the Colfax-Mingo FFA chapter attended the 95th National FFA convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention took place from October 26th-29th. The members that attended include: Tate Carlson, Gus Engle, Elise Engle, Ava VanMaaren, Emma Cook and Lily Webster. Members said one of the highlights of the trip was seeing and meeting all the different FFA members throughout the United States. The group left Wednesday morning and toured the Kinze plant on the way to Indianapolis. On Thursday morning the chapter attended the opening session where Tabitha Catchings was guest speaker, went to career fair, Indianapolis 500 tour, another session and a haunted house. On Friday the chapter went to career fair, 2 sessions and toured downtown Indianapolis. On the way home the chapter went to the Caterpillar visitors center. There were over 69,000 members and guests present at the convention.



Colfax-Mingo Dance Team



Pictures from last performance at Rock onto State in Norwalk.

By Cassidy Booher

The Colfax-Mingo Dance Team has been working hard at state critiques to prepare for State Competition. We will be competing on November 30 and

December 1st at Wells Fargo Arena and Hy-vee Hall in Des Moines. Wednesday our soloists compete from 8:00-8:30 am in Hy-vee Hall followed by Pom at 7:30 pm in Wells Fargo. Thursday we compete

Novelty at 3:45 and Lyrical at 6:15 in Wells Fargo Arena. We would love your support as we fight to bring home some more hardware!

Go Tigerhawks!

Colfax-Mingo Athletics

Fall Summary Volleyball

- 13-20 Overall Record
- Finished in the Bronze Quad for the first time (bottom half)
- Won our home tournament
- Caylee Cunningham - 1st Team All Conference
- Abi Rawlins and Joslyn Chadwick were Honorable Mention All Conference
- Return 4 varsity letter winners with a great group of 8th graders moving up
- Thank you to the following volunteers for their support this season!
 - o Stephanie Cunningham
 - o Skylar Rawlins
 - o Phil Grant
 - o Devan Chadwick
 - o Blake Warrick
 - o Travis Brenner
 - o Travis Cook
 - o Luci Collins
 - o Lisa Stackhouse

JH Volleyball

- A Team was 18-9 in sets played
- B Team was 16-11 in sets played.
- In 9 matches, the JH volleyball team only lost 1 match overall to Belle Plaine. Otherwise they won each night by winning more sets than the other team.

JH Football

- 2-4
- 25 kids total
- 21 return for 2023 season
- Beat Saydel and BGM
- Chase Trotter and Cam Cunningham

had great season and will be leaders for the team next year.

JH/HS XC

- 26 athletes between JH and HS
- SICL Meet Finish -
 - o HS Girls were 3rd
 - o HS Boys were 4th
 - o Mario Rodriguez - 8th in JH
- Boys
 - o Arianna Horras - 8th in JH Girls
 - o Harrison Rhone - 9th in HS
- Boys
 - o Josue Rodriguez - 19th in HS
- Boys
 - o Xavier Woods - 20th in HS Boys
 - o McKenna Pleima - 9th in HS
- Girls
 - o Shea Wilkins - 10th in HS Girls
- State Qualifier
 - o Shea Wilkins - 14th
 - o Harrison Rhone - 19th

• Thank yous
o Mason Edward's and Harrison Rhone's families for providing snacks at the state qualifier.

o The many past and present XC families, community members and staff that helped at the home XC meet.

HS Football

- 2-7 overall record
- Curtis Horras - 1st Team All-District WR *Unanimous
- Cael Bracewell - 1st Team All-District Utility Player
- Shane Hostetter - 2nd Team All-District TE

• Brock Nicol - 2nd Team All-District LB

• Conner Wood - 2nd Team All-District DB

• Trey Hockiemer - 2nd Team All-District DB

• Joe Earles and Donovan Baucom - Honorable Mention

- Thank yous
 - o Dave our Athletic Trainer
 - o Dave Bracewell
 - o Troy Thompson
 - o Dan Haney
 - o Todd Berkey
 - o Chain Crew (Jim Earles, Steve Hostetter, Mark Earles, Erica Earles, Sean Callahan, Matt Cunningham)

o Many parents who help provide meals throughout the season!

