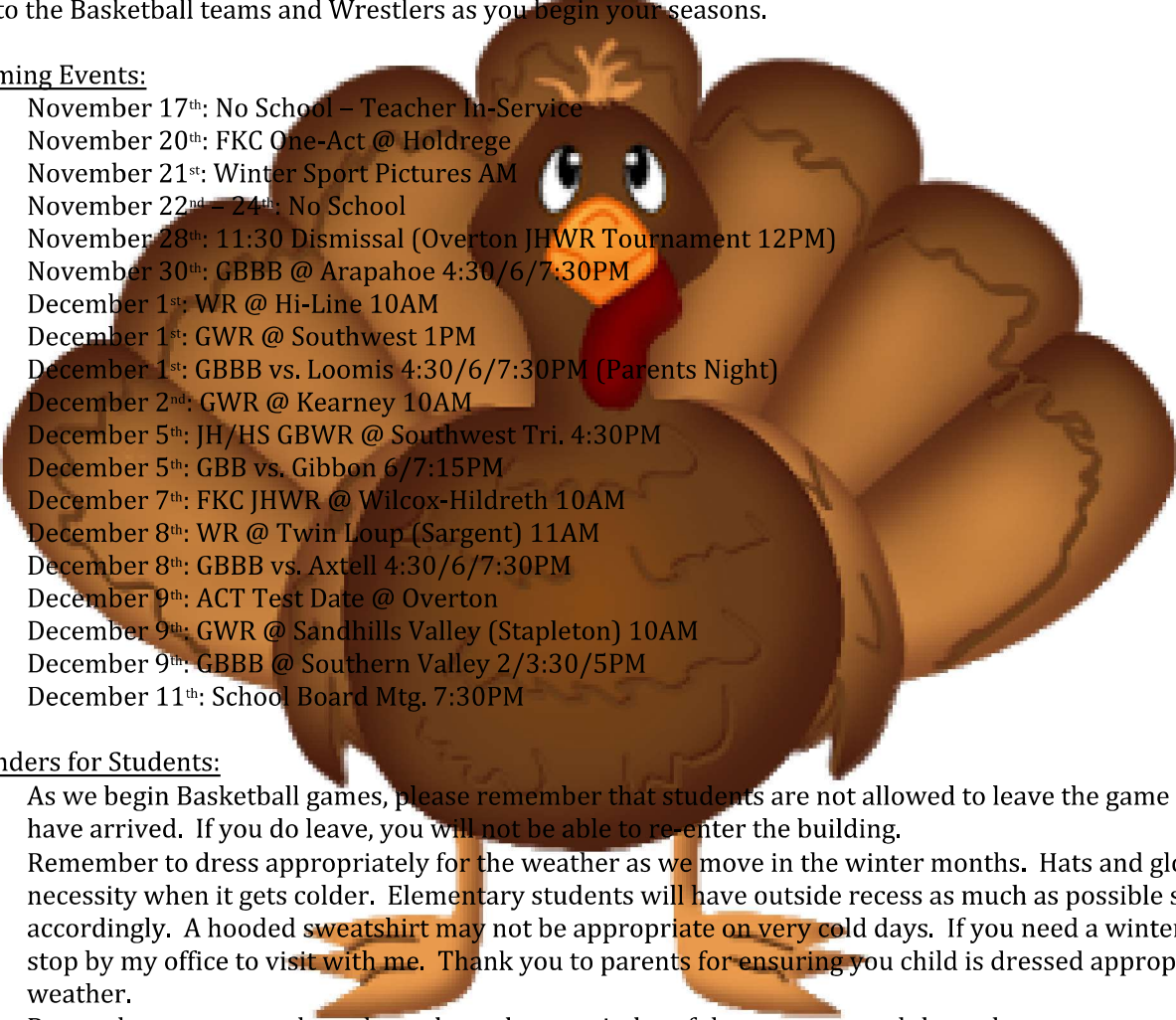




### Happy Thanksgiving from the Principal's Office

Where in the world did this semester go? It is November and I'm wondering what happened to September & October! Turkeys are being made in the elementary classes and it seemed like they were just coloring 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School pictures. Congratulations to the Volleyball team on their State Championship and congratulations to everyone on the Class D2 Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to the Football team on their return to the playoffs. Good Luck to the Basketball teams and Wrestlers as you begin your seasons.

