



**SCRIBNER-SNYDER
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
April/May Newsletter-2018**

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Patrons:

It is hard to believe we're at that time of the year where we're talking about the end of the school year activities. With spring comes a variety of events and it seems like our students spend about the same amount of time out of school as in.

The annual Senior Sneak Ski Trip was held on March 14-15-16. Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Schafer were the senior sponsors and did an outstanding job getting the trip organized. The students again made the trek to Wyoming for fun in the snow.

SSCS will be participated in the annual Severe Weather Awareness Practice Drill on Wednesday, March 28th starting at 10:00 a.m. On this day, the sirens will sound both in our community and around the county. In response, the students will be practicing how to take shelter in our school buildings.

Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. The juniors are in the process of finalizing their plans for the event. Our seniors will be graduating from SSCS on Saturday, May 5th with a 5:00 p.m. ceremony start time. Please come and enjoy this special day with our senior class. The school year is set to end on Friday, May 18th, and will be here before we know it.

The Map Spring Assessment Testing window is set for March 19th – April 27th, in the areas of Math, Reading and Science for grades 3-8. All juniors will again be required to take the ACT as mandated by state statute. This test is scheduled for April 3rd. We'd like to thank Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Fischer for all their work to get the testing materials, and software updates completed. We're confident our students will do their best on these tests again this year. Once the test results become available, we will share them with our parents and patrons.

We've started looking at the master class schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. We're still planning on having 3 registration periods again this year. The first registration will be done with students in a one-on-one setting. The second registration will take place and these schedules will be sent home for parent review. Once these schedules have been reviewed for a 3rd time, a finalized class schedule will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year. Students will also have a week to drop/add classes during the first week of school in fall.

As we head into the last part of the year we hope everyone has a safe and productive spring. We're looking forward to having a great end to the school year.

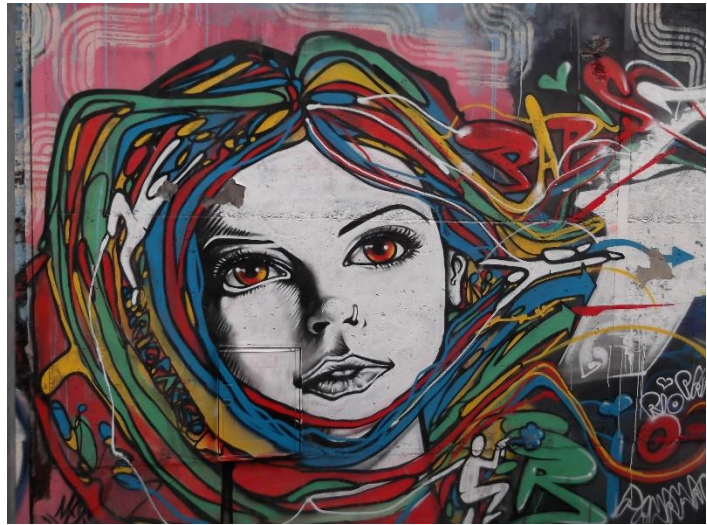
Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Stithem

The East Husker Conference Art Show

will be held on Wednesday, April 11 at the Nielsen Center in West Point. Public viewing will be from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Come and show support for our art students this year. The conference will have available the following ribbons: purple-high distinction, blue-distinction, red- honorable, and white-honorable mention to be awarded by the judges.

Marsha Silver-Art Teacher



Prom festivities approaching



The Class of 2019 has been working diligently in preparation of this year's Prom Dance which is set for Saturday, April 14th at the Mohr Auditorium. This year's these will feature scenery from Paris. The students have been busy constructing bridges, arch ways and painting different items to will be reused from previous years in order to put together a good time for all. The juniors and seniors along with their dates and staff members

will enjoy a delicious meal at 6 p.m. followed by pictures at 7 p.m. The auditorium will be open to all parents and the remainder of the students at this time for pictures. At 8 p.m. all guests will be asked to leave the auditorium so the students can enjoy the dance. Post Prom festivities this year will take place at the school. Those details are not available at this time. Students are reminded to get their Post Prom permission slips turned in as soon as possible so plans can be finalized.