Winter Preview

HS Girls Wrestling

- 13 girls out
- girls who have wrestling background on some level

HS Boys Basketball

- 25 boys out
- 3 seniors
- Will play JV boys before every varsity boys game this year

JH Boys Wrestling

- 13 - 7th graders
- 3 - 8th graders

JH Girls Basketball

- 16 - 7th graders
- 12 - 8th graders

Colfax-Mingo Girls Wrestling Make History

The Colfax-Mingo girls wrestling team made history on November 17th when they started competing as in their first SANCTIONED season. We traveled to Ballard for a scramble tournament and went 14-5 in matches wrestled with 12 pins! Lily Webster started the night with the team's first win of the season with a pin in the first period. Eight girls wrestled at Ballard and all of them got the first win of the season, for some, it was the first win of their career. Results on the night

are as follows;

- Lily Webster, 100lbs (2-0)
- Emmalyn Buchman, 170lbs (2-0)
- Kaydence Andersen, 190lbs (1-1)
- Shy Steck, 130lbs (2-1)
- Joslyn Dawson, 190lbs (1-1)
- Emma Cook, 235 (3-0)
- Cadence Linn, 115lbs (1-1)
- Devan Chadwick, 120lbs (2-1)

One thing the team talks about is "building for the future." There are girls that have laid the groundwork for our current season who did great

things for the program. Now, it is the job of our current team to continue that work to not only build it for their current team, but to build it up for the younger girls who look up to them and want to give wrestling a try.

This sport truly is for everybody and the girls are showing it! You are invited to see them wrestle at our only home meet of the season on January 21st at 10am. We host a large round robin tournament with over 20 teams attending.



Shy Steck winning her first match of the season.



Kadie Andersen getting her hand raised after her first win ever!



Devan Chadwick after finding out she won her first match of her career. Complete shock!



Joslyn Dawson getting the teams seventh straight win of the night.



Cadence Linn getting her first high school pin!



Past and current Tigerhawk girl wrestlers.

DECEMBER 2022 ATHLETICS & BUS LEAVE TIME

Note: Subject to Change

Activity	Time	Opponent	Location	Bus Leave Time	Comments
Thursday, Dec 1, 2022					
Wrestling: Boys Varsity Meet	6:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	<u>Lynnville-Sully High School</u>	4:00PM	
Friday, Dec 2, 2022					
Wrestling: Boys JH Meet	4:15PM	Away vs. Montezuma Community	<u>Montezuma High School</u>	2:50PM	
Basketball: Varsity Game	6:00PM	BGM	<u>Colfax-Mingo High School</u>		JV boys followed by varsity boys only
Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament	6:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	<u>Brooklyn-Guernsey-Bgm High School</u>	3:45PM	JV Only
Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament	6:00PM	Away vs. BGM	<u>Brooklyn-Guernsey-Bgm High School</u>	2:30PM	
Saturday, Dec 3, 2022					
Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament	10:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	<u>Woodward-Granger HS</u>	6:45AM	
Monday, Dec 5, 2022					
Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament	4:00PM	Away vs. Williamsburg	<u>Williamsburg High School</u>	1:00PM	
Wrestling: Boys JH Meet	4:15PM	Multiple Schools	<u>Colfax-Mingo High School</u>		
Basketball: JV Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Montezuma Community	<u>Montezuma High School</u>		(Cancelled) Girls then Boys
Tuesday, Dec 6, 2022					
Basketball: Girls JH Game	4:15PM	Away vs. Lynnville-Sully	<u>Lynnville-Sully High School</u>	3:00PM	A then B - HS Gym

Wrestling: Boys 5:30PM
Varsity Meet

Multiple Schools **Colfax-Mingo**
High School

Basketball: Varsity 6:00PM
Game

Away vs.
Montezuma
Community

Montezuma High 4:30PM
School

JV Boys then
Varsity Boys Only

Thursday, Dec 8, 2022

Wrestling: Boys 6:00PM
Varsity Meet

Away vs. Multiple
Schools

Saydel High 3:45PM
School

Friday, Dec 9, 2022

Wrestling: Boys JH 4:15PM
Meet

Away vs. PCM

PCM High School 3:20PM

Basketball: Girls 4:45PM
JH Game

Collins-Maxwell

Colfax-Mingo
Schools: Mingo
Gym

A/8 then B/7

Basketball: 6:00PM
Varsity Game

HLV

Colfax-Mingo
High School

JV boys followed
by varsity boys
only

Saturday, Dec 10, 2022

Wrestling: Boys 9:00AM
Varsity
Tournament

Multiple Schools **Colfax-Mingo**
High School

Monday, Dec 12, 2022

Basketball: Girls 4:15PM
JH Game

Away vs.
Pleasantville

Pleasantville Community High 2:45PM
School

Wrestling: Girls 4:30PM
Varsity Meet

Away
vs. Multiple
Schools

Saydel High School 2:50PM

Basketball: 6:00PM
JV Game

Iowa Valley
Community

Colfax-Mingo High School

(Cancelled)

