

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 28-3  
*STATE OF THE SCHOOL*

August 21, 2023

6:30 pm

# Enrollment K- 12

- 2024 – 856 (projected next year)
- 2023 – 845 (projected)
- 2022 – 835
- 2021 – 838
- 2020 – 847
- 2019 – 842
- 2018 - 810
- 2017 – 783
- 2016 – 749
- 2015 – 727
- 2014 – 726
- 2013 – 715
- 2012 – 677
- 2011 – 696
- 2010 – 681
- 2009 - 687
- 2008 - 658
- 2007 - 652
- 2006 - 622
- 2005 - 644
- 2004 - 618
- 2003 - 594
- 2002 – 646
- 2001 - 660

# Enrollment (K-12)

- If you look at trends...
- In the 22-23 school year
  - K-6 averaged 68 students per class
  - 7-12 averaged 58 students per class

# Enrollment (Currently)

- Grades K-2 have 4 sections (80 in current K class...next largest class 72 last year)
- All other grades (3-12) are still at 3 sections
- Pre-School has went to 5 sections last year

# New Staff

- **Dave Sheehan**

- High School Welding Classes & Shop Skills Classes

- **Taylor Koisti**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

- **Morgan Krumm**

- Middle School Science, High School Health Science Courses (EMT, CNA, Sports Medicine)

- **Jason Huyvaert**

- Head Custodian

# New Staff

- **Dustin Blaha**
- Elementary Principal

# New Staff

- **Jay Dufek**

- US History, Government and Journalism

- **Paul Jongeling**

- Elementary, Middle School and High School Computers (Computer programming, Aviation, Web Design, Cybersecurity)

- **Heather Sieh**

- Elementary Counselor

- **Sarah Jongeling**

- Employability, Personal Finance, Fashion Design, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade FACS

# Adjustments for the 23-24 Staff School year

- Alyssa Mittleider – middle school counselor
  - Now have 3 counselors: Sieh – elementary and Popham – high school
- Todd Neuendorf – Athletic Director
- Jeff Johnson – part time custodian



# Staff who started last year (22-23)

- Jessica Berg - Kindergarten
- Angela Krein – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Lindsay Martenson – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Jackie Hulscher – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Kristin Dahl – Grades 3-5 Special Education
- Kevin Krumm – Wildlife & Fisheries, Natural Resources, Animal Science and Environmental Science
- Lexi Roe – Middle School Science, Health and Social Studies
- Julie Jones – Para in elementary wing
- Tiana Holmquist – Para in the elementary wing
- Erin Roselund – Para in the elementary wing

# Still looking for...

- CTE Teacher (woodworking & building trades)
  - Para-professional (full or part time)
  - Bus driver – over \$45 per route
  - Substitute teachers
  - Custodian – over \$19 per hour
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- Applications online or at the main office

# School Lunch

- The number of people who applied for Free & Reduced Lunches are down
- Applications are online
- Crystal Maag will GLADLY help with application in the lunchroom shortly after this meeting

# School Lunch: Why Apply?

- Possible Reduced Lunch & Breakfast price (or free)
- The school benefits from the number of people that apply, since it is a federal program.
- Students may qualify for reduced fees for ACT or SAT tests.
- May qualify you for discounted rates on home internet service.

# School Lunch Application (Common Errors)

- Highest salary instead of Average salary
  - Example: you put down \$3,000 per month but only make \$30,000 per year. The average you gave should be \$36,000 (program reads)
- Don't label Seasonal work
  - Example: you put down \$2,000 per 2 weeks....program reads that as \$52,000 per year but you only make \$2,000 per every 2 weeks in the summer
- Don't reapply with changes
  - If the 18 or 19 year old in your house moves out in January...reapply!!
  - If there is a significant change in income – reapply!!

