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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Principal's Office

I cannot believe that we are half way through December and the end of the first semester is only a few days away. It literally feels like we just started this school year and here we are ready to close the first semester. Good luck and continued success to all of our winter sports teams and athletes. Good luck to all our students as they tackle their semester tests. You will do awesome.

### Weather Reminder:

Thank you to all parents for ensuring your child is dress appropriately for the weather as winter has been here for some time now. As a reminder, we try to have outside recess as much as possible. Heavy coats, hats, and gloves are essential for your child each day. Thank you again for your help with this.

Report Cards: Just a reminder that report cards are not mailed home for grades 5-12. Student grades are available through PowerSchool with your parent login. If you would like a printed copy, please call or email me at school and I will print one to send home with your child.

### Attendance:

Student attendance at school is essential for their success. As we move into the flu season, please help your child to remain healthy by encouraging healthy habits such as hand washing and eating healthy. Our custodial staff does a great job of cleaning and disinfecting each night to help during this time of year. Remember to contact the school if your child is ill and will not be in attendance at school.

### Athletic Fan Reminder:

Thank you for your support of our Eagle athletes. Remember sportsmanship is an expectation and each of us has a part to play in this role. Though you may disagree with an officials call, there is no reason to berate the officials for what you perceive being an error in judgment. Officials are in short supply and this situation is not improving anytime soon. We can all do our part to ensure officials want to come back to Overton to officiate our contests. Remember if you feel you can do a better job, the officials test and certification can be found on the NSAA website. Again we can all do our part to make sports better.

I hope that everyone has a good break and returns to school refreshed and ready for another great Semester. Thank you for your support of the school, teachers, coaches, and students. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me or stop by and visit.

Educationally yours,

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

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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](http://BenchBadBehavior.com)



# JANUARY SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## JORDAN ARAUJO

### **FUTURE PLANS**

JOB CORPS FOR  
INFORMATIONAL TECH &  
CODING

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

ALMOST SETTING THE  
CHEMISTRY LAB ON FIRE

### **ACTIVITIES**

FCCLA, 4-H, ONE ACT

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

INTERSTELLAR (2014)



## DESTINY ARREDONDO

### **FUTURE PLANS**

ATTEND SOUTHEAST  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BE  
A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK IN  
THE SCHOOL WITH WHITNEY

### **ACTIVITIES**

POWERLIFTING

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

GREYS ANATOMY



# JANUARY SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## SYDNIIE BROWN

### **FUTURE PLANS**

ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS FOR NURSING AND PARTICIPATE ON THE GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

STATE FFA

### **ACTIVITIES**

SOFTBALL, WRESTLING, TRACK, FFA

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

RED NOTICE



## DARCI LIEHS

### **FUTURE PLANS**

STUDY AT METFILMS SCHOOLS IN LONDON, ENGLAND

### **HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY**

GETTING SUPERIOR AT MINDEN BANDFEST

### **ACTIVITIES**

GIRL SCOUTS, BAND, CHOIR  
NHS, ONE ACT

### **FAVORITE MOVIE/TV SHOW**

THE GREAT BRITISH BAKING SHOW







# BINGO WONDERLAND

## *Winter Edition*

Get ready for Winter Bingo! Bring your friends, family, and best holiday spirit for some mornings full of laughter, prizes, and festive fun!



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**TUESDAY**  
**31 DECEMBER, 2024**


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10AM-11:30AM  
OVERTON FAMILY CENTER

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**SATURDAY**  
**18 JANUARY, 2025**

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Free Will Donation accepted for Cards  
Concessions available for Purchase  
Prizes for Bingo Winners will NOT be cash

**PROCEEDS TO  
BENEFIT ITALY  
TRAVEL GROUP**

# THE MATTRESS FUNDRAISER



EVERY PURCHASE  
BENEFITS THE  
OVERTON MUSIC  
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SUN. JAN. 19, 2025  
10AM - 4PM  
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- ✓ All sizes available, including custom
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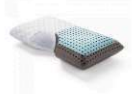
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FREE THRESHOLD  
DELIVERY WITH PURCHASE  
OF ANY MATTRESS  
(SET UP DELIVERY AVAILABLE AT  
ADDITIONAL COST)

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# 4 SEASONS FUND RAISING

Italy Travel Group  
contact Mrs. Loudon

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1/4 Flat = \$15

1/2 Flat = \$20

Full Flat = \$32 (\$4/pack)

# Strawberry Sales

Starts January 20th!