#### Upcoming Events:



November 17<sup>th</sup>: No School – Teacher In-Service  
November 20<sup>th</sup>: FKC One-Act @ Holdrege  
November 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Sport Pictures AM  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>: No School  
November 28<sup>th</sup>: 11:30 Dismissal (Overton JHWR Tournament 12PM)  
November 30<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Arapahoe 4:30/6/7:30PM  
December 1<sup>st</sup>: WR @ Hi-Line 10AM  
December 1<sup>st</sup>: GWR @ Southwest 1PM  
December 1<sup>st</sup>: GBBB vs. Loomis 4:30/6/7:30PM (Parents Night)  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>: GWR @ Kearney 10AM  
December 5<sup>th</sup>: JH/HS GBWR @ Southwest Tri. 4:30PM  
December 5<sup>th</sup>: GBB vs. Gibbon 6/7:15PM  
December 7<sup>th</sup>: FKC JHWR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 10AM  
December 8<sup>th</sup>: WR @ Twin Loup (Sargent) 11AM  
December 8<sup>th</sup>: GBBB vs. Axtell 4:30/6/7:30PM  
December 9<sup>th</sup>: ACT Test Date @ Overton  
December 9<sup>th</sup>: GWR @ Sandhills Valley (Stapleton) 10AM  
December 9<sup>th</sup>: GBBB @ Southern Valley 2/3:30/5PM  
December 11<sup>th</sup>: School Board Mtg. 7:30PM

#### Reminders for Students:

- As we begin Basketball games, please remember that students are not allowed to leave the game after you have arrived. If you do leave, you will not be able to re-enter the building.
- Remember to dress appropriately for the weather as we move in the winter months. Hats and gloves are a necessity when it gets colder. Elementary students will have outside recess as much as possible so dress accordingly. A hooded sweatshirt may not be appropriate on very cold days. If you need a winter coat, please stop by my office to visit with me. Thank you to parents for ensuring you child is dressed appropriately for the weather.
- Remember to try your best throughout the remainder of the semester and through next semester. Success does not happen by accident. Success is intentional.
- Semester tests are Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Both of these days are 2:30 Dismissals and the 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Fleischman".

Mr. Brian Fleischman, Principal/AD  
308-987-2424 x206  
[brian.fleischman@overtoneagles.org](mailto:brian.fleischman@overtoneagles.org)

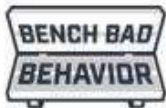
## NFHS & NSAA #BenchBadBehavior

**Fans:**

# ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Bad behavior at high school athletic events has gotten OUT OF CONTROL. Are YOU part of the problem? Always be respectful, encouraging and positive. Let's come together to #BenchBadBehavior for good!

BenchBadBehavior.com



Overton Eagle fans we can do our part to impart sportsmanship back into high school athletic events. We proved this at the State Volleyball Tournament by winning the Class D2 Sportsmanship award. Yelling, screaming, and/or cursing at officials or opposing teams has no place in high school athletics and is a very large reason for the lack of officials in our state. Disagreeing with an official's call is one thing but when the disagreeing turns into screaming and berating the individual we have crossed a very dark line. Actions along these lines are grounds for removal from the facility and potential revocation of access to Overton events. We can and need to do our part in this effort. Thank you for your attention and efforts to support the #BenchBadBehavior campaign. Go Eagles!



# SENIOR DAY

*Class of 2024*

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# Veterans Day Program 2023

The Veterans Day program was held at the school on Friday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Overton students, staff, and community members met in the high school gym to honor all of the veterans who have served in the armed forces. The program was run by the National Honor Society with members Braden Fleischman providing the welcome, Adysen McCarter the Veterans Commemoration, and JoLee Ryan the closing. The Kitchen staff provided coffee and rolls that were served by the Student Council, high school choir sang the National Anthem, elementary choir sang *For the Good of the Many* by Teresa Jennings, and the high school band played the *Marches of the Armed Forces* arranged by Michael Sweeny. Mr. Neben also added the playing of Taps. A video presentation created by the senior class was shown to honor all of our local veterans. Thank You to everyone that came and thank you to all of the veterans that have served.

