

HOLDREGE SCHOOLS
Holdrege High School

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May 1, 2009

Dear Students and Parents,

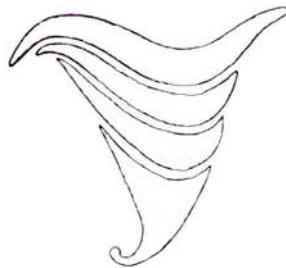
As May approaches and the weather changes indicate to us that another school year is about to conclude, we all pause to look back at what has happened at HHS since August. There was joy with victories and agony with defeats for our sports teams. Our fine arts programs gave us many memories of the beautiful and thought provoking talents that Holdrege students have within them. Books were read and discussed, formulas were used to solve problems and analysis of our world was conducted, all under the watchful eye of a dedicated teaching staff. Some may have memories of grand achievements or significant loss. What is most important though, is being able to look back at what we went through and asking, "What did we learn from these events and encounters? What do we know now that we didn't know before, and how can we put that knowledge to good use?" The answers to these questions are different for each of us, but hopefully, as we reflect on the 2008-2009 school year at Holdrege High School, we will all be able to say it was an experience that helped us to grow and develop into better people.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the graduating class of 2009. They are talented and ambitious young people with a tremendous number of opportunities ahead of them. Good luck to each of you who will proudly be known as a graduate of Holdrege High School! Although you will continue to face great challenges through the years, remember that you have a "choice" to make each day about your attitude and approach to life. It is this choice that gives you all the "power" you will ever need to be happy and successful. Thank you for a remarkable school year and good luck to all!

Sincerely,
Robert Drews, Principal
Holdrege High School

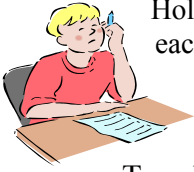
IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

- May 2 & 3 - HHS Musical "Music Man" @ The Tassel (7:30 & 1:30 respectively)
- May 3 - Baccalaureate 7:00pm @ Trinity Church
- May 4 - HHS Honors Night 7:00pm @ The Tassel
- May 5 - HS Evening of the Arts 6:00pm @ The Tassel
- May 7 - Seniors Last Day (Grad Rehearsal May 8 – 8:15am)
- May 10 - Graduation 2:00pm @ HHS Gymnasium
- May 19 & 20 - Semester Test Schedule 1:40pm Dismissal
- May 21 - Last Student Day 12:00 Noon Dismissal



SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE – SPRING 09:

Following is the schedule for semester tests at Holdrege High School on Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Students will be finished each day at 1:40 p.m.



Tuesday, May 19

STEP Groups	8:10-8:25
Period 1	8:30-9:30
Period 3	9:35-10:35
Period 4	10:40-11:40
LUNCH	11:40-12:40
Period 6	12:40-1:40

Wednesday, May 20

STEP Groups	8:10-8:25
Period 2	8:30-9:30
Period 5	9:35-10:35
Period 7	10:40-11:40
LUNCH	11:40-12:40
Period 8	12:40-1:40

EVENING WITH THE ARTS 2009: The schedule has been set for the annual HHS arts evening at The Tassel on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. Following is a listing of what is planned:

5:30 - 9:45 Art, Industrial Arts, Photography, Video Production, Family Consumer Science, Foreign Language, English and Creative Writing - displays in foyer and balcony

5:30 - 6:30 Industrial Tech - bridge competition - foyer

6:45 - 9:30 Choir & Instrumental Performances – beginning at 6:45 on stage

- Solo & Small Group #1

vocal solo - Haley Gabriel
duet – Hannah Tielke and Haley Gabriel
tuba solo – Adam Zebert
trumpet duet – Michael DeJonge and Tyler Ehlers

- Mixed Chorus

- Concert Choir

- Solo & Small Group #2

duet - Kendra Ritter and Tessa Shepherd
clarinet duet – Hailey Adkins and Paige Geiger
girls triple Trio
clarinet solo – Hailey Adkins

- National Art Honor Society - installation of new members & officers

- Industrial Tech BD - Bridge Building & Technical Writing Awards

- Gold Dust

- Solo & Small Group #3

trumpet duet – Joe Burr and Kendra Ritter
senior girls
flute solo – Michaela Gray
vocal solo - Bethany Knipp

- Jazz Band

- Solo & Small Group #4

vocal solo - Whitney Wagner
snare drum Solo – Eric Jones
vocal solo – Sara Ehresman

- Concert Band

9:30 - 9:45 Senior Salute – on stage

JUNIOR & SENIOR TRANSITION STUDENTS ATTEND BANQUET: HHS Transition Education students were in Minden on Monday, April 27th for the annual Junior Senior Banquet. The guest speaker at the Minden Opera House was Mr. William Evers of Maritime Services Corporation, who travels all over the world to restore and remodel cruise ships. After the presentation students toured Wardcraft Homes.