Spring concert dates

The public is invited to attend both the elementary Jr./Sr. High School spring concerts that have been scheduled at Scribner-Snyder in April and May. The High school students will perform on Sunday, April p.m. in the elementary gymnasium. The elementary will hold their concert on May 8th at 7 p.m.



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Ginger L. Meyer - Superintendent

Why should I care about Family and Community involvement in schools?

(taken as an except from the Department of Education)

Schools, parents, and the community should work together to promote the health, well-being, and learning of all students. When schools actively involve parents and engage community resources they are able to respond more effectively to the health-related needs of students.

Family and community involvements foster partnerships among schools, family and community groups, and individuals. These partnerships result in sharing and maximizing resources. And they help children and youth develop healthy behaviors and promote healthy families.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education are more likely to:

- Adapt well to school
- Attend school more regularly
- Complete homework more consistently
- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Graduate and go on to college
- Have better social skills
- Show improved behavior
- Have better relationships with their parents
- Have higher self-esteem

Additionally, linking community activities to the classroom

- Improves school-related behaviors
- Positively impacts academic achievement
- Reduces school suspension rates

The 2017-18 school year will end Friday, May 18th with a 1:30 p.m. dismissal for all students!

Graduation/Honors-Awards Night scheduled at S-S

Members of the Class of 2018 will be recognized and honored for their achievements on Saturday, May 5th during the 5 p.m. commencement ceremony. Class members include: Hunter Adams, Kaylee Boyle, Nicole Boyle, Tanner Brown, Skylar Jacobsen, Amy Keltch, Ryon Leffel, Ethan Lundry, Josh McMillen, Dalton Miller, Harrison Riggle, Cayley Schnell, Madison Smutz, Angelica Towey, Harley Whitt and Victor Zamora. Their class sponsors are Mrs. Leah Fischer and Mrs. Linda Schafer.



This year's Honor's/Award Night which also features the 8th Grade promotion ceremony is set for Thursday, May 10th at the school beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the 8th grade class that will receive their promotion certificates from Principal Brad Stithem include: Thomas Baker, Chandler Carrier, Jillian Dames, Kaiden Jones, Cloe Lundry, Savanna Lundry, Alex Meyer, Evan Noel, Xavier Rangeloff, Shelby Risch, Jaxon Smutz, Cailey Stout, Kayli Streit and Stephana Svehla.

During the evening festivities on the 10th, dozens of students will be recognized for their academic and athletic achievements during this past school year and as always the Athletic King and Queen will be announced. Last year's royalty of Queen Savanah Miller and King Alex Nuno will hopefully be on hand to pass on the crowns. Both events are open to the public. Hope to see you May 5th and May 10th.

Come to track day

Elementary students will have a chance to attend a track practice along with the high school track team and coaching staff on Thursday, April 26th. The annual event will take place after school from 3:30 until approximately 5:30 p.m.



Scribner-Snyder Hosts Red Cross Blood Drive



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On Monday, March 26th, Scribner-Snyder Community Schools hosted its semester blood drive. However, the high school students began preparation for the blood drive weeks in advance. Students had a number of tasks that needed to be accomplished before the blood drive arrived. A number of students were responsible for creating posters to hang around school to inform others about the upcoming blood drive. Some students distributed posters around town to promote the blood drive, and others placed calls to community members encouraging them to donate.

It seems that each year we have a lot of staff and student interest in donating blood. A total of 19 students and 6 staff members signed up to donate during the spring blood drive. The goal for each blood drive was surpassed and a total of 28 useable units of blood were donated. It is great to have staff and students show so much excitement for donating blood because a single blood donation can help save up to three lives.

However, the Red Cross does offer some additional benefits to the schools that host a blood drive. The number of blood units donated throughout the school year translates into a scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors. The greater the number of units donated by a school, the higher the scholarship. Also, another recognition of student donors are red cords during the graduation ceremony. If student have donated four times throughout their high school career, they will receive red cords upon graduation.

