



THE WOLFPACK





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SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 12-1 Wrestling in Ravenna at 11am
- 12-1 Basketball in Overton - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 12-2 Future Wolves Basketball Practice PK-2nd Grade 11:00-12:00pm
- 12-2 Basketball VS SEM - JV 1:30, GV 3:00, BV 4:45
- 12-4 JH Wrestling in Arapahoe at 1:00pm
- 12-5 Building, Grounds & Transportation Meeting at 11:30am
- 12-5 Girls Basketball in Kenesaw - JV 5:30, V 7:00
- 12-6 State One Act in Norfolk
- 12-6 Elementary Quiz Bowl in Franklin at 9:00am
- 12-6 JH Quiz Bowl in Franklin at 1:00pm
- 12-6 Juniors take the ASVAB test at 12:45pm
- 12-7 FKC JH Wrestling in Wilcox at 10:00am
- 12-7 6th Grade Boys Basketball Practice at 6:00pm
- 12-8 Wrestling in Oxford at 10:00am
- 12-8 Basketball in Amherst - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 12-9 Future Wolves Basketball Practice PK-2nd Grade 11:00-12:00pm
- 12-9 Basketball VS Bertrand - JV 1:30, GV 3:00, BV 4:45
- 12-9 FFA Soup Supper/Dessert Auction at 3:00pm
- 12-11 MAPS Testing 7th-10th Grade: Language
- 12-11 FFA Meeting, Supper, and Caroling at 6:30pm
- 12-11 School Board Meeting at 7:00pm
- 12-12 MAPS Testing 7th-10th Grade: Reading
- 12-12 FFA District Leadership Skills Event in Curtis: Carly Stewart
- 12-12 Lions Vision Screening at 10:00am
- 12-12 Basketball in Cambridge - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 12-13 MAPS Testing 7th-10th Grade: Math
- 12-14 Wrestling Triangular in Kenesaw at 5:00pm
- 12-14 Wolf Pack Basketball Practice 3rd-6th Grade 6:00-7:30pm
- 12-15 Basketball in Ansley - JV 4:30pm, GV 6:00pm, BV 7:45pm
- 12-16 Wrestling in Cambridge at 10:00am
- 12-16 Future Wolves Basketball Practice PK-2nd Grade 11:00-12:00pm
- 12-16 Basketball VS Southern Valley - JV 1:30, GV 3:00, BV 4:45
- 12-18 Semester Tests: 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th Periods
- 12-18 School Dismisses at 1:50
- 12-18 K-12 Music Christmas Program at 7:00pm
- 12-19 Semester Tests: 7th, 5th, 3rd, and 1st Periods
- 12-19 School Dismisses at 1:50
- 12-19 Basketball in Hi-Line - JV 4:30, GV 6:00, BV 7:45
- 12-20 No School - Teacher Workday
- 12-21 Winter Break
- 12-22 Winter Break
- 12-23 Winter Break - NSAA Moratorium
- 12-24 Winter Break - NSAA Moratorium
- 12-25 Winter Break - NSAA Moratorium 
- 12-26 Winter Break - NSAA Moratorium
- 12-27 Winter Break - NSAA Moratorium
- 12-28 Winter Break
- 12-29 Winter Break
- 12-29 Basketball Holiday Tournament in Brady at 1:00pm
- 12-30 Winter Break
- 12-30 Wrestling in Pleasanton at 9:30am
- 12-30 Basketball Holiday Tournament in Brady at 1:00pm
- 12-31 Winter Break 

Straight from the Wolf's Den

Sam Dunn

And just like that another half school year has gone by us here at Loomis! Congratulations on all our activities thus far this year. A tremendous amount of time and effort goes into preparing and competing in extra-curricular activities. Our scholar-athletes and coaches/sponsors deserve recognition. High school activities are the other part of school and Loomis students and coaches represent our community extremely well. Thank you to our supporters and spectators for supplying the enthusiasm. How about those cheerleaders? We appreciate your positive support during contests.

State test results have been recorded and I have had an opportunity to compile those scores vs peer schools in the ESU area. It is not surprising that Loomis tops the ranks of schools in testing once again! I could not be more proud of the effort from the students and the dedication from the staff to attain top school status. As I have mentioned previously it takes an entire school effort to rank as high as Loomis does in academics and activities. Be sure you remind our staff how appreciative you are for all their hard work.

