

Sargent Public School

December Newsletter

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It's amazing how quickly the semester has flown by—December is already here! As we head into the final weeks before winter break, our students and staff continue to work hard and stay engaged in learning and activities. The energy around the building has been great, and I'm proud of how everyone has finished the semester strong.

What an exciting fall season it has been! Our athletes represented Twin Loup with pride, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the season. From the first whistle to the final game, they demonstrated teamwork and dedication on and off the field. A big thank-you to our coaches, families, and fans for their continued support.

Now, as the leaves change, we turn our focus to winter sports and One Act season! We're looking forward to seeing our students shine in the gym, on the mat, and on the stage. Best of luck to all our winter athletes and One Act participants—you continue to make us proud!

Every month, we take a moment to spotlight those who make a difference—students who show leadership and effort, and staff who go the extra mile. Let's give a big congratulations to our October honorees!

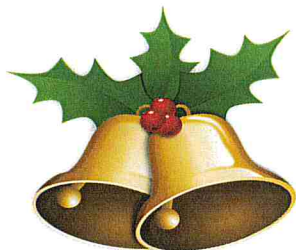
Primary (PK–2): Hazel Fenske, Elementary (3–5): Aniyah White
Middle School (6–8): Sadie Moon
High School (9–12): Kooper Keefe
Staff Member of the Month: Mrs. Sandra Moon

We're proud of each of you—your commitment and positivity inspire those around you and strengthen the Twin Loup spirit.

As we move further into the semester and approach the Holidays, I want to express my gratitude for our entire school community. Every day, I see examples of students helping one another, teachers going the extra mile, and families supporting learning at home. It's that teamwork that makes our school special.

I hope everyone enjoys a safe, relaxing break filled with laughter, good food, and plenty of holiday cheer!

As always—Go Wolves!
Mr. Slingsby



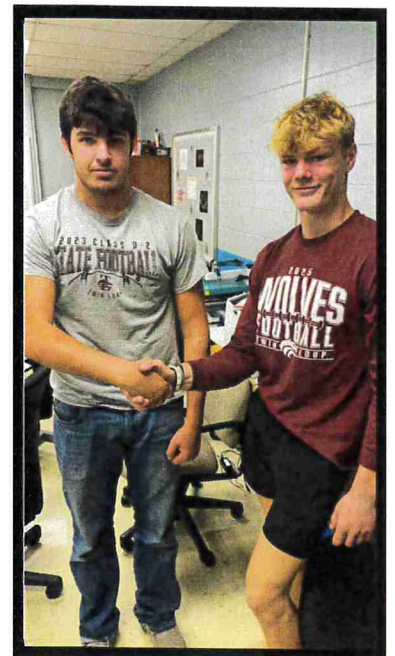
FBLA News

We are so excited about the growth of our chapter! To kick off the month, our FBLA meeting featured a super fun buddy activity that paired our experienced members with our newest additions. The game of the day was “Power Pose,” where everyone either shook hands with their buddy or struck their best business stance. It was an awesome way to break the ice and bring a little extra confidence into the room.

December may be filled with Christmas cheer, but FBLA packed November full of FBLA pride by celebrating FBLA in style with an FBLA shirt or wearing blue and gold spirit wear. And with Christmas right around the corner, the Wolf Den is ready to help you check off your holiday shopping list! We’ve discounted some of our older items, and we’re open during all home events in Sargent—or you can make an appointment by calling Jan Osborn at (308) 215-8009. Thank you for supporting Sargent FBLA!

We’re also excited to announce that our chapter has some fun plans coming up as we head into competition season. Members will be choosing their events, practicing new skills, and preparing for conferences. We can’t wait to see what this year’s group accomplishes, and we’re so proud of the hard work and enthusiasm our members continue to show!

Alli Smith, FBLA Reporter



Sargent FFA News

Sargent brought the heat on November 10th at the District Livestock Judging in Ord! Twenty members showed up and represented like champs.

Our senior team battled it out against 99 contestants and 16 teams and they crushed it!

A few individual placings were:

- Jaylin Young- 46th
- Kooper Keefe- 22nd
- TJ Horky- 13th
- Maci Smith- 20th

Other members that participated were Gunner Bottorf and Cazen Smith. The senior crew of TJ Horky, Maci Smith, Kooper Keefe, and Jaylin Young punched their ticket to state, finishing 4th as a team!

The junior division absolutely dominated, building a 1st place, state-qualifying team made up of Alli Smith, Blake Bottorf, Klayton Barker, and Oran Grint.

Individually, the juniors showed out in a massive field of 192 contestants and 15 teams:

- Alli Smith- 1st (district champion)
- Blake Bottorf- 9th
- Klayton Barker- 12th
- Oran Grint- 16th
- Brennan Beran- 31st
- Jace Mauler- 70th
- Brent Morse- 29th
- Kinley Keefe- 51st
- Brent Schipporeit- 77th

Other members that participated were; Jenna Wilson, Brody Treptow, Noah Miester, Nathan Lowry, and Travin Schauda.