JUNIOR PARENTS: Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about Senior pictures. The yearbook will need two wallet sized photo of your Senior, Class of 2010. Before that busy senior year starts, schedule your son/daughter's seniors photos for early August. If you have any questions please call Mr. Buck, yearbook adviser.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE:

Seniors: Even though Honors Night is just around the corner let the guidance office know about any scholarships that come in late. We try to keep an accurate count of your awards. Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. If you decide to make changes in your college or career pursuits and need help this summer or even next year call the G.O. and we'll help you get started.

Juniors: Keep an eye open for scholarships all summer long. Ask your parents to see if scholarships are available through their work place, your church, possibly their insurance company and certainly through any fraternal organizations. Watch newspapers and magazines, sometimes scholarships are announced that way. Don't overlook summer college visits. If you'll be on vacation or if your folks have some time to see college campuses give me a call and I'd be glad to help set up tours. If you are interested in taking the next ACT exam it is available at Kearney High School on June 13, pick up a registration form in the guidance office or register on line at www.actstudent.org. Your ITED Achievement scores will be attached to your report cards.

Sophomores: Community service is a wonderful way to help others. It is also great to be able to list on your resume. Resumes are very important in the scholarship process that you will be working on before you know it.

Freshmen: Your ITED scores will be returned to you with your report cards. Have a great summer.



SUMMER SCHOOL AND CREDIT RECOVERY: Summer school is again being planned for the end of May and the beginning of June. Parents and students who are in need of credit recovery have received letters with details about the program. Please feel free to contact the HS office (995-6558) with any questions you may have.

HOLDREGE TEACHER ACCEPTED TO IVY LEAGUE WORKSHOP: Holdrege High School physics teacher, Tom Brestel has been selected as one of twenty chosen nationally for the second year physics workshop at Cornell University titled "Topics in Physics for Teachers". Classical and Modern Physics will be studied at this workshop. Mr. Brestel was also selected to attend a chemistry workshop at Cornell University titled "Contemporary Chemistry for Teachers". Topics such as equilibrium, organic chemistry, polymers, thermochemistry, electrochemistry and fuel cells will be studied at the chemistry workshop. The physics and chemistry workshops are funded by the Center for Nanoscale Systems located on the Cornell University campus in Ithaca, New York.



BECTON DICKINSON DRAFTING COMPETITION: Holdrege High School, in cooperation with Becton Dickinson, will be holding a Drafting/Bridge Building Competition at this years Evening of the Arts on Tuesday, May 5. Prizes for these two competitions are yet to be determined.

Drafting: For the drafting, students must complete a drawing of a specified object, including all dimensions needed to produce each part. The drawings must include 3 views or 2 views where necessary and a 3-D rendering of the part in the right hand corner of the drawing area. Students will use Inventor to draw the object. The drawings will be judged upon accuracy, completeness and ingenuity.



Bridge Building: For the bridge building, students are to build a bridge that spans a distance of 10 inches or more. The bridges will then be tested to see which one can hold the most weight. There will be three general grade level groupings for the contest and an overall prize as well. All students use only the materials that are provided in a kit and teams will consist of no more than 2 persons. Workshops with Mr. Williams, Mr. Shield and some BD engineers will be available for students who wish to attend.



DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASSES: The Nebraska Safety Center will again be offering driver education courses during the summer of 2009. If you are under 18 years of age, passing the course results in a waiver of the written and drive test at the driving examiner office. These courses conform to the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles and exceed the criteria established for insurance discounts. The class is two weeks in length (Monday-Friday). Classes will be conducted as follows:



Session 1 – June 1 thru June 12 (R&S June 2 and June 9 2:30-8:00pm)

*Class time: 8:30am-11:30am @ Holdrege High School

*Range & Simulation @ Nebraska Safety Center in Kearney

*On-Street Driving will be scheduled at an arranged time between the students and instructors.

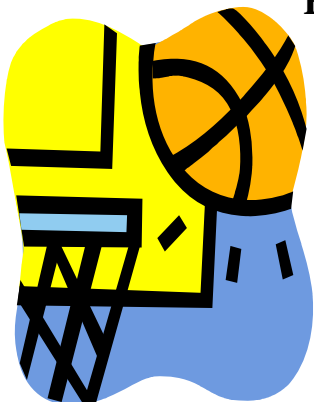
Session 2 – June 15 thru June 26 (R&S June 16 and June 23 9:00am -2:30pm)

*Class time: 8:30am-11:30am @ Holdrege High School

*Range & Simulation @ Nebraska Safety Center in Kearney

*On-Street Driving will be scheduled at an arranged time between the students and instructors.

More information and registration forms are available in the Holdrege High School Office.