Please contact Michael Phelps ([michael.phelps@overtoneagles](mailto:michael.phelps@overtoneagles)) if you have pictures and information about local veterans that you would like added to future video presentations.



2023 Veteran Group Photo



High School Choir



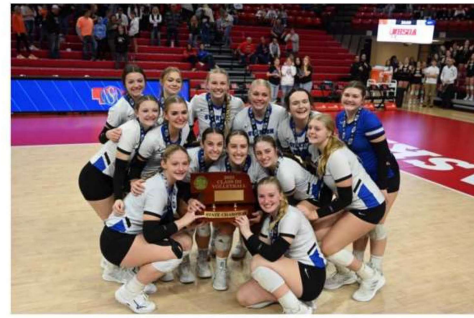
Elementary Choir



High School Band



# Overton wins first state volleyball crown



Courtesy/Overton wins first state volleyball title.  
November 4th, 2023 | Tyler Cavalli



Corbey Dorsey, Central Nebraska Today



The Overton Volleyball Team brings home the first State title in school history. After finishing runner-up last year our girls were excited for another opportunity to make it to the championship in class D2. First, we played Central Valley, in the semifinals we played Meridian and in the Championship we had a rematch against Cambridge. All three games were won in 3 sets. We are proud of our girls for such a successful season and finishing 32-3. A huge thank you to our seniors for their leadership, commitment, a tremendous 4 years and dreaming big! Congratulations girls!!!





## STATE VOLLEYBALL

## CLASS D2

# SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO EARN THE D2 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD AT STATE VOLLEYBALL. I BELIEVE A BIG PART OF THAT WAS OUR STUDENT SECTION AND FANS ALSO SUPPORTING SEM AND THE FKC. SOME HIGHLIGHTS WE RECEIVED WERE THAT OUR STUDENTS/FANS DISPLAYED SPORTSMANSHIP LIKE ACTIONS TOWARDS OPPONENTS DURING INTROS, WE HAD VISIBLE PRESENCE & ADEQUATE SUPERVISION IN FRONT OF OUR STUDENT SECTION, POSITIVE SIGNS/BANNERS, OUR MASCOT EDDY WAS IN ATTENDANCE & ENCOURAGING POSITIVE ENTHUSIASM, WE HAD A POSITIVE TEAM BENCH, AND OUR CHEERLEADERS ENGAGED THE STUDENT & FAN SECTIONS.



Seventh grade recently attended the Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia University. The university brings authors and illustrators from around the United States to inspired and teach students K-8. Several students noticed how many times the authors and illustrators mentioned that they go through multiple drafts to get to the final product we get to read. Students were able to get autographed copies of the visiting authors' books. Thank you to Concordia University for sponsoring this free festival. Who knows, maybe there is a future author or a illustrator pictured here.





## FFA Update - Fall Edition

We have been busy this fall and are taking time to update you on all of our activities. We hosted our 2nd annual FFA Kick Off at the school on August 15th. We had corndogs and played cornhole, it was a fun night!

Area 4 Range Judging took place on September 14th. We went to Marquette, Nebraska and saw all kinds of plants to identify! At least the weather was much nicer this year (no rain)!



Southwest Land Judging was held in Curtis, Nebraska at the NCTA campus on October 4th. We forgot that Frontier County was a chemical-fallow county for contest purposes, but otherwise enjoyed a nice meal at Martha Jo's cafe in Curtis after the contest!



Our 6th annual Hay Rack Ride was hosted by the Walahoski family this year on October 14th. Due to the rainy, cold weather, we opted not to take racks out and about, but still had a great time enjoying a fire and watching Husker Volleyball!



