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CONGRATS TO NEVADA NERDS ANONYMOUS!

COVER STORY

Congratulations to Nevada Nerds Anonymous, Nevada's robotics team, for being the 3rd team to advance to Superqualifiers in Johnston on February 2nd, 2019. The team was honored to receive 2nd place Inspire and the Think Award. The Inspire Award is given to teams that best embody the mission of FIRST and the highest award FTC has to offer. The Think Award is given to the team with the strongest engineering design and documentation.



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NEVADA FFA UPDATE

HORTICULTURE STUDENTS MAKE FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Chris Clark, owner of the Flower Bed in Nevada, demonstrated basic floral arrangement to Mr. Cooper's horticulture students on Tuesday, January 8th. Students were able to construct their own arrangements and learn how to use assorted plant materials. Clark also explained wholesale cost of products, and overhead cost of owning your own business. After class, students gave their arrangements to faculty and staff as a token of appreciation.



NEVADA FFA FRUIT SALES OF \$28,870

Nevada High School FFA members sold, mixed, and delivered over \$28,870 in fruit, cheese, sausage and snacks sold to community customers. "To reach this level is awesome, big congrats to our students on an outstanding sales accomplishment" stated Kevin Cooper, Nevada FFA advisor. The chapter also purchased bulk fruit and re-packaged into specialized mixed boxes for variety preferences. Customers could choose from thirty-four different fruit packages, twenty-two cheese & meats, and eighteen different candy items. The chapter unloaded the product with the JD 480 heavy-duty all-terrain forklift that Van Wall Equipment donated to the chapter in the fall of 2013. Top sellers included 1st place Samantha & Alexis Black with \$2,005 in sales, Aubrey Gibson was 2nd place in sales with \$1,363, and 3rd place Ryanne Barker with \$1,350. All students were provided with a lesson in basic product introduction and how to close a sale. The wholesale product invoices totaled \$18,858, therefore providing the FFA chapter with a net profit of \$10,012. Money from this fundraiser will be used to help pay for the annual FFA banquet, career development contest, leadership conferences, scholarships, and FFA jackets. These funds will also help pay for other Nevada FFA chapter sponsored activities.



FREE & REDUCED MEAL BENEFITS

Nevada Community School District is required to notify all families that they may apply for free/reduced meal benefits at any time during the school year. An application can be emailed or mailed to you by contacting Rita Foley at 515-382-2783 or rfoley@nevadacubs.org. You can also pick up an application in the District Office.

If you are already receiving benefits you do not need to reapply, your benefits will not change for the remainder of the school year.

TRITON JAZZ FESTIVAL

On Thursday, January 10 the Nevada High School Jazz Band traveled to Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge for the 6th Annual Triton Jazz Band Festival. Nevada has performed at the Triton Jazz Band Festival in all of those six years. Nevada performed three selections and received feedback from three distinguished judges. The judging panel selected two jazz band members for Outstanding Soloist Awards- Sophomores-Logan Klein (trumpet) and Theo Skelton (trombone).



NHS VOCAL MUSIC AND DRAMA
PRESENT

SISTER ACT

March 1 and 2, 2019 at 7:00PM
March 3 at 1:30PM
JOSEPHINE TOPE COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM

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TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT :
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Does the music of the late 70s 'move your soul'? Do you find yourself wanting to 'get down and boogie'? If the answer is Yes! then you don't want to miss 'Sister Act: The Musical' performed by NHS Vocal Music and NHS Drama. The set is actually a 'recycled combination' and features something from every show that NHS Drama has done since starting in the Josephine Tope Community Auditorium.

'Sister Act: The Musical' is a wonderful show about a woman hiding in a convent who helps her fellow sisters find their voices as she rediscovers her own. This feel-good comedy smash is based on the hit film. It does deal with some more

mature themes which gives it a movie rating of PG. Younger students should have a parent attend with them.