Also, dates and times are still being finalized, but be on the look-out for blood drives coming to school this summer and next fall. A big thanks to all the students that put hard work in to preparing for the blood drive and to all students, staff, and community members that donated!

Seniors...It's decision time! *Leah Fischer, School Counselor*

Here's how to make your final college decision.

Compare your college acceptance letters, financial aid award notifications, and campus visit notes. List the pros and cons of each school using the following criteria:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won't experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you'd like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in [student and parent loans](#) will you need to borrow to cover expenses?

Academic program – Which college offers the degree program that best fits your career interests? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other degree programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? Do you like the living arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Make your final decision by **May 1** and then notify the colleges you're rejecting so they can offer your spot, and financial aid, to another student.

Juniors... these questions will help you narrow your college choices

By narrowing your college choices now, you'll be better prepared to apply for financial aid and college admission early next fall. Start by answering these questions.

What do you want to study?

Explore your [career interests](#) and then research colleges that offer programs in areas you may want to pursue. Use college selection tools like [College Profiles](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

What kind of school do you want to attend?

Do you prefer a large university or a small college? Are you interested in a community college? What kind of student/teacher ratio do you want?

Where do you want to go to college?

Do you want to live close to home or far away? Do you want to be in a major city or a small town? How big of a factor is out-of-state or private school tuition? If you want to go out of state, investigate programs like the [Midwest Student Exchange Program](#) which may provide discounted tuition.

What can you afford?

Consider overall costs: tuition, room and board, books, transportation, and personal expenses. (See "[About Nebraska Colleges](#)" for costs.) Determine what you and your parents can afford to pay out-of-pocket and plan to

apply for financial aid to help make up the difference. Calculate [the loan debt](#) you and your parents may need to incur to pay for your college education.

For more details, see [Selecting a College](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#).

College fairs coming up in South Sioux City, Lincoln, and Omaha

Talk to representatives from colleges across the state, region, and nation during upcoming college fairs.

[Tri-State Area College Fair](#) (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 15, 1-3 p.m., Delta Hotel Center (formerly Marina Center)

[Lincoln Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 22, 1-3 p.m., Southeast Community College

[Omaha Area College Fair](#) – Sunday, April 29, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska Omaha Sapp Fieldhouse

Before you attend, get a barcode at [NebraskaCollegeFairs.org](#). Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair so college reps can scan it.

April “To Do” List

Seniors

___ Continue applying for [scholarships](#).

___ Make your final college decision.

___ Start purchasing dorm essentials.

___ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

___ Attend a [college fair](#) in your area.

___ Schedule [campus visits](#) while colleges are still in session.

___ [Register](#) by April 6 for the May 5 SAT.

___ [Register](#) by May 4 for the June 9 ACT.

___ Start looking for [scholarships](#).

NEWS RELEASE

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NSCAS MATH AIMED AT HELPING STUDENTS BECOME MORE COLLEGE, CAREER, AND CIVIC READY

The Nebraska statewide assessments in mathematics will have a different look this year. Beginning with the spring 2018 administration, The Nebraska Student-Centered

Assessment System (NSCAS) Summative-Mathematics will be replacing the NeSA-Math exam and will be taken in all grade levels three through eight.

Nebraska's education assessment goal is to ensure that students are prepared with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed at the next level of learning. The NSCAS Summative-Mathematics assessment is more rigorous than previous math assessments and aligns to Nebraska's College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics.

The examination window is from March 19-May 4, 2018. The assessment will adapt dynamically based on each student's ability and will include innovative, interactive question formats that engage students and enable them to demonstrate higher order thinking. As a result, it will provide deeper information about what they know.

As rigor and expectations for students increase, scores may initially seem lower than expected. This is an outcome of the bar being raised for college readiness in the state. It is expected that student scores will improve as higher standards and aligned instruction are incorporated into the daily classroom.



Spring Book Fair

Scribner-Snyder Community School will host the Scholastic Buy-One-Get-One Book Fair this spring during the week of April 30th – May 4th. The theme this year is “Paws for Books”. Our fair will be open each school day until 4:00 p.m. It will be open before school for students and patrons to browse.