HHS BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP 2009: Boys Basketball Camp Registration Forms were handed out to all boys grades 2-11 recently. The camp will take place May 26-29 at the High School gymnasium. If your son did not receive a brochure, please stop by any school office to pick one up or contact Coach Buck (jbuck@esu11.or - 995-6558). **The registration deadline is May 13.**

LADY DUSTER BASKETBALL CAMP 2009: The Lady Duster Basketball Camp will be from Monday, June 1st through Friday, May 5th. This camp is for girls entering grades three through twelve and the cost is forty dollars. Brochures can either be downloaded from www.ladydusterbasketball.com under the “Summer” link or by calling Coach Benjamin at 995-5200. **The deadline is Thursday, May 21st.**



HOLDREGE CHAPTER REPRESENTED AT STATE FFA CONVENTION:

Twenty Holdrege FFA members represented the Chapter at the 81st Annual State FFA convention in Lincoln, NE April 1-3rd. The theme for this year's convention was Step Up and Stand Out. Students competed in a variety of Career Development Events, served as delegates for convention sessions, listened and participated in several motivational and personal growth workshops, and collected several awards earned by the chapter and its members this year.

The Chapter was recognized as a Top 10% Chapter for its National Chapter Rating application. This application is a detailed summary of nearly all of the chapter activities for the past year. The Holdrege Chapter's application was rated a Gold Superior and will have the application forwarded to the National FFA this summer for further evaluation with over 720 chapters across the nation. This is the second time the Chapter has received this honor. The chapter also earned recognition as a Top Ten Chapter in the area of Chapter Safety Programs and a superior rating in Community Development.

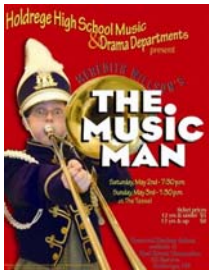
Senior members Clayton Parsons, Blake Rademaker, and Jeremy Vonasek earned their State FFA Degrees. The State Degree is the highest degree that members can earn through the State FFA Association. Next year they will be eligible for the American Degree which is the final and highest degree an FFA member can receive.

Most of the chapter members competed in the State Career Development Event contests while in Lincoln. The Agriscience team performed well as they received a seventh place purple placing. Doug Smith placed fifth overall and Rylee Easton earned a purple ribbon placing tenth and Nick Anderson received a blue placing earning 27th place overall. The other team member was Mike Suhr who just earned a team ribbon. The agronomy team of Logan Reed, Andrew Bergman, Jeremy Vonasek, and Lincoln Pearson placed high with a blue ranking. Logan Reed led the way with a blue placing, followed closely by Andrew Bergman who earned a red ranking. Chapter members Miranda Naslund, Jolee Sturgis, Michaela Gray, and Ashley Frost competed in the Ag. Communications Contest and received a red team placing. To lead the way, Miranda took home a purple ribbon in the press release contest and placed third overall. Michaela competed in the broadcasting contest, Ashley competed in the graphic design contest, and Jolee received a red placing in the news writing area. Next, the welding team of Blake Rademaker (MIG), Alec Frisell (Arc), and Clayton Parsons (Oxy/Act) competed. Clayton took home a red ribbon and Blake with a white. Finally, the meats team made up of Quin Becker, Mike Anderson, Ethan Hollertz, and Eric Buettner competed and Quin got a red ribbon in this State Contest.

There are problems in the Math Department - Go Figure!!

Congratulations to the graduating seniors of 2009!!! They are finishing up their final assignments in math, trying to stay focused on their lessons and run through the finish line. They are anxious to turn in their books, take their final exams and put this chapter of their lives behind them. They have worked hard and greatly increased their mathematical knowledge and skills this year which they will take with them as they pursue their dreams and goals. We wish all of you the very best as you graduate from Holdrege High School. Don't forget your mathematical equations and formulas. You'll be surprised how much you will use all those skills you didn't think were important. Congratulations from the math department!!

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COME HEAR "76 Trombones" at THE TASSEL: The Holdrege High School Music and Drama Departments are presenting Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" May 2 and 3 at The Tassel. The curtain opens Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 1:30. Reserved seating tickets may be purchased at Real Estate Connection, 421 East Ave., Holdrege, and tickets will be available at The Tassel box office the day of performances. Ticket prices are 12 and under \$5; 13 and up \$8.00.

Join the Holdrege Duster Band for....

SHOPPING

and Sweets

Saturday, May 16, 2009

In front of the South Doors of the High School

Yard sale & Bake Sale

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Don't miss this one! Something for everyone!