The time has come for me to retire as Superintendent at Loomis. The decision was made with much thought and prayer. I have served Loomis Public School for the past 11 years as principal and superintendent and have loved every minute of the job. It is important that I recognize all the amazing staff I have had the opportunity to work with over those years. The students have made this job one of the most rewarding jobs I have worked at. I have been blessed with outstanding support staff that do what is right for our students and staff. Loomis is such an educational supportive community it is obvious the parents priorities are for their children to be successful in school. Lastly, I have worked with very talented board members over the past eleven years that make our school a top-notch institution. Thank you to all for your support while I have served LPS.

THANK YOU MR. DUNN!



The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Nate Weaver

Hello Wolves!



Just like that, the semester is nearly over, and a new year is coming quickly. Where has the time gone? Our staff and students have done a wonderful job, and the end of the year has proved it. We recently finished MAPS testing, and our preliminary numbers show that our students have made significant strides.

We have some fun things planned before Christmas break. Our elementary students will be going to Oxford to watch a movie at the theatre and having class parties to celebrate. Our junior high and high school students will have the opportunity to earn a chance to enter into a cornhole tournament, cash in on a snack shack in the cafeteria and to watch a movie in the big gym. Our students and staff deserve a little fun for the efforts given and the work that has been done in the classrooms. We have something special here, and the students and staff deserve to have a little fun at the end of the semester.

Christmas break is coming at the right time this year. It seems the sickness bugs have hit LPS hard. The break will give our custodians a chance to do a deep cleaning to help with sickness. With the cold weather and dry air, we ask parents to keep their students home fever free for 24 hours when they are sick.

Students need to wear pants to school and when they leave the building rather than shorts. We do not mind if they wear shorts in the building. They also need to wear a winter coat and use hats and gloves. Sleep and nutrition are vital to staying healthy this time of the year. Our staff needs the healthy students in the building to ensure they get the best opportunity for their education. With a shortage in subs, it is also important to keep our staff healthy.

We have received feedback that often time patrons are unable to watch activities and would like to be able to stay up on scores. We do a wonderful job of streaming activities. All home games are streamed using the *App Hudl Fan*. The majority of the away games are streamed as well. If you are unable to watch the activity, there is a free app called *NE Score Feed*. This app will show all games with a live feed for all classes. The wrestling team tried to keep the fans up to date with Facebook. The administration will do a better job of posting scores as well. If there are concerns, suggestions or questions on how to watch or check progress of the activity you are interested in, please contact the school and we will help you find what you need.

2023 has been a great year for LPS. Being a part of the student's growth and academics is one of the best parts of my job. I am thankful for the opportunity to help students grow in their education and in maturity. I look forward to seeing what 2024 brings for our staff and students. Have a wonderful holiday break. I hope everyone has a chance to celebrate family and get some much-needed rest and relaxation. Best of luck to the students that compete in the holiday tournament in Brady and in Pleasanton for wrestling.

Merry Christmas!



Welcome to the Counselor's Corner

Dana Meyer

December has flown by so incredibly fast. The National Honor Society students have been busy selling candy canes to students throughout the school. I am so grateful for our K-12 students and our thoughtful staff who have donated items for the Toys for Tots families in our community. Christmas is a time for giving and Loomis Public School has done an outstanding job of this. I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas and enjoys the break with family and friends.



BOYS BASKETBALL

David Squiers

The boys basketball team is 14 strong with a great student managing team. We have a really tough schedule in the beginning of the year. Our boys have taken strides in learning a new offensive and defensive scheme. They come to practice ready to work and improve each day. I am proud of our progress and can't wait to see how much more we improve.





Lady Wolves Basketball

Derek Billeter and Allison Perry



The Loomis Lady Wolves have gotten their season started and faced some pretty tough competition out of the gate, going up against 3 state rated teams.

First up was the trip to Overton, the Wolves fought hard but came up short 35-49. Leading the way in scoring was *Zeigh Booe with 11*, followed close behind by *Addison Perry with 8*.

Next up was a home contest against a very talented SEM team. SEM got out to a hot start and never looked back despite the late effort by the Wolves. The final score ended up 39-53. *Sophia Schemper led the wolves with 13 points* and *Addison added 11*.

There was a quick turn around and the Wolves headed to Kenesaw the following Tuesday. It was a back and forth game that ended up going to overtime and the Wolves couldn't quite pull it out, losing 42-45. Leading the way in scoring was *Sophia with 15*, while *Carly Stewart and Brooklyn Wiese both had 8*, *Brooklyn also snatched 10 rebounds*.