Purchases should be made after school between 3:30 - 4:00. We accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

Annual FFA event is a success!!!



First of all, we'd like to thank all of those that supported our chapter in our annual BBQ and Auctions. We had an evening filled with good food, fun activities, and great people. This event helps the chapter to pay for state and national conventions, contests, and other expenses! It would not be nearly as successful without the support of our community! Thank you.

This spring, two of our students took advantage of an opportunity called The World Food Prize, Nebraska Youth Institute at the beginning of March. This event took place at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. The goal of this institute is to help students engage in ending

hunger and poverty. Faith Riggle and Rachel Lodl researched a country with a global challenge, wrote a paper about that country, and proposed a solution to the problem. These students earned a \$500 College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources scholarship and became recognized as Borlaug Scholars.

Coming up this spring, the Scribner-Snyder FFA members are also looking forward to participating in the Nebraska State FFA Convention. These three days provide so many opportunities for our students. We have several students competing in contests including: Natural Resources, Meats Evaluation, Farm Business Management, and junior high Quiz Bowl. In addition to contests, we have three members receiving their State FFA Degree: Kaylee Boyle, Tanner Brown, and Harrison Riggle. This is the highest level of achievement that can be awarded at the state level. These students had to present two years worth of record book, fill out an application, and participate in an interview. Also at state convention, are many leadership development workshops, a career fair, and agri-science fair. The opportunities for our students is endless. They will be joining nearly 7,000 other members and guests in Lincoln for all of these activities. A final opportunity that Kaylee Boyle gets to participate in is the Agricultural Issues Academy. This even helps students to become better advocates for agriculture. Kaylee has done some research in preparation for this academy, and is looking forward to all that she will gain.



Shortly after convention is over we will be holding chapter officer interviews and our recognition banquet (April 23rd). May brings our petting zoo, family picnic, and Chapter Officer Leadership Training. We look forward to ending the year strong!

On to State and National FCCLA Convention

Eight Scribner-Snyder FCCLA members are busy preparing for state competition April 8-10. After competing at Districts at the end of January, Madison Smutz, Sidney Fletcher, Kristal Svhela, Nia Meyer, Sydney Wolfram, Jillian Dames, Miranda Batenhorst, and DesiRae Svhela have had two months to make changes in anticipation of State Convention with the hopes of earning the top 2 ratings in the state. Then they will have punched their tickets to National Convention June 28 through July 2 in Atlanta, GA.

Sidney Fletcher and Madison Smutz will compete in Chapter Service Project Display Senior Division with their project called Give Love. Give Hope. Give Coats. Sidney and Madison collected winter coats throughout the month of December then donated those coats to local organizations. Those organizations made sure to distribute the coats to those in need.

Jillian Dames will compete in Chapter Service Project Display Junior Division. Her project titled "Baskets of Care" aims to help those staying at the Magdalene House in Omaha. Jillian is currently holding a toiletries drive at school. If you would like to donate a toiletry item, please contact the school and arrangements will be made to pick up your items. The drive will continue until April 13.

Sydney Wolfram will compete at state in Illustrated Talk junior division. Her informative speech about PTSD teaches about the different types of PTSD and how friends and family can help those who suffer.

Nia Meyer will present her speech titled "The Adoption Option" under the Focus on Children Junior Division Category.

Kristal Svhela and DesiRae Svhela will compete in Advocacy Junior Division with their project about starting a D.A.R.E. program in schools.

Miranda Batenhorst will also compete at state with her "How to Throw a Super Bowl Party." Miranda will compete under the Life Event Planning category in the Junior Division.

One member of our chapter already has her ticket to Nationals. Madison Brainard competed in an on-line FCCLA event. She designed a chapter website that was linked with our school website. It was judged between February 1 and March 14 and the announcement was made on March 15 that she would be competing at Nationals. Fifteen Junior level competitors from Nebraska will make their way to Atlanta to go up against other websites from around the country.