All proceeds going toward the Orlando Band Trip



NOTICE CONCERNING STAFF QUALIFICATIONS: The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 gives parents the right to get information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. Upon request, Holdrege Public Schools will give parents the following information about their child's classroom teachers:

- (1) Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- (2) Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or provisional teaching certificate.
- (3) The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher. You may also get information about other graduate certification or degrees held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

We will also, upon request, tell parents whether their child is being provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional. The request for information should be made to the principal in your child's school building. The information will be provided to you in a timely manner. Finally, Holdrege Public Schools will give timely notice to you if your child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet the requirements of the Act.

The Holdrege Public School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, marital status, disability, or age in admission or access to, or treatment of employment, in its programs and activities. The following person(s) has/have been designated to handle inquiries regarding complaints, grievance procedures or the application of these policies of nondiscrimination:

Title: Mrs. Cinde Wendell, Superintendent of Schools
Address: 505 14th Avenue, Holdrege, Nebraska 68949
Phone #: 308.995.8663

If parents, employees and students do not feel that their complaints regarding Title IX, Title VI, Section 504 have met with resolution at the local level, they can appeal their grievances to the regional Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. All appeals should be directed to the following address:

Office for Civil Rights
8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037
Kansas City, MO 64114
816-268-0550

FAX: 816-823-1404; TDD: 800-437-0833

Holdrege Public Schools Foundation Newsletter

www.thedusters.org

“Giving Back to Education”

May 2009

2009 Grants to be Awarded



The HPS Foundation Committee will meet in May to consider awards totaling \$4,000 for the 2009 Grant Program. Applications for projects that will enhance our students' educational experience have been received from teachers. Grant recipients will be announced at the Business After Hours (BAH) on May 13th.

The 2008 grant program impacted student learning in the areas of math, music, and vocational education.

Holdrege Duster Alumni Association

Work continues on the alumni database with a mailing to over 1,100 of the 1970's alumni nearly ready to go. Please register online at www.thedusters.org and help achieve the Foundation's goal to have a viable database that will help Holdrege High School Alumni keep connected.

The Holdrege Duster Alumni Association is growing! The 1960's alumni continue to respond with over \$9,000 in memberships in addition to a pledge for an estate gift of \$100,000!

Our next goal is to reach out to the 1950's alumni. If you are a Holdrege Alum, join us in our mission to enhance educational programs and give back to the students of HPS. Your investment is guaranteed dividends in any economic time. If you have questions or would like to be added to the e-mail list, please register from the Alumni tab at www.thedusters.org or call the Holdrege Public Schools Central Office at 995-8663.

REGISTER NOW for Golf Fundraiser!

Registration is now open for the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation 4-Person Scramble golf tournament on Saturday, July 18th at the Holdrege Country Club. This scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. For a modest entry fee, you and your teammates will enjoy 18 holes of golf, snacks, and a great lunch. You will have the opportunity to win flag prizes, and trophies will be given out to the top three teams.



Proceeds will be used to provide grants to enhance the educational efforts of students and teachers in the Holdrege Public Schools. Entry brochures and registration forms are available online at

<http://www.thedusters.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/HPS%20Foundation>

Brochures will also be available at the HPS Central Office, Phelps County Community Foundation, and the Holdrege Country Club.

Get to Know the HPS Foundation Committee

The HPS Foundation Committee has met many of the goals set for 2008-09. Their work will continue over the summer with grant awards, presentations at class reunions, alumni database management, fundraising, and setting goals for 2009-10.

Michele Ehresman, Chair

Tim Gustafson

Mike Waller

Rick Bergman (alternate)

Beth Allmand

Christi Anderson

Steve Kness

Vickie Lawrence

Sue Waller

Kathy Vetter

Cinde Wendell

Are You Planning a Reunion?

If so, please contact the school at 995-8663. The Foundation has informative materials for you to share with your classmates about what's going on at Holdrege High!

Join us In Our Effort to “Give Back to Education.”

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of loved ones, please contact the school or send a check to the Phelps County Community Foundation, HPS Foundation Fund.
(See address listed below.)

The Mission of the Holdrege Public Schools Foundation is to support and enhance the educational efforts of students and teachers by providing funding for innovative and challenging programs, learning experiences, and activities.

Phelps County Community Foundation, 701 4th Avenue, Suite 2A, Holdrege NE 68949 ~ (308) 995-6847 ~ www.phelpsfoundation.org

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MONTHLY HS NEWSLETTER

I am willing to help the school district with resources and would like to use an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter instead of receiving a hard copy through the US Postal System. Please use the following information to change your mailing list:

Please PRINT the following information:

Parent Name	Student(s) Name
Mailing Address	City, State Zip Code

Please CHECK one of the following:

- I would like to receive the newsletter by e-mail at the following address: _____
(e-mail address)

- I am willing to access the monthly newsletter on the school website in the HS Principal section and there is no need to e-mail or send a hard copy to my home.

Signature	Date
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Please return to the Holdrege High School Office.