# School Lunch Application, All you need is:

- Names and incomes of every member of your household
  - Could be monthly, bi-weekly, yearly
- Grade and birthdate of every child in your household
- Signature and last 4 digits of Social Security
- Valid email address (optional) and a phone number
- Crystal Maag will Gladly assist in anyway in lunchroom

# School Lunch

- Its good.
- No one ever likes school lunch until they are done with school lunches. The cooks make what the kids are going to eat.
- When there is a 12:30 Dismissal – High School Students CAN eat!!

# School Breakfast

- Long Johns every Friday. If you compared the price of the school breakfast to a Convenience store...you could probably eat 3 school breakfasts for every convenience store meal
- High school & Middle school students need to be in here by 8:15
  - If they don't waste time
- Elementary students need to be in here by 8:20
- Middle school/high school students have a great benefit of "get and go" most schools do not allow this privilege



# Hamlin moves with the ever changing student

- Dual Credit for juniors & seniors is very strong!!
- Dual Credit a student can take a course from a university in SD generally online and receive university (post-secondary) credit AND credit towards high school graduation
  - YES these credits can be used at LATC as well!!
- State sets up the requirements for dual credit
- It is at a discounted price to the student (\$50 per credit)
- It is one of the BEST things the state has done!!

# Dual Credit Starts tomorrow (August 21<sup>st</sup>)!!

- Juniors & Seniors who registered in the spring from 2:00 to 4:00 tomorrow (Tuesday), Mrs. Popham will help get set up and rolling
  - Bring computer and any letters or emails they have received with login information
- Those that do NOT attend tomorrow will need to complete login and access on their own
- Do NOT get behind!!

# Hamlin moves with the ever changing student

- Students have the opportunity to graduate in 3.5 years (Early Graduation)
- Senior Privileges have been changed:
  - Seniors in their last semester prior to graduation are only required to be enrolled in 4 courses instead of 6 as long as they meet the guidelines. Some of the main guidelines:
    - BE ON PACE TO GRADUATE AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER
    - PASS ALL OF YOUR COURSES and CONTINUE TO PASS YOUR COURSEWORK
    - HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE

# Hamlin moves with the ever changing student

- Oral Interpretation (middle school & high school), E-Sports,
- High School classes added: Medical Terminology, Wildlife & Fisheries, Natural Resources, Animal Science, EMT, CNA, Sports Medicine, Fashion Design, Aviation, Web Design, Cybersecurity
- Internships for juniors & seniors including Mentors
  - SEE MRS. POPHAM FOR MORE INFORMATION

# Hamlin moves with the ever changing student PACH Program

- PACH Program – People Against Childhood Hunger
- Provides food for school aged children over the weekend.
- Starts September and runs entire school year
- Last Day of the week students are provided with a “sack lunch” for the weekend
  - If you are signed up for this remind your student to open this at home NOT on the bus ride home – bus drivers 😊
- Forms are in your “back to school” packet
- More questions see your counselors
- If you would like to DONATE to the program see the counselors or contact the office or directly to Reliabank

# Counselors have a table set up...

- To answer any questions about dual credit, internships, PACH program, scholarships (senior parents never too early to start), etc.

# Hamlin moves with the ever changing student

- NEW High School Addition will allow us to:
  - OFFER MORE CTE COURSES TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
  - OFFER MORE CTE COURSE TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS which they have NOT had in a while prior to this year
  - Allow for Expansion and Growth, IF we would go to 4 sections in other grades we really don't have any extra rooms at this time.
    - We have certain specials or services teaching in rooms that were designed as office or storage space
  - OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO NEIGHBORING SCHOOLS
  - IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF OUR INDUSTRIAL TECH (CTE) ROOM WITH MORE SPACE

# CTE = Career and Technical Education

- Courses included FACS, Computer, Industrial Arts (Woodworking, Welding), Automotive, Human Resources, etc.