Sargent FFA would also like to thank all of our supporters, because of you our FFA fruit sales surpassed our goal. We are grateful for your continued support of our chapter and its members.

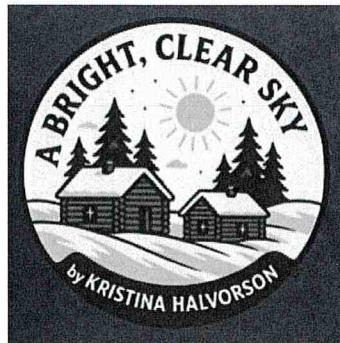
-Maci Smith, Reporter



One Act

Congrats to the following actors for receiving acting awards at the Chant One Act Festival on Monday: **Recognized Actors:** Travin Schauda, Maci Smith, LoReena Schauda **Best Actor Award:** KooperKeefe, Carsen Vincent

This year's play, "*A Bright, Clear Sky*," holds special significance for Sargent students, as playwright **Kristina Halvorson** will be the guest of honor at the school's annual **Dinner Theater** on **December 2**, where she'll meet the cast and community. We would love for you to attend our Dinner Theater! Please call Robin at the school (308) 527-4119 or Kina Stefka (message) (308) 215-0284 to reserve your spot! The Dinner Theater helps the one act team prepare for Districts and is a fundraiser for the group. Admission is by goodwill donation. The group would love your support!



December 12, 2025 Performance

Congrats to the One Act team as they performed "*A Bright, Clear Sky*" on December 12, 2025. Acting awards went to: TJ Horky, Kooper Keefe, LoReena Schauda, Carsen Vincent, and Corbin Bye. The team competed against schools in classes A, C1, C2, D1, and D2. Sargent brought home a 6th place finish.

Veteran's Day

Sargent Honors Veterans in Moving Veteran's Day Ceremony

The Sargent community gathered for a solemn ceremony to honor the men and women who have served in the United States armed forces. The event was organized by Sargent American Legion post 104, Sargent students, and the Twin loup Jr-Sr. High music program combining music, words of gratitude, and student participation in a morning filled with respect and appreciation. The program began with the posting of the colors by the American Legion followed by the performance of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by the Twin loup Jr-Sr high band. After the opening salute, representatives from the legion offered words of welcome, emphasizing the importance of remembering and thanking all veterans for their sacrifice.

The musical tribute included performances by the school band such as "The Legacy of Heroes" by Michael Story and "Let the Flag of Freedom Wave" arranged by James Swearingen. Students from various grade levels also showed their talents: kindergarten through second grade students performed "Welcome Home" and 3rd through 6th graders sang "God Bless the USA". The participation of veteran John Kugler added a personal and heartfelt touch to the event. The high school choir closed their part of the program with "Free Like Me" arranged by Teresa Jennings. The ceremony concluded with the playing of "Taps" by the school band; the retiring of the colors was conducted by the American Legion Post 104 .

The event ended with a time of fellowship where attendees shared rolls and coffee in a warm and reflective atmosphere. Sargent's veterans day celebration not only served as a tribute to those who have served but also as an opportunity to teach younger generations the values of patriotism, respect, and gratitude toward those who defend our freedom.



Helping Children Learn[®]

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School
City School District of Glen Cove

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



December 2025

Help your elementary schooler develop math fact fluency

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 $10 + 5$.

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

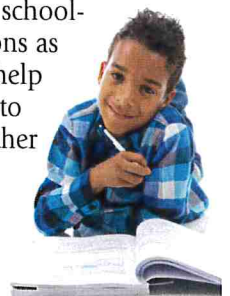
It's true that children aren't always kind to one another. But your child doesn't have to accept unkindness as the norm. Talk together about ways to respond if a classmate is being treated unkindly. Then, challenge your child to do at least one nice thing for a classmate each week. Explain that your 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 schoolwork, 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?

A: Whether children are competing in games, in the classroom or in life, they need to learn how to play 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:

- ___ **1. Do you help** your child see what can't be changed and what can? "You can't change the weather. But you can change your plans."
- ___ **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 all the events that happen to you, but 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 school-work 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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December Holidays

Hanukkah

December 14-22

What is Hanukkah? Hanukkah is the Jewish “Festival of Lights,” an eight day holiday commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem after the Maccabean Revolt. Hanukkah 2025 will begin at sundown on Sunday, December 14 and end at nightfall on Monday, December 22.



Twin's Day

December 18

Twin's Day started in Twinsburg, Ohio. It became a holiday in 1976. We have one set of twins in our school: Carter and Jackson Hall. The twins love to lift weights and play sports like football, basketball, track and baseball.