[www.4sns.com](http://www.4sns.com)





EF TRIP TO ITALY

JANUARY 28

5-7 PM

# Lasagna Feed

FREE WILL DONATION  
DURING THE SHELTON  
BASKETBALL GAMES





**JOHN COOK SIGNED**

# **VOLLEYBALL**

**RAFFLE**

**DRAW AT BASKETBALL GAME VS. SHELTON  
JAN. 28 AT 7:30PM**



**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**TICKETS CAN BE  
PURCHASED FROM  
MRS. LOUDON OR  
A STUDENT  
TRAVELER**

**\$5** OR **\$20**

**Per Ticket**

**for 5 Tickets**

**Proceeds Benefit  
Students Traveling to Italy**

## FFA Update - December Edition

HUGE Congratulations to our LDE (Leadership Development Events) participants in Sumner on December 11th! Everyone who went QUALIFIED for state convention! We didn't have any event champions, but the top 3 in each contest go on to state competition in April.

Next, we had a holiday party to celebrate our semester of activities. We went bowling and had tacos in Lex! It was a great time just to relax and have fun.

Our upcoming events are National FFA Week in February, State Degree Review on February 5th in Shelton, and our last round of State Qualifying Contests in Grand Island on February 25th (CDEs).



**District 8 LDE Results**  
High School Division

- #2 Parker Walahoski - Employment Skills
- #3 Trinity Cowett - Natural Resources Speaking
- #3 Paige Walahoski - Extemp. Speaking
- #3 Sr. Park (Gracen, Chloe, Daisy, Kiley, Dawson, Parker)

Middle School Division

- Poster Cort Lawton, Connor Hoefener, Caylee Hoefener

Qualified!



# CORN



Corn (Maize), along with many other traditional plants like beans, squash, melons, tobacco, and roots, is a domesticated plant of the Americas. These indigenous plants are significant to Nebraska tribes. They have been used for thousands of years, provide nutritional benefits, and are used ceremonially. Crops developed by Native Americans were adopted by European colonists in America and quickly spread to other parts of the world. One of the oldest varieties is Indian corn, different in color and taste than sweet corn. Indian corn is also known as flint corn and has the texture of hominy when eaten in soups. Indian corn has a mixture of beautiful red, blue, black, and white kernels. In ancient native communities, it has been used for meals, ceremonies, and nutrition. While there are many varieties, calico-patterned or speckled varieties of Indian corn result from cross-pollination of single-shaded plants.

## The Three Sisters

*Corn, beans, and squash are planted together to protect and nourish each other.*

## SELECTION, STORAGE & COOKING

- Look for corn husks that are bright green and fresh.
- Avoid husks that appear dry or peeling away from the cob. Give the cob a squeeze; pick ones with the least amount of air gap between the husks and the kernels. It is preferable for them to be tightly packed.

## NUTRITIONAL VALUE

Corn is a staple in cuisines all around the world. While plenty of people enjoy corn, many don't realize that it's actually a very nutritious option that tribes have used for centuries. Corn provides thiamin and other vitamins and minerals. This budget-friendly and easy-to-find grain is also a good source of carbohydrates and is higher in protein than you might expect. Corn is naturally low in fat, with 1.4 grams per medium-sized ear. Corn offers several health benefits beyond its vitamin and mineral content. Depending on the color, corn is rich in a variety of antioxidants and beneficial plant compounds that protect against disease.

## SEASONAL AVAILABILITY



## MEXICAN STREET CORN CASSEROLE

### Ingredients:

- 32 oz frozen or fresh corn (thawed)
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp cayenne optional
- 5 oz queso fresco

### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Pour the corn into a large casserole dish. Mix in the mayo, sour cream, chili powder, garlic powder, salt, and half of the queso fresco until combined.
3. Bake for 30-40 minutes or until heated through and the sides begin to bubble.
4. Sprinkle the remaining queso fresco over the casserole and top with chopped cilantro. Enjoy!