Up next was another away game, this time in Amherst. Amherst had some strong shooting and got the victory, 59-29. *Carly had 10 points* and *Brooklyn had 6*.

The Wolves finally got a win on Saturday with a home contest against rival Bertrand, 49-21. The Wolves got down 6-13 after the first quarter but then responded with an 18-1 run and went up before the half. *Sophia led the scoring effort with 16*, followed by *Addison with 11*.

Then the girls had another away game, this time at Cambridge. The girls worked so hard and led for most of the game but came up short in the end, losing 38-44. *Sophia had the hot hand from behind the arc and ended the game with 23 points*, *Zeigh was up next with 4 points*.

The Wolves still have 3 games left before going on Christmas break, come out and cheer them on!



Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117

101 Bryan St

Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 12-4-2023

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 11-29-2023

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open at and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Duane Schoff and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the School District's designated method for giving notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgment of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. Welcome Guests: Anne Norris, LEA

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Treasurer to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the bill roster.

4.1. Agenda

4.2. Previous Board Meeting Minutes

4.3. Bill Roster

4.4. Financial Reports

4.4.1. General Fund:Receipts \$155,615.59, expenses \$414,970.86, balance \$836,414.97



4.4.2. Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$224.32, expenditures \$0, balance \$1,078,188.13

Bond: Receipts \$2,162.76, expenditures \$0, balance \$159,874.64

4.4.3. Activities Fund:Receipts \$41,601.42, expenses \$22,229.19, balance \$164,626.85

4.4.4. Nutrition Fund:Receipts \$22,408.92, expenses \$14,278.03, balance \$98,655.17

4.4.5. Building Fund:Balance \$92,941.00

5. Introduction of Speakers

6. Board Committee Reports

6.1. Negotiations

6.1.1. Met December 5th, Update from the Committee

Next Meeting Dec. 13 @ 7:00

6.2. Americanism

6.2.1. Next Meeting 3/7/24 @ 7:30

6.3 Policy

6.3.1. Next Meeting 4/4 @ 7:30

6.4. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

6.4.1. Meeting on Dec. 5th

Discussed the following 1) James B. and the concrete, 2) FEMA Plan is submitted, 3) Electrical work in the shop over Christmas- lights and plug ins, 4) School Vehicle, 5) FB Field updates (lights, restrooms, fencing) 6) Track- Fisher Track estimated \$550,000, 7) Windows in the band room

6.5. Preschool Advisory

6.5.1. Next Meeting Jan. 22, 2024 @ 6:30

7. Administrative Reports

7.1. Principal

7.1.1. Notes from Mr. Weaver- 1) Testing Incentives, 2) ESU Principals Meeting, 3) Christmas Plans/Schedule, 4) Student Teacher 5) Curriculum, 6) Bus Update

7-12 will have games and snacks the last day of the semester for students that improved on their test scores. We will be reviewing math curriculums for 7-12.

7.2. Superintendent

7.2.1. Notes from Mr. Dunn; 1) Retirement Letter, 2) Visions and Goals Jan. 3rd @ 6:00, 3) Supply Chain Assistance (\$10,365), 4) NRCSA Conference March 14 & 15 @ Kearney

A.D. Update- 1) Booster Club Update, 2) Go Fan, 3) Parking Pass

AD: Merging together Partners In Education and a new Booster Club. We began accepting credit/debit cards in the concessions stand. Auctioning parking passes to raise funds for the Booster Club.

Supt: KSB will be in Holdrege to discuss Hot Topics in Education Jan. 31.



8. Public Forum

9. Recess: Taken at 7:50-7:52 pm

10. Action Agenda Items

**10.1. Discuss and Take appropriate action on retirement of Superintendent Sam Dunn
Motion to accept, with regret, the retirement of superintendent Sam Dunn Passed with a motion by Allan Meyer and a second by Scott Schukar.**

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

**10.2. Discuss and take appropriate action on personnel matters in closed sessions
Motion to move into closed session for Superintendent Evaluation at 7:53 p.m. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Luke Thorell.**

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

11. Closed Session

Motion to move out of closed session at 8:08 pm Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Allan Meyer: Yea, Duane Schoff: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

12. Next Meeting Date

Board Workshop January 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting January 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairperson

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Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

In partnership with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through evolving educational methods.