District 8 Livestock Judging took place at the Custer County Fairgrounds in Broken Bow on November 8th. We had some real success with Parker Walahoski earning 3rd place individually in the Senior Division, Paige Walahoski earning 15th place individually in the Middle School Division, and a 4th place poultry judging team of Parker Walahoski, Sydnie Brown, Ty Kennicutt, and Mason Dutro.



Our fall community service event was helping with Give Big Overton on November 9th. We had members help with bingo calling, serving a soup supper, and helping dole out prizes to the kids. It was a fun night for all who participated!

Our upcoming events are LDEs (speeches) in Ansley on December 13th. If you are interested in serving as a judge, a room timer or monitor, or coming along and watching, please contact Mrs. Loudon!





OVERTON GREENHOUSE

# CAN DRIVE

We need your EMPTY cans for our Mother's Day project in the spring! Please bring empty, cleaned cans, with no labels to the school. They can be dropped off with Mrs. Loudon or Mrs. Brooks.

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**CAN SIZES NO LARGER THAN 28OZ**

Thank You for Supporting  
Our Students!

# Helping Children Learn<sup>®</sup>

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

Title I-Educational Service Unit 10



November 2023

## Expand world knowledge during Geography Awareness Week

Knowing where a place is on a map gives your child information for understanding more about it. But geography is about much more than maps. It's about how places shape people, and how people shape places.

November 13-17 is Geography Awareness Week. Help your child celebrate and learn about the world's places and people with some of these activities:



- **Locate the news.** When you and your child hear a news story about an unfamiliar place, locate it on a map. Then, together, look up and learn a few facts about the location and the people who live there.
- **Take a virtual trip.** Search online for pictures and information about a country you and your child would like to visit. Together, research cultural, historical and natural things to see and do there.
- **Make community connections.** Help your child discover why your town is located where it is. Who first settled there? When and how did they arrive? How does your location affect what jobs people do there (agriculture, tourism, etc.)? How is your town connected to the rest of the world (by roads, airports, rivers, etc.)?
- **Make maps.** Have your child draw maps of the routes from your home to school, a store or a friend's house. When you travel to those places, follow the maps.



## Show the many purposes of reading

Your example is one of the best teachers around. So, to build your child's enthusiasm for reading, demonstrate the many things *you* gain from doing it. Let your child see you reading often. As you do, explain that you are:

- **Reading to learn.** "I am trying to figure out how to fix this leaky faucet. This article explains what to do."
- **Reading for enjoyment.** Show that reading is a fun activity that's not just for school or work.
- **Reading to pass time.** Bring something to read wherever you go. Any time you and your child have to wait, read aloud together, or share a nugget from a book or article you are reading that might interest your elementary schooler.

## Give your child's social skills room to develop

Sometimes, children need a sympathetic ear more than a solution. In the case of friendship issues, the best way to help is often to take a step back. If your child comes to you with a friend problem, listen closely. Say things like, "That sounds frustrating. What did you do next?" This says that your child can act to affect the outcome. Then give your child a chance to figure out a solution.

## Promote physical activity

Regular exercise helps children stay healthy and do better in school. But research shows that as early as age seven, children's physical activity levels start to decline. To help keep your child fit and learning well:

- **Play active games.**
- **Have contests.** See who can do the most jumping jacks in 30 seconds.
- **Climb stairs.** An average stair is 7.5 inches tall. How high can your child climb?



Source: I. Lounassalo and others, "Distinct trajectories of physical activity and related factors during the life course in the general population: a systematic review," *BMC Public Health*.

## Be clear about cheating

Elementary schoolers are often confused about cheating. They believe it is wrong, but they also think it might be OK in some situations. Make it clear to your child that:

- **Cheating** is *always* wrong.
- **Your love** doesn't depend on grades.
- **It is never OK** to cheat in order to help a friend. Role-play ways your child can say *no*.







## How can I help my child face challenges with confidence?

**Q:** My third grader's response to new challenges is to say "I can't" before even trying. This lack of self-confidence is new this year. What should I do?