The lead characters in the show are Eddie Souther (Clay Bauman), Curtis Jackson (Ethan Shawgo), Mother Superior (Joanna Ferguson), Mary Robert (Taylor Hall) and Delores Van Cartier (Kim Garcia). They are joined by 11 supporting roles, a dynamic chorus of 36, and a highly skilled crew of 15 backstage and tech. Don't miss this amazing show (think nuns in pink converse) on March 1 and 2 at 7:00PM and March 3 at 1:30PM. Tickets are on sale online at NHS Drama's website <http://nevadahighdrama.weebly.com/> or at the door.

NEVADA ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Money raised by the Nevada Booster Club directly benefits all High School & Middle School athletic programs. Concession sales, apparel sales, and Booster Club sponsored tournaments are just a few ways that funds are raised.

Your TIME is another way to help support the Booster Club!!

We are always in need of extra help in the Cub Den concession stand especially for the upcoming baseball & softball seasons.

**Please contact the Booster Club
(nbccubs@gmail.com
or talk to a current board member)
to help give back to our student
athletes with some of your time!**

Thanks to your support, the Nevada Athletic Booster Club has provided over \$150,000 to the athletic programs in the last two years alone, which include:

- Middle School Gym Scoreboard
- New Play Clocks for Football
- Video Board for High School Gym
- Eight scholarships to Nevada students
- Volleyball Net Systems for Middle School & Elementary Gyms
- Basketball Backboards for Middle School & Elementary Gyms
- Baseball Hitting Shell
- Softball Pitching Machines and Mats
- Upgrades to the New Cub Baseball Stadium
- Guardian Caps for Football – Aids in concussion prevention
- Track equipment – New High Jump Pit, Hurdles, Starting Blocks
- Power Club Records for Weight Room
- Team Uniforms & Warm-ups for: Girls Track, Softball, Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Wrestling, Boys Track

SAVE THE DATE!

**Nevada Booster Club
4-Person Best Shot
Indian Creek Country Club
~ AUGUST 17, 2019 ~**



If you are interested in being a tournament sponsor or registering a team, contact the Nevada Booster Club at nbccubs@gmail.com.

More Information will be on our website:
<http://www.nevadaboosterclub.org/>

2018-19 Booster Board Members:

- * Chad Bauman, President
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A NOTE FROM THE PTA

Your Nevada PTA had a wonderful fall, hosting events at Central Elementary school, including the Open House in October and the "Boys VIP and Me Cowboy" night in November. We executed two successful book fairs, one at Central, the other at NMS, and raised over \$3000 to give back to our libraries to buy new books. Mrs. Solomon's EK classes won the PTA Membership Drive Competition and were treated to ice cream parties courtesy of Pint Size ice cream. We were most excited at our record-breaking Butter Braid sales, raising over \$20,000 for Central Elementary School, funding field trips and much more. Marc Olson RE/MAX Concepts, Nevada generously provided ice cream parties for the top selling classes and Timeout gift certificates to the top sellers. To top it off, we coordinated conference meals for teachers at all three schools.

We're looking forward to many upcoming activities during the last half of the school year. We're looking forward to our spring, BOGO (buy one, get one) book fair in May. Many people don't realize that the After-Prom Committee is a subcommittee of the PTA, a dedicated group of Senior Parents have been working tirelessly to plan an amazing After Prom party for our students while also throwing a totally radical 80's themed Parent Prom fundraiser.

Two years ago, the PTA started creating Memory Books for Central, last year PTA Vice President Kim Stephens started a Yearbook Club at the Middle School and both have been exciting adventures. Last year many parents bought books for their own children, and then generously donated extra money so their child's classmates were able to get books as well. THIS YEAR we are hoping to work with Central families to ensure every child gets a Memory Book. One book can be purchased for \$5, while 3 books can be purchased for \$10, we are hoping to raise enough money to buy books for every student and teacher at Central. Please consider helping us achieve our goal!

The PTA's biggest event of the year, Central's School Carnival, is on the evening of Friday May 3rd. Mark your calendars now! It's a fun (and tiring) night for students and their families. We are hoping for good weather so we can have games and activities both inside and outside. We are always looking for volunteers to run games and for corporate sponsors. The funds we raise from the Carnival help fund scholarships for two graduating seniors, the operating budget for the following year, as well as lets the PTA to give money back to each school. Its such an important event for all 3 schools and we ask for your support.