Christmas

December 25

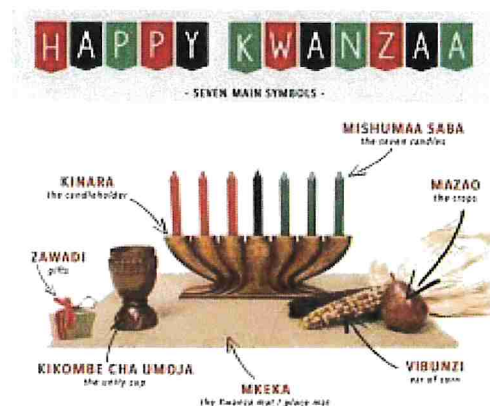
Why do we celebrate Christmas? It celebrates the birth of Christ on December 25th. It's more than just an occasion to decorate your house. It's an opportunity to pause and give thanks for love, hope and joy.



Kwanzaa

December 26-January 1

What is Kwanzaa? Kwanzaa is an annual African American and Pan-African cultural holiday observed from December 26 to January 1. It celebrates family, community, and heritage and is inspired by African harvest festival traditions.



Wolves' Season Comes to an End

by Cooper Busch & Brennan Beran



Stats from the game:

Offensive Stats

Passing	Attempts	Yards	Td
Yahya Harris	18	105	1
Rushing	Carries	Yards	Td
Yahya Harris	16	51	
Oran Grint	11	33	
Carter Hall	10	33	
Blake Bottorf	3	7	
Cazen Smith	1	3	
Receiving	Reception	Yards	Td
Oran Grint	1	4	
Carter Hall	5	85	1
Jackson Hall	1	16	

Defensive Stats:

Tackles	Solo	Assist
Yahya Harris	4	2
Queston Young	1	
Oran Grint	6	6
Carter Hall	3	8
Blake Bottorf		2
Emmet Grint	1	1
Travin Schuada		1
Cazen Smith	4	8
Klayton Barker	1	
Bereket Glendy	1	2
Mace Beran	2	4
Gunner Bottorf		2

Volleyball Recap

Twin Loup losses in Set 5

by Brennan Beran & Cooper Busch

Words from coach: Congratulations to the volleyball team on a season of hard work, hustle and heart! I am proud to call you my team

Stats From the game:

Offensive	Kills	Aces	Defensive	Digs
Jaelynn Blackburn	17		Natalee Haskell	11
Kooper Keefe	8	2	Sierra Slagle	2
LoReena Schuada	6	2	Jaelynn Blackburn	2
Jaylin Young	5	1	Jaylin Young	11
Carsen Vincent	1	1	Carsen Vincent	19
Sierra Slagle	1	1	Kooper Keefe	2
			LoReena Schauda	17
			Kinley Keefe	1





SUPPORT SHS JUNIOR CLASS

Gift Wrapping

DECEMBER

21

1-6:30PM

at Modern Movement
311 W Main St.
Sargent, Nebraska

Questions Contact Miss. Phillipps
or Mrs. Taylor at
527-4119



GIVE THE GIFT OF

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YEARBOOK

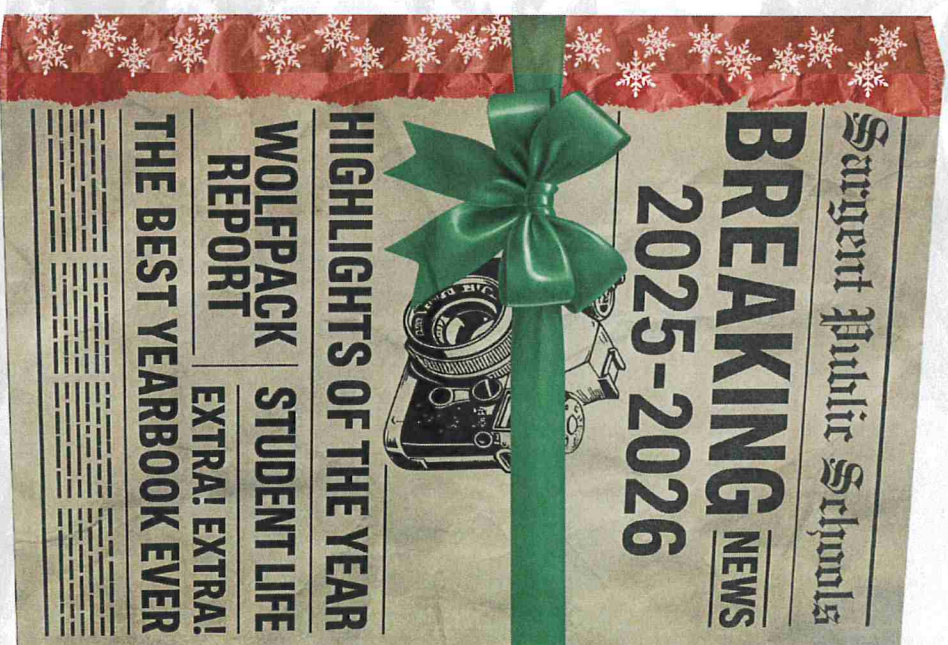
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\$5.00 ICONS