**A:** Several factors may be combining to lower your elementary schooler's self-confidence. For example:

- **Your child may be afraid** of making mistakes. Adults tend to point out things kids do wrong more than things they do right. Fault-finding can lead children to doubt their abilities.
- **Your child may feel the need** to be perfect. Children who feel this way may give up rather than attempt to do a task they aren't sure they can do with 100 percent accuracy.
- **Your child may be suffering** from comparisons. Kids who feel they can't measure up—especially when adults compare them to others—often stop trying.
- **You may be "overdoing"** for your child. When parents do tasks kids can do for themselves, the kids get the message that they are not capable.

To provide a self-confidence boost, explain that everyone makes mistakes and they help us learn. Praise the things your child does well. Show that you believe your child is a capable person, and eventually your child will believe it.



## Are you fostering community spirit?

Your child is a member of many groups—your family, the school, the larger community. Are you promoting the attitudes and skills a responsible group member needs? Answer *yes* or *no* to the questions below:

- \_\_\_ **1. Do you talk** with your child about school and family rules and why they are important?
- \_\_\_ **2. Do you teach** your child that it is essential to honor commitments and promises?
- \_\_\_ **3. Do you volunteer** as a family to help others in your community?
- \_\_\_ **4. Do you model** fair play and sportsmanship when you play games or watch sporting events with your child?
- \_\_\_ **5. Do you make** it clear that the person responsible for

your child's behavior is your child?

### How well are you doing?

*More yes answers mean you are teaching your child how to work as part of a group. For each no, try that idea.*

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

—Helen Keller

## Encourage positive behavior

A large part of discipline should happen *before* your child misbehaves. Experts agree that to motivate good behavior, it helps to:

- **Create a loving,** respectful relationship with your child.
- **Praise what your child** does right.
- **Prevent repeated misbehavior** by making changes. A child who is always cranky and slow in the morning, for example, may need an earlier bedtime.

## Support science success

Boosting your child's scientific know-how isn't complicated. Here are two easy ways to build science skills:

- 1. Use science tools** together. Measure things with rulers. Use the scale at the market to weigh produce. Consult a compass to find out what direction you are walking in.



- 2. Encourage questions** and look for answers. If your child asks, "What makes rain fall out of clouds?" say, "Let's find out!" Then help your student find the answer online or at the library.

Source: M.E. Ennes and others, "Children and Parents' Perceptions of Access to Science Tools at Home and Their Role in Science Self-efficacy," *Research in Science Education*, Springer.

## Model values in action

When it comes to values and attitudes, you are your child's role model. Show your child what these school success traits look like:

- **Honesty.** Tell your child the truth. Admit your mistakes.
- **Dependability.** Live up to commitments to your child and others.
- **Fairness.** Get all sides of a story before passing judgment.

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**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 13, 2023**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Board President called the meeting to order. Members Present:**

Brennan  
Jeffries  
Lassen  
Meier  
Rudeen  
Walahoski

**Notification:** The November 13, 2023 meeting of the Overton Public School Board of Education was posted at the Overton Public School, on the Overton Public School website, Beacon Observer, Overton Post Office, and the Security First Bank.

**Open Meetings Information:** To be in compliance with LB 898, The Nebraska Open Meetings Act, Board President informed the public that a copy of the Open Meetings Law is posted near the LMC check-out counter.

**Administration Present:** Mark Aten, Superintendent, Brian Fleischman, Principal.

**Guests Present:** Jordan Rush.

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments.

**Reports:** No Reports.

**Communications:** No Communications.

**Other:** None.

**Action Items:**

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Jeffries to approve the agenda of the November 13, 2023 regular monthly board meeting as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no changes made to the agenda. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
2. **Minutes:** Moved by Lassen, seconded by Walahoski to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Discussion: Discussion was limited as there were no corrections made to the minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
3. **Claims:** Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to pay the November General Fund bill roster in the amount \$52,551.38. Discussion: Superintendent provided additional information on several of the bills. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
4. Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Discussion: Limited discussion as the board agreed it was time to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen, and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).