Girls then Boys

Tuesday, Dec 13, 2022

Wrestling: Boys 4:15PM
JH Meet

Away vs. HLV

H-L-V High School 2:50PM

Basketball: Girls 4:45PM
JH Game

Newton

Colfax-Mingo Schools:
Mingo Gym

2 full games

Basketball: Varsity Game	6:00PM	Away vs. Lynnville-Sully	<u>Lynnville-Sully High School</u>	4:30PM	JV/V boys only - JV game 1st.
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Wrestling: Boys Varsity Meet	6:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	<u>Sigourney Junior-Senior High School</u>	3:20PM	
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Thursday, Dec 15, 2022

Basketball: Varsity Quad	6:00PM	Away vs. English Valleys	<u>English Valleys High School</u>	3:45PM	JV boys followed by varsity boys
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Friday, Dec 16, 2022

Basketball: Girls JH Game	4:30PM	Away vs. Collins- Maxwell	<u>Collins-Maxwell Middle/High School</u>	3:30PM	A/8 then B/7
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Saturday, Dec 17, 2022

Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament	9:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	<u>Lynnville-Sully High School</u>	7:00AM	
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Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament	10:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	<u>Southeast Warren Junior- Senior High School</u>	6:45AM	
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Monday, Dec 19, 2022

Basketball: Girls JH Game	4:15PM	Away vs. Keota	<u>Keota High School</u>	1:45PM	
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Wrestling: Boys JH Meet	4:15PM	Away vs. Lynnville-Sully	<u>Lynnville-Sully High School</u>	3:00PM	
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December 2022

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1	2	3
					ISDTA State Dance Competition Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines	COLFAX COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Downtown Colfax 4:30 pm-7:30 pm Cocoa & Carols
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			90 Minute Late Start	Grades 4th-6 th Vocal/Band Concert 6 pm Jr/Sr HS Cafeteria		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			90 Minute Late Start Booster Club Meeting 6 pm HS			Winter Kids Day Crafts, activities, snacks for \$10/child
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Central Admin Office 6 pm	7-12 Band & Vocal Winter Concert 6 pm @ Jr/Sr HS Gr 7-12 Choir Gr 5-12 Band	90 Minute Late Start	Early School Dismissal for the Holiday	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS 	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK	SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 3

Please note: Athletic events have not been included on this monthly calendar because of so many changes throughout the month. To keep current with any changes, please go to the school's webpage. Under "parents" dropdown and follow Colfax Mingo Athletics

Colfax-Mingo CSD December 2022 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 B – Biscuit & Gravy Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fresh Vegetables Mixed Fruit Milk	2 B – Mini Waffles Crispito w/ Cheese & Lettuce Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Milk
5 B – Muffin & Yogurt Corndog Tater Tots Baked Beans Orange Wedges Milk	6 B – Cinnamon Roll Super Nachos Bean/Cheese/Salsa Corn Rosy Applesauce Milk	7 B – Grab n Go Cheese Steak Sandwich Seasoned Wedges Mini Carrots Grapes Milk	8 B – Long John Pasta Bake Mixed Greens Salad Steamed Broccoli Garlic Bread Peaches Milk	9 B- Sausage & Pancake on a Stick Chicken Wrap Green Beans Fresh Vegetables Fruit Choice Brownie Milk
14 B – Mini Cinnis Chicken Patty/WG Bun Curly Fries Baked Beans Apple Milk	13 B – Breakfast Bar French Toast Sausage/Egg Hashbrown Cucumbers Slices Blueberries Milk	14 B – Grab n Go Pizzaburger Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Steamed Carrots Pears Cookie Milk	15 B – Breakfast Sandwich Shrimp Poppers Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Roll Peaches Milk	16 B – Mini Pancakes Garlic Cheese Bread w/ Marinara Garden Salad Seasoned Peas Pineapple Milk
19 B – Cereal & Toast Pizza Tossed Salad w/ Romaine Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk	20 B – Mini Donuts Chili w/ Saltines Cinnamon Roll Fresh Vegetables Applesauce Milk	21 B - Grab n Go Mr. Rib French Fries Broccoli Grapes Dessert Milk	22 B – Choice Cooks' Choice	23 No School Winter Break
26 No School Winter Break	27 No School Winter Break	28 No School Winter Break	29 No School Winter Break	30 No School Winter Break

*Milk (skim, choc skim & 1%) *Menu is subject to change

* Breakfast includes entrée, fruit/fruit juice & milk. Additional options at the JH/HS.

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