

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 28-3
STATE OF THE SCHOOL

August 21, 2024

5:00 pm

Enrollment K- 12

- 2025 – 856 (projected next year)
- 2024 – 856 (projected this year)
- 2023 – 841
- 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)

- Last year (23-24) the Kindergarten class was 82
 - This year the Kindergarten class is projected at 75
 - Last year 4th grade (71), 7th grade (70) and 10th grade (70) were the only other classes above 70
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- Grades K-2 have 4 sections
 - All other grades (3-12) are still at 3 sections
 - Pre-School has went to 5 sections last year

Special THANKS!

Video Board & Scoreboard Advertisements!!

- BRYANT STATE BANK
 - RELIABANK – also sponsored the hot dog meal tonight
 - AVANTARA of Lake Norden
 - HORIZON HEALTH
 - BECK'S – Thue AG
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- Still advertisements available
 - Expect to use this for all events (Veteran's Day program, athletic events, elementary programs, etc.)

New Staff

Nate McMullen

High School Building Trades &
Wood Working Classes



Tucker Christie

Middle School Teacher



New Staff

Carissa Kellar

Special Education Teacher



Bailey Schlotterbeck

Ag Teacher



New Staff

Amy Brandriet

Special Education Teacher



Abigail Holmes

Special Education Teacher



New Staff

Taryn Opdahl

4th Grade Teacher



Gabby Birk

Math Interventionist (Elementary)



New Staff

Stacia West

Elementary Physical Education Teacher



New Staff

Roger Reynolds

Custodian (10:00 to 6:00)



Margarita Inga

Custodian (10:00 to 6:00)



New Staff

Christy Rust

Head Cook



Janine Ahlolinna

Para-professional



Hired after the start of school last year...

- Cap Neiman – bus driver
- Faith Koistinen – Para-professional
- Shannon Lawrence – Para-professional
- Sarina Kinnunen – Para-professional

Adjustments for the 24-25 Staff School year

- Leah Kjenstand – moves from 4th grade to 5th grade
- Todd Neuendorf – Athletic Director and Dean of Students (K-12)
- Erin Rosenlund– moves from para to high school study hall monitor
- Teresa Namken – moves from para to 2nd Cook
- Renee Beld – moves from 2nd Cook to part time cook

Still looking for...

- Bus driver – over \$45 per route
- Substitute teachers

- 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!!

As good of looking salad bar as you are going to see



- “Unlimited” salad bar

School Breakfast

- Long Johns every Friday and Cinnamon Rolls every Tuesday. 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
- 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!! Starts on Monday speak with Mrs. Popham tonight!!
- Graduate in 3.5 years
- Senior Privileges have been changed in recent years
 - ADDED THIS YEAR: If as a junior you received a Gold, Silver or Bronze in attendance and you are on pace to graduate, you get your senior privileges 9 weeks earlier

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- WHAT'S THE POINT OF PE CLASS AS A SENIOR!!
- I hear this quite frequently and I would encourage you as a parent to look at your child's schedule and look at the "plan" to graduate...when they are ENTERING 9th or 10th Grade!!\
- State of SD (DOE) requires 22 credits to graduate HS: to be quick...
- 4 credits are English, 3 credits of Math, 3 credits of Science, 3 credits of Social Science, ½ credit of Personal Finance, ½ credit of Health, ½ credit of PE, 1 credit of Fine Arts= 15.5 credits required by SD (DOE)
 - Some of these required can be substituted with Dual Credit

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- Working with Avantara for CNA students to be CNA certified upon employment
- Planning on EMT class giving students a pathway to become EMT certified (mainly senior type class – must be 18 to be certified)
- ServSafe Food Handler Certification (FACS classes)
- ProStart Certificate of Completion (FACS classes)
- Reserving Food Handler Certification (FACS classes)
- Possible First Aid Certification
- In the future Welding certified

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- Internships for juniors & seniors
 - Pre-requisite is Employability Class
 - May intern for up to one credit
 - See Mr. Sheehan for more information
- As a parent help guide your child with their registration and don't wait until middle of their senior year...