Finally, the PTA would like to thank every volunteer who helped create great events for our students and parents. Whether providing treats for teacher meals, or chairing events we couldn't do it without you. We always welcome new members or volunteers. Our meetings continue to be the first Monday of each month in Central Elementary School's library, a light meal is served at 5:45 pm and the meeting starts at 6. Remember, even if you can't attend meetings, there are so many ways to be involved.

As always, please reach out to us via Facebook: Nevada Iowa PTA e-mail: nevada-iowapta@gmail.com or our website <http://nevada-iapta.digitalpto.com/>

OPEN ENROLLMENT REMINDER

Parents/Guardians considering the use of the Open Enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the State of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

- March 1, 2019 Last date for regular Open Enrollment requests for the 2019-2020 school year.
- September 1, 2019 Last date for Open Enrollment requests for students entering kindergarten in the Fall of 2019.

Parents/Guardians of Open Enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of a cash stipend.

Parents should be aware that the Open Enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility. For further details, contact the Superintendent's Office at 382-2783.

CAPTURING KIDS' HEARTS NATIONAL SHOWCASE SCHOOL NOMINEE

We are excited to announce that Central Elementary has been nominated to be a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School for the third year in a row! Teachers and staff have continued to learn the processes needed to connect students with their peers and adults on campus and to create classrooms where students are excited to learn every day.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION



We are collecting Box Tops once again this year at Central Elementary! Please partner with us by cutting out and saving your box tops. You can send them to school with your child or drop them off in the office anytime. Believe it or not, they add up quickly and help us provide learning opportunities and field trips for our Central students.

2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN

If you have a child, or know of one, who will be five years old by Sept. 15th, 2019, please call the Central Elementary office to place your child on our list. We will be sending out letters with information soon! We are changing the way we do Kindergarten Screening so please be sure to read the letter carefully when it comes. The phone number to call is: 515-382-2383

PRESCHOOL SIGN UP

If you have a child, or know of one, who will be four years old by Sept. 15th, 2019, please call the office to get your child signed up for our 4 year Old Preschool Program. We will send out registration material to parents who are on that list. Our preschool slots will fill up fast and is a first come, first serve basis so please do not wait to call! The office number is: 515-382-2383

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A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Just a reminder for 9th grade students to hand in your Certificate of Dental Screening. The audit is usually near the end of March so there is still time to get the form submitted. You can also ask your dental provider to fax the form to me here at school if you've seen the dentist within the last school year. The fax number is 382-2935. Please call if you have any questions about this Iowa Department of Public Health requirement. My number is 382-2804.

Parents of current 6th graders: Your child will be required to get new immunizations before entering 7th grade. In 2013 the Iowa Department of Public Health required all students entering 7th grade or having a birth date after September 15, 2000 to get an updated Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis). Please contact me with any questions at 382-2804.

Updated immunization requirements for the incoming 7th graders and incoming 12th graders:

For the 2017-18 school year, and all future school years, all students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade and born after September 15, 2004, will need proof of one dose of meningococcal vaccine and one dose of Tdap.

All students entering, advancing or transferring into 12th grade and born after September 15, 1999, will need proof of two doses of meningococcal vaccine. One dose must be after the age of 16.

As a reminder for when to keep your child home from school:

1. Vomiting or diarrhea.
2. Severe cough and/or uncontrolled cough.
3. Unexplained skin rash or eruptions.
4. Swelling, redness, thick drainage, discomfort of the eyes.
5. Any communicable diseases. If your child is started on an antibiotic, they must be on the antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
6. Oral temperature of 100 degrees and above. Your child needs to have a temperature of less than 100 degrees for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before they can return to school.

Proper handwashing is the best way to keep germs at bay and now is a great time to get your annual flu shot!

For Students, Staff, and Families

Please consider getting your annual flu shot. The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent this terrible preventable disease. Flu symptoms can come up quickly: high fever, headache, extreme fatigue, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The flu vaccine is available now. Everyone six months and older should get the shot every year.



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