LEARN MORE ABOUT NEBRASKA HARVEST OF THE MONTH

[www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/harvest-of-the-month](http://www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/harvest-of-the-month)

# DRYING CORN ACTIVITY

## HISTORY BEHIND DRYING CORN

There were few universal preservation practices, but drying food was an option available to almost all tribes. Drying corn also had the advantage of making the harvest easier to store and transport. Drying not only concentrated nutrients, but the resulting product also weighed less because so much water was lost in the process. Some foods like beans could dry naturally on the vine, but other foods like corn, berries, and mushrooms were usually gathered first and then dried. Sun-drying was one way to preserve all types of food.

Tribes dried corn in a variety of methods using the sun. Some let the corn dry on its stalks, or picked ears and let them dry on mats in the sun. Drying was essential because the loss of moisture made it harder for microorganisms and enzymes that spoil food to grow. Later, the maize would be stored in underground pits lined with grass to prevent mildew and spoilage.



## ACTIVITY

1. Select tender, mature ears. Blanch the ears for 4 to 5 minutes in boiling water or 5 to 6 minutes in steam.
2. Cool ears in cold water only long enough to stop the cooking action. Drain well.
3. Cut the kernels from the cob to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their depth. Do not scrape.
4. Place in a single layer on mesh-covered dehydrator trays. The heat left in the corn from blanching will cause the drying process to start more quickly. Corn kernels become very small when dried and will fall through regular trays.
5. Dry at 150°F for 1 to 2 hours and then reduce temperature to 130°F. It will take 6 to 10 hours to dry.
6. The corn dries more quickly near the end of the drying time. Check closely at the end of the drying time to avoid scorching. Corn is sufficiently dry when it is crunchy and crisp.
7. Store in an airtight container or jar in a dark, cool place.

## LEARN TO SAY "CORN" IN DIFFERENT TRIBAL LANGUAGES

DAKOTA  
Wamnaheza

UMONHO<sup>N</sup>  
Wa' haba

PONCA  
Wa' haba

HOCHUNK  
Wicąwąs

LAKOTA  
Wagméza



CENTER for  
RURAL AFFAIRS

**MINUTES OF THE OVERTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 9, 2024**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Mission Statement: *The mission of Overton Public School is to provide opportunities for everyone to be Engaged, Enlightened, and Empowered.*

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

Brennan  
Clayton Jeffries  
Lassen  
Meier  
Rudeen  
Walahoski

**Notification:** The December 9, 2024 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 and Brian Fleischman, Principal.

**Guests Present:** Logan Kizer

**Public Comments:** No Public Comments.

**Reports:** No Reports

**Communications:** Thank you from the FCCLA.

**Other:** Board President Meier presented member Keith Rudeen with a plaque honouring his twenty-eight years of service to the school district. Keith retired at the end of the December meeting. Thank you, Keith.

**Action Items:**

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Jeffries, seconded by Walahoski to approve the agenda of the December 9, 2024 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 Brennan, seconded by Walahoski to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 regular board meeting 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 December General Fund bill roster in the amount \$58,699.39 and the November payroll salary and benefits in the amount of \$324,671.66. Discussion: Superintendent provide additional information on the the bill roster. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).

4. Moved by Meier, seconded by Jeffries to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Discussion: Limited discussion as the calendar options were presented and discussed at the November meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
5. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Brennan to approve the 2023-2024 school audit. Discussion. The board will review the audit report and return it at the January meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
6. Moved by Brennan, seconded by Jeffries to approve the schoolwide Title 1 Plan. Discussion. The board reviewed program and how the funds are used. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
7. Moved by Lassen, seconded by Meier to approve the contract renewal with the superintendent. Discussion. No discussion. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
8. Moved by Meier, seconded by Rudeen to approve the superintendent's evaluation. Discussion. The board completed the evaluation as required by statute. Motion carried 6-0. Voting Yes (6): Brennan, Jeffries, Lassen, Meier, Rudeen and Walahoski. Voting No: (0). Absent (0).
9. Moved by Rudeen, seconded by Walahoski to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Discussion. Very little discussion as the board determined 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. Interlocal: The annual interlocal meeting with the Village of Overton board is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the school LMC.
  - b. Transportation: No Report
  - c. Curriculum: No Report
  - d. Facilities: No Report
  - e. Negotiations: The O.E.A. will call the second negotiations meeting.
2. **Discussion Topics:**
  - a. January board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the LMC
  - b. Board appointed the superintendent to act as president Pro-Tem for the January 13, 2025 meeting.
  - c. Annual Interlocal meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2025.
  - d. Prepare for the 2025 reorganization of the board.