Safety

- SECURITY RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) – Darrion Poppen

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

- If you have a 2nd 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!!
- If you live in the town of Hayti, Lake Norden, Bryant, or Hazel the pick up times and locations will be similar to last year

Dismissal time & pickup (Same as last year)

Elementary start 8:30 done 3:30

MS/HS start 8:20 done 3:20

- 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.
- Pull ahead...keep the line moving forward!!

Attendance, Attendance, Attendance...

- Point of emphasis from the SD DOE
- 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.
- 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

MS/HS Students will take semester tests this year

- IF they are PASSING the course, they will have the opportunity to OPT OUT of the semester test if they meet the attendance requirements.

Elementary

- Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Grant – opportunity for a Fruit or Vegetable snack every day!!
 - One day a week is a “popular” fruit or vegetable
 - One day a week generally is a “non-popular” fruit or vegetable
 - The other days are determined by availability, price, and grant guidelines
- Math Interventionist – going to assist with our teaching of math especially at the lower grade levels
- Elementary Wide – Class DoJo

Elementary

- Band is offered to 5th Grade Students
- The entire elementary staff was trained last school year on the Science of Reading
 - As a result we will focus more on literacy this school year

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."
- This is at ALL grade levels

Cell Phones...hot topic, already banned in schools in certain states

- KEEP THEM AT HOME!! The very first thing other states say in their policy!
- NO TEACHER has EVER requested a student to bring them to school.
- If you as a parent do NOT think schools should allow phones in school, then you have the right as a parent to keep your child's phone at home.

- IF YOU KEEP THEM AT HOME LET THE OFFICE KNOW!!
 - IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND FOR ONE DAY...LET THE OFFICE KNOW!!

CELL PHONES...

- Elementary Students: Cell phones and smart watches should NOT be seen or heard UNLESS they are in the teacher's possession. Even in the hallways!
 - Parents do NOT message or call your elementary student during the school day on their phone. Call the school.
- Middle School Students: same as elementary
 - Parents do NOT message or call your middle school student during the school day on their phone. Call the school.

CELL PHONES...

- High School students – each classroom will have a “shoe rack” and that is where the phone is for the class period. If a student leaves the class to use the “bathroom” the phone stays in the classroom.
 - High School Students may have their cell phone between classes and at lunch.
 - Parents –message them at lunch time if you need to message them

CELL PHONES...

- KEEP THEM OUT OF THE BATHROOMS!
- **Do NOT let them take pictures of staff members or other students without permission.**

Special Education & CTE Staffing

- **SPECIAL EDUCATION:** The days of having a K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 Special Education Teacher are not sensible
 - The majority of the caseloads are in about 4 grades. We have one special education teacher working in elementary, middle school and high school. We have one working in middle school and elementary. We have one working in high school and elementary. Wide variety!!
 - Para's will generally stick with the same grade levels
- **CTE STAFFING:** We are there for teachers! Once the building becomes complete we will be able to add classes and become more diverse

Building update...

- Section A still on schedule to be ready Late October. This would include 4 high school classrooms, FACS kitchen, offices
- Section B & C still on schedule to be ready December 16. This would be the remainder of the addition including the 4 shops.
- Parking lot is being paved today!
- Big door is to be installed and completely enclosed in near future.
- PLEASE stay out of there at this time.
- We do plan to give tours once it is complete.

School messenger about tonight

- Option 1 LAST WEEK
- ALL MESSAGES
- Option 2 THIS MORNING
- No voice.

Homecoming 2024 week of Sept 23-27

- Monday (23rd) – Coronation
- Tuesday (24th) – Volleyball vs. Estelline @ HEC
- Thursday (25th) – Volleyball @ Webster
- Friday (27th) – 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. Redfield

Activities and information at the tables

- FFA, FCCLA, Oral Interp, Book Club, Student Council, Band, Chorus, HUICS, National Honor Society, All School Play

Athletic Director – Todd Neuendorf

- Selling activity tickets
- Hamlin students in grades K-12 get in FREE to home events (not playoffs)
- 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

- GLACIAL LAKES YOUTH SPORTSFEST (Ages 8 to 14) September 7th
 - Registration is the 25th.
- Handouts at his table. We will try and have a handout on the website this week.

Lunch ticket & Milk ticket

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

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

Hamlin School Motto

August 21, 2024

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