

## **A Homer Student Publication**



September, 2018

### ***A Message from Our Elementary Principal... by Mrs. Crowe***

We are off to a great start as we begin the 2018-2019 school year at Homer Elementary School. Students have reconnected with old friends and welcomed many new ones. We are very pleased to welcome those students and parents who are new to our school, and we extend our best wishes for an exciting and productive school year. We hope that you will quickly feel at home and become involved in the activities of our school and your child's classroom program.

During the weeks of September 4<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, your child will take tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). These tests will provide us with information regarding your child's academic progress throughout the year. MAP tests will be given to determine your child's instructional level and to measure academic growth in the areas of Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. And with MAP tests, we can administer shorter tests and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth. We are truly excited to use this assessment tool along with our new Chromebooks as we continue to focus on every child's individual growth and achievement.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> we will have our first Pride Assembly, in a different format. Pride Assemblies will be held on the first Wednesday of every month, except in January. Family and friends of students receiving awards are welcome to attend at 8:00 a.m. in the back gym. Parents will continue to be contacted if their child will be receiving an award. Along with our new "Knight's Way" award, we will also be celebrating our student's monthly/half birthdays. Please join us as we celebrate the successes and milestones of our students.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – No School, Labor Day
- September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 Pride Assembly
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 Boy Scout Presentation @ Morning Assembly
- September 20<sup>th</sup> – No School – Professional Development
- September 27<sup>th</sup> – No School – Parent Teacher Conferences
- September 28<sup>th</sup> – No School – Exchange Day

On behalf of Homer Elementary School, we know our students will have an amazing school year full of hard work, fun, and academic and personal success!

If at any time there is a concern, please feel free to contact me at 402-698-2377 ext. 108 or email at [loracrowe@homerknights.org](mailto:loracrowe@homerknights.org).

Lora Crowe  
Elementary Principal  
Homer Community School

### 2018 Homer Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-24	Emerson-Hubbard	Emerson	7:00
8-31	BYE		
9-7	Pender	Homer	7:00
9-14	Creighton	Homer	7:00
9-21	Winnebago	Winnebago	7:00
9-28	Wakefield	Homer	3:00
10-5	Wisner-Pilger (Homecoming)	Homer	7:00
10-12	Guardian Angels CC	Beemer	7:00
10-19	Omaha Nation	Macy	7:00

### 2018 Junior Varsity Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9-4	Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	Homer	5:45
9-17	Allen	Allen	5:45
10-1	Emerson-Hubbard	Emerson	5:45
10-8	Wakefield	Wakefield	5:45

### 2018 Junior High Football

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9-4	Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	Homer	4:00
9-10	Winnebago	Homer	4:00
9-17	Allen	Allen	4:00
9-27	Guardian Angels CC	Homer	4:00
10-1	Emerson-Hubbard	Emerson	4:00
10-8	Wakefield	Wakefield	4:00



## Homer Football Preview

by Cheyenne Donnelly and Brady Kennedy

The Homer Knights have six seniors that are leading the football team this season: Brady Kennedy #11, Lance Polly #14, Alex Huerta #15, Sam Swanson #60, Cheyenne Donnelly #66 and Brandon Lewis #78. Jacob Huerta is stepping in as quarterback, and Caleb Kearnes is backup quarterback. The starters for this season for the offense are Jacob, Cheyenne, Sam, Alex, Landon Gilster, Hunter Davis, Logan Schrier and Caleb. The head coach is Shawn Spurrell and his two assistant coaches are Josh Watchorn and Bret Hightree. The team is ready to take on the season.

### 2018 Homer Volleyball

8-23	Triangular vs. Hartington CC/Randolph	Hartington	5:30
8-30	Triangular vs. Emerson-Hubbard/Ponca	Homer	5:15
9-4	Laurel-Concord-Coleridge	Laurel	5:30
9-6/9-8	Wakefield Invitational	Wakefield	TBA
9-11	Triangular vs. Osmond/Winside	Homer	5:15
9-13	Ponca	Homer	5:30
9-15	Logan View Invitational	Logan View	8:30
9-18	Guardian Angles C.C.	West Point	5:30
9-22	Wisner-Pilger Classic	Wisner	10:00
9-27	Wynot	Homer	5:30
10-2	Triangular vs. Whiting/Winnebago	Whiting	5:30
10-4	Emerson-Hubbard	Homer	5:30
10-9	Pender	Homer	5:30
10-18	Triangular vs. Wakefield/Winnebago	Homer	5:15
10-20	Conference Tourney (1st Round)	TBA	TBA
10-22	Conference Tourney (2nd Round)	TBA	TBA
10-23	Conference Tourney (Finals and Consolation)	Laurel	TBA
10-29 - 10-30	Subdistrict Tourney	TBA	TBA
11-3	District Finals	TBA	TBA
11-8, 9, 10	State Tournament	Lincoln	TBA

#### JV Volleyball

9-8	B & C Wisner Tourney	Wisner	8:00 am
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#### Junior High Volleyball

9-6	B-R-L-D	Bancroft	4:00
9-8	Hartington CC	Hartington	9:00 am
9-10	Wakefield	Wakefield	3:00
9-13	Dakota Valley	Homer	3:00
9-18	Pender	Pender	4:00
9-27	Emerson-Hubbard	Homer	3:00
10-4	Winnebago	Winnebago	3:00
10-8	Ponca	Homer	3:00
10-13	Homer Tournament	Homer	9:00 am



### Volleyball Preview

by Shayla Monk and Hei Sah

This year Stacie Johnson has returned as head coach for Homer School. She coached for 6 years at Homer and 11 years in total. She coached at SSC, and at Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto and Treynor in Iowa. This year the assistant coaches are Melanie Nelsen and Makayla Murphy. 30 girls are out for the 2018-2019 season. Seniors this year are: Emily Reis, Karrena Modlin, Erin Georgesen, Hailey Robertson, and Shayla Monk. They are a very young team and have great energy. They are very excited to see how their year goes.

## Lesson Plans Now Online

Have you ever wanted to know when your child was going to have a test or a quiz in their class(es)? Now you can find out. Beginning this school year, the lesson plans of all Homer teachers are on-line at the Homer web page. So now, if your child misses school, you can check the teacher's lessons plans to see what was missed.

Accessing these online lesson plans is easy to do.

Log on to the Homer School home page at

<http://www.homerknights.org>

Click on the "Staff" tab at the top.

Select either Elementary Staff or Secondary Staff.

Select the specific teacher by clicking their name. This will take you to their individual teacher page.

Click on the words "Lesson Plans" found in the left-hand column.

## Power School Accounts

Need a Power School account to view your child's grades? Do you need to have your Power School account reset? Call Amy or Lynn in the school's office at 698-2377 for all your Power School needs.

Overall, students perform much better in school when their parents/guardians check grades and keep up on their academic progress. Become one of "those parents" and check your child's grades often. Your child, and their teachers, will appreciate that you do!

## September Birthdays

by Shayla Monk

Lilly Harris	9/1
Avery Kramper	9/3
Hayden Vanschoiack	9/4
Kylie Beermann	9/4
Andres Ordonez	9/11
Jacob Church	9/13
Brysten Harrison	9/17
Kamri Krause	9/18
Tayven Kemp	9/19
Buddy Jr. Tucker	9/20
Emma Oldenburg	9/21
Rocco Kearnes	9/22
Jessica Parrish	9/22
Tayler Probst	9/23
Charlotte Pieper	9/27
Madison Snow	9/27



## New Homer Community School Staff Members

by Jade Olson

Lexi Beavers – 5th grade  
David Dziurawiec – Science  
Billie Hightree Sitzmann – School Psychologist  
Courtney Hochstein – Kindergarten  
Makayla Murphy – Preschool  
Brittany White – Secondary Resource

# SEPTEMBER 2018

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR



S	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 No School	4 Dance, Cheer, Choir, Band and Senior Group Picture Day  4:00pm: Home JH Football vs. L-C-C 5:30pm: VB at Lau- rel 5:45pm: Home JV	5	6 Wakefield VB Invite, TBA  4:00pm: JH VB at Ban- croft	7 7:00pm: Home Football vs. Pender	8 JH VB at Har- tington CC  JV VB Tourney at Wisner  Wakefield VB Invite, TBA
9	10 3:00pm: JH VB at Wakefield  4:00pm: Home JH Football vs. Winnebago	11 5:15pm: VB Home Triangular	12 ASVAB Test (For 10th Grade)  JH & HS VB & FB Picture	13 3:00pm: JH VB Here vs. Dakota Valley  5:30pm: Home VB vs. Ponca	14 7:00pm: Home Football vs. Creighton	15 Logan View VB Invite, TBA
1 6	17 4:00pm: JH Football at Allen  5:45pm: JV Foot- ball at Allen	18 4:00pm JH VB at Pender  5:30pm: VB at GACC West	19	20 No School Professional Development	21 9:30pm Seniors attend speaker at Orpheum Theater  7:00pm: Football at Winnebago	22 Wisner-Pilger VB Classic, TBA
2 3	24	25 3:00pm: Home JH VB Emerson- Hubbard	26	27 PT Conf PK-6 1:00-8:30 PT Conf-7-12 Grade 3:00-8:30 No School—PT Conferences 4:00pm: Home JH Football vs. GACC 5:30pm: Home	28 No School PTC Exchange Day  3:00pm: Home Football Wake- field	29