

September 2016



Welcome Back!



It's hard to believe that another school year will be starting again! We are looking forward to another great year. Mark your calendar for our **Annual Back to School Open Houses:**

Stickney Elementary open house will be Monday, August 15th from 6-7 pm.

Corsica High & Jr. High open house will be Tuesday, August 16th from 6-7pm.

We encourage all students and parents to attend and pick up their registration packets and receive their locker assignments, find their new rooms and visit with their teachers if desired. Mr. Tuschen will be giving informational demonstrations at 6pm at both campuses on how to navigate DDN Campus on the website to access your student's grades and other information. Mrs. Slaba would like to meet with the Sr parents approximately 6:30pm at the Corsica campus.

Stay Informed: All Handbooks, Physical Forms, Daily menus, Daily bulletin memos, School Activity Calendars, Student Grade Portals, Standards, Common Core, and Curriculum Guidelines are all available on the C/S School website: corsica-stickney.k12.sd.us

We encourage everyone to check it frequently to keep up-to-date on all the activities and on any changes that occur along the way. The website will be kept as current as possible as we keep refining it and adding new items.

Notice: the school buildings at both campuses will be open at **7:45 AM** for students. **Please do not drop off students before this time as we do not have staff available to supervise.**

First Day of School is August 18th. Full Day--8:35 AM to 3:35 PM.

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 to 8:20 AM. Corsica/Stickney students will eat breakfast before leaving to school site. The morning student transport bus to will leave at 8:10 AM Sharp from each town. Note any student wanting breakfast---Serving will end at 8:20 AM. The evening bus will leave Corsica at 3:20pm straight to Stickney, when that bus arrives (approximately 3:35) the Corsica kids will leave for Corsica.

New meal prices for the 2016=2017 school year:

Breakfast Prices: K-12--\$1.70 (20 meals=\$34.00), Adult--\$2.10 (20 meals=\$42.00)

Lunch Prices: K-6--\$2.60 (20 meals=\$52.00), 7-12--\$3.10 (20 meals=\$62.00), Adult--\$3.60 (20 meals=\$72.00)

If you have children at both schools, you are welcome to write one check and we will apply it at both campuses. We just ask that you include a note stating how many lunches/breakfasts you are purchasing **and** for which child.

Preschool: (1st day August 19th)

Stickney...M-W-F 8:30-11:00am

Corsica.....M-W-F 1:00-3:30pm

Little Star Learners (3 yr olds):

Stickney...Tuesday mornings 8:30-11:30am (1st day August 23rd)

Corsica....Thursday mornings 8:30-11:30am (1st day August 20th)

Spots are still available if you have not registered your child!! The C/S School District is trying to update their census list of children in the community that are ages three and under. If you or someone you know has a child this age, please have them contact either school office (C-946-5475 or S-732-4221) to make sure they on our mailing list so we can keep them informed of school activities designed for their younger children.

School Pics: Once again Mark's Photography will be providing this service.

Corsica School Photos/Memory Mates for Grades 7-12 will be **Friday, August 19th** beginning at 8:00 AM.

Little Star/Pre-Schoolers are welcome to take their photos if they want prior 8:30am.

Stickney School photos will be on **Tuesday, August 24th** beginning around