#### **Administrative Reports:**

##### **Principal's Report:**

- a. No Report

##### **Superintendent's Report:**

1. Enrollment Option Report
2. Option Enrollment -
  - a.

In: a.  
b.  
c.

Change of Status: a. None

3. Financial Information & Update
4. Project Updates
5. Staffing Update
6. School Audit
7. Staffing Update



# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tourney 1/2:45/4:30/ 6:15PM	3 NO SCHOOL GBBB @ Ravenna Holiday Tourney 1/2:45/4:30/ 6:15PM	4 BWR @ Pleasanton 9AM
5 Cheer 4PM	6 1st day of 2nd Semester	7 Cheer 6PM FFA mtg. 7PM	8 FCA 7:30AM FKC Quarterly mtg. 5:30PM	9 GBWR @ Maxwell 5PM (Sandhills- Thedford)	10 GBBB vs Amherst 4:30/6/7:30PM	11 GBWR @ Garden Co. 10AM  GBBB vs Maxwell 2/3:30/5PM  LLBB @ SEM
12 Dance 3PM Cheer 5PM	13 Student Council mtg. @ lunch FCCLA mtg. 6:30PM Music Booster mtg. 6:30PM School Board mtg. 7:30PM	14 GBBB vs. Brady 4:30/6/7:30PM	15 FCA 7:30AM JHBB @ Loomis 1PM Athletic booster mtg. 6:30PM	16 GWR @ Ord 1PM JH Quiz Bowl vs. Pleasanton 2:30PM Cheer 6PM	17 BWR @ SEM 12PM GBBB @ NPSP 4:30/6/7:30PM	18 GBWR @ Shelton 10AM GBBB vs. Bertrand 2/3:30/5PM LLBB vs. Ansley- Litchfield
19 Music Mattress Fundraiser 10-4PM Dance 3PM	20 NO SCHOOL— Teacher In-Service GWR @ Battle Creek 11AM JHBB @ SEM Tourney 12:30PM Cheer 3:30PM	21 GBBB @ Hi-Line 3:30/4:45/6/ 7:30PM (@Eustis)	22 FCA 7:30AM	23 BGWR @ Alma Dual 5PM Cheer 6PM	24 BWR @ South Loup 11AM GWR @ Lexington 2PM GBBB @ Ansley- Litchfield 4:30/6/7:30PM	25 Dance 10AM GWR @ Axtell 11:30AM LLBB @ Elm Creek
26 FKC Cheer/Dance practice 2PM @ Elm Creek Cheer 4:30PM	27 UNK Honor Vocal Festival Cheer 6PM	28 GBBB vs. Shelton 4:30/6/7:30PM	29 FCA 7:30AM 2:30 Dismissal JHBB vs. Kearney Catholic 3PM	30	31 BWR @ Central Valley 10AM (Greeley) GBBB vs. Elm Creek 4:30/6/7:30PM	



# January

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Overton is an Equal opportunity provider.			1	2	3	4
5 Alternate: egg roll	6 B: poparts L: chicken strips	7 B: cheese stuffed pretzel L: pork rib sandwich	8 B: cinnamon roll L: turkey & noodles	9 B: breakfast cookie L: sloppy joes	10 B: pancakes L: calzone	11
12 Alternate: ham & cheese sandwich	13 B: French toast L: Max Sticks	14 B: breakfast pizza L: chicken fajitas	15 B: churros L: shredded pork sandwich	16 B: frudel L: tator tot casserole	17 B: muffin L: cheeseburger	18
19 Alternate: corn dog	20	21 B: cereal L: chicken noodle soup	22 B: donut holes L: spaghetti w/meat Sauce	23 B: cinimini L: Pancakes No alternate today.	24 B: oatmeal L: pig in a blanket	25
26 Alternate: burrito	27 B: donut L: chicken fried steak	28 B: biscuit sandwich L: chicken stir fry	29 B: waffles L: sub sandwich	30 B: cereal bar L: taco in a bag	31 B: breakfast on a stick L: French bread pizza	
Menu is subject to change**						