**Board Reports and Discussion Topics:**

1. **Board Reports:**
  - a. Negotiations: The date for the second negotiations meeting needs to be confirmed
  - b. American Civics Meeting – November 13, 2023 meeting
  - c. Transportation – Superintendent provide a report on the plan to purchase new vans
  
2. **Discussion Topics:**
  - a. December meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2023 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC.
  - b. 2024 General election time line

**Administrative Reports:**

**Principal's Report:**

- a. Calendar update
- b. Enrollment update
- c. 2024-2025 Calendar

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Enrollment Option Report
  
2. Option Enrollment -
  - Out:
    - a.
  
  - In
    - a.
  
  - Change of Status a.
  
3. Financial Information
4. Budget Review
5. Safety Training & Facility Updates
6. Project Update
7. TMS and SU Updates
8. School Audit and AFR



# December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 WR @ Hi-Line 10AM.  GWR @ Southwest 1PM.  GBBB vs. Loomis 4:30/6/7:30PM (Parents Night).	2  FFA Winter Party.  GWR @ Kearney High 10AM.
3  Dance 5PM.	4  Student Council mtg. @ lunch.  Cheer 6PM.	5  GBWR @ Southwest Tri 4:30PM.(JH/HS) (Elm Creek).  GBB vs. Gibbon 6/7:15PM.	6  FCA 7:30AM.	7  FKC JHWR @ Wilcox-Hildreth 10AM.	8  WR @ Twin Loup 11AM (Sargent).  GBBB vs. Axtell 4:30/6/7:30PM (JH Dance @ halftime).	9  ACT Test Date @ Overton.  GWR @ Sandhills Valley 10AM (Stapleton).  GBBB @ Southern Valley 2/3:30/5PM.
10	11 Music Booster mtg. 5:30PM.  Cheer 6PM.  FCCLA Winter Party 7PM.  School Board mtg. 7:30PM.	12  GWR @ Axtell 11AM.  GBBB vs. Anselmo-Merna 4:30/6/7:30PM (Jr Dance @ Halftime).	13  FCA 7:30AM.  FFA District LDEs @ Ansley.	14  GWR @ Aurora 2PM.  Dance 6PM.  Pre-School Polar Express Night 7PM.	15  GBWR @ Ansley -Litchfield Quad 5PM.  GBBB @ Pleasanton 4:30/6/7:30PM.	16  WR @ Cambridge 10AM.
17  Cheer 6PM.	18  7-12 Winter Concert 7PM.	19  K-6 Winter Concert 7PM.	20  2:30 Dismissal.  Semester Tests (periods 1-3-5-7).	21  Last Day of Q2/S1.  2:30 Dismissal.  Semester Tests (Periods 2-4-6-8).	22  Dance 9AM.  NO SCHOOL	23  NSAA Moratorium.
24  NSAA Moratorium.	25  NSAA Moratorium.  NO SCHOOL	26  NSAA Moratorium.  NO SCHOOL	27  NSAA Moratorium.  NO SCHOOL	28  NO SCHOOL	29  NO SCHOOL  GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tourney 1/2:45/4:30/6:15 PM.	30  WR @ Pleasanton 9:30AM.  GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tourney 1/2:45/4:30/6:15 PM.
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# December

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Menu is subject to change.					1 Bagel pizza Burritos/ crispos	2
3 Alternate: Egg Roll	4 Cinimini & Ham Chicken nuggets	5 Pancakes Fiestadas	6 Doughnut & Eggs Sloppy Joes	7 Funnel Cakes Spaghetti	8 Tornado Hot dogs	9
10 Alternate: Chicken patty	11 French toast & Sausage	12 Banana Muffin & Ham Walking tacos	13 Cereal bar & yogurt Little smokies & mac and cheese	14 Bagels & eggs Tater tot casserole	15 Pop tarts & combos Quesadillas	16
17 <b>No Alternate</b>	18 Breakfast pizza Chicken Alfredo	19 Churros & yogurt Corn Dogs	20 Frudel & Combo Cheeseburger	21 Biscuit sandwich Little Caesars pizza	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						*Overton Public School is an equal opportunity provider.*