Contact Mrs. Busch at 308-527-4119

Or email her at jen.busch@sargentpublicschools.org





Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods.
Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Cereal-Toast or pancakes
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

01

TUESDAY

French toast, Sausage or egg
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

02

WEDNESDAY

Pop tarts-PBJ or protein balls
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

03

THURSDAY

Burrito or omelet w/toast
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

04

FRIDAY

Cereal or cinnamon roll
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

05

Cereal or pancakes
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

08

French toast sausage egg
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

09

Pop tart or PBJ or protein balls
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

10

Breakfast pizza or omelet
w/toast juice-fruit, milk-
yogurt

11

Cereal or muffin juice-fruit
milk-yogurt

12

Cereal-toast or pancakes
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

15

French toast sausage or egg
Juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

16

PBJ – pop tart or protein ball
juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

17

Breakfast sandwich or omelet
w/toast juice-fruit, milk-yogurt

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Cereal or muffin juice-fruit,
milk-yogurt

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5th and 6th grade menu choice: Dec 15-19

DECEMBER 2025



December is National Pear Month. Pears are a top fruit source of fiber, especially when the skin is included. They also provide vitamin C and potassium. Add chopped pears to salads, parfaits, or baked goods like muffins



LUNCH

MONDAY

Macho Nachos
Corn, Dinner Roll
Fruit Cup
Milk

01

TUESDAY

Creamed Chicken with biscuit
Mashed Potatoes
Fruit Cup, Apple Crisp
Dinner Roll
Milk

02

WEDNESDAY

Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo
Carrots
Dinner roll
Fruit cup
Milk

03

THURSDAY

Chicken & Rice
Ham & Bean Soup
Cracker & Sting cheese
Cookie or Dinner Roll
Fruit cup, Milk

04

FRIDAY

Turkey Sandwich
Chips
Baked Beans
Fruit cup
Milk

05

Burrito
lettuce and cheese
Fruit Cup
Dinner roll
Milk

08

Turkey or Ham
Stuffing mashed potatoes
with gravy
Fruit or pumpkin pie
Dinner roll and Milk

09

Grilled chicken wrap
Lettuce and cheese
Corn, fruit cup
Milk

10

Beef and noodles or potato
soup
Crackers and cheese
Fruit cup, dinner roll
Milk

11

Chicken wrap
Chips
Baked beans
Fruit cup
Milk

12

Chicken nuggets
Chips, baked beans
Fruit cup
Milk

15

Spaghetti meat sauce
Corn
Fruit cup, banana cake
Cheesy bread sticks
Milk

16

Mac and cheese or chicken
Alfredo with string cheese
Green beans
Fruit cup
Milk

17

Homemade pizza
Veggies
Fruit cup
Milk

18

Cheeseburger
Taters
Fruit cup
Milk

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Sargent Public Schools

Calendar

<div> <div>December ▾</div> <div>2025 ▾</div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		10:30am: Community Blood Drive 1:00pm: JH Wrestling S/T Invite @ Dunning 6:30pm: One-Act Dinner Theater 7 p.m. (Dinner at 6:30)	<div>Elementary Science Olympiad</div> 9:00am: District One-Wheeler Central		11:00am: Wrestling @ Ravenna Invite 6:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball vs South Loup @ Callaway	4:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball vs Sandhills-Thedford @ Dunning
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	1:00pm: JH Wrestling @ A/M Invite 7:00pm: School Board Meeting	7:00pm: Sargent Elementary Winter Concert	<div>State One-Act TBD</div>		<div>No School Teacher Workday</div> 10:00am: Wrestling Twin Loup Invite @ Sargent 4:30pm: G/B JV Basketball vs Stuart @ Taylor 6:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball vs Stuart @ Taylor	12:30pm: Wrestling Meridan Invite 2:00pm: G/B JV Basketball @ Brady 4:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball @ Brady
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		6:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball @ Palmer		5:00pm: Wrestling Ansley/Litchfield Quad (3Duals)	<div>End of 2nd Quarter/ 1st Semester</div> 4:00pm: G/B JV Basketball vs Sandhills Valley @ Taylor 6:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball vs Sandhills Valley @ Taylor	10:00am: Wrestling Cambridge Invite 6:00pm: G/B Varsity Basketball vs Riverside @ Cedar Rapids
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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