# Busing...see Mark or your bus drivers tonight!!

- If you have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader or younger, they should sit towards the front of the bus!!
  - If you want them to sit by a sibling have the sibling sit closer to the front of the bus!!
- We now have 2 pickup points in Lake Norden.
  - Yogi Bear will be at firehall for those on East side of Burlington pick up time 7:45 am
  - Eeyore will be at the baseball field (airplane) for those on West side of Burlington at 7:25 am

# Dismissal & Start time

- High School & Middle School start at 8:20 and done at 3:20
- Elementary start at 8:30 and done at 3:30

# Dismissal time (same as last year) pickup

- AVOID students running across traffic.
- AVOID students & cars in the area where a bus may back up.
- Make sure to CALL AHEAD if your child is riding with you or a change in way home
- One lane of pickup. Yes, it gets long at times.
- If your child is NOT riding the bus they will come out the north end of the school (playground)
- JUST KEEP THINKING OF THE SAFETY OF OUR KIDS.
- Keep the people in the back of the line in mind...pull ahead!!

# Safety (Couple Updates)

- SECURITY RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)
- The Hamlin School has contracted with the Hamlin County Sheriff's Office to have an officer on campus

# Safety (couple updates)

- Sheehan Strategic Solutions LLC out of Sioux City, IA
  - No Relation to any of the Sheehan's at Hamlin School
- They presented to our staff last year prior to school and really informed our staff.
- They will be here to talk with students on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- You are welcome to attend at the same time as your child's presentation if you would like to attend.
- Presentations will be in the multi purpose gym
- Middle School at 12:30                      High School at 1:30
- Grades 3-5 at 2:30                              Grades K-2 at 2:55

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- THE STATE IS REALLY CRACKING DOWN ON THE SCHOOLS FOR ATTENDANCE.
- Funerals do NOT count against your child IF you inform the school prior to absence and limited # of days.
- If you miss the same class period or are tardy numerous times, the state is cracking down on schools for attendance.
- As a result we are following the school handbook
- Tardies – first one per nine weeks don't count against you, after that one it doesn't matter if excused or unexcused

# Policy Changes (various updates)

- Athletic Eligibility – now requires a passing grade on a weekly basis
- COVID positive – Students & Staff return symptom free; NO close contact



# PRIDE IN YOUR SCHOOL...

- Talk to your kids about destruction of property and treating the building with PRIDE.
- Talk to your kids about looking out for others and reporting issues if needed. We don't want to "take things away."

# School messenger (today)

- Option 1 today was about junior high football.
- ALL MESSAGES
- Option 2 today was about tonight
- No voice.

# Homecoming 2023 week of Sept 18-22

- Monday (18<sup>th</sup>) – Coronation
- Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) – Volleyball @ Estelline
- Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>) – Volleyball vs. Webster @ HEC
- Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) – High School students will be in Hayti all day; bus can give them a ride to and from, otherwise report to Hayti (See Mr. Sheehan for questions)
- Buses will run at 12:30 regular routes (like a 12:30 dismissal)
- Pep Rally at Football field at 1:00; Parade at 2:00 (See Mrs. H. Noem for questions)
- Football game at 7:00 pm vs. Castlewood

# Oral Interp

- Mrs. Jensen is available to answer any questions
- High School is in fall and Middle school in the spring
- Basically find a piece and present the piece

# Athletic Director – Todd Neuendorf

- Selling activity tickets
- Any question you have about an activity he should be able to answer or get you pointed in the right direction (high school or middle school)

At Mr. Neuendorf' s table handouts

## GAME FISH AND PARKS

- COPS AND BOBBERS This SATURDAY (No age)
  - Registration ASAP
- GLACIAL LAKES YOUTH SPORTSFEST (Ages 8 to 14)
  - Registration is Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Handouts at his table. We will try and have a handout on the website this week.

# Milk ticket

- Ladies in the front office will take money for lunch tickets

To prepare and equip our students to become responsible citizens and succeed in an ever-changing world.

Hamlin School Motto

August 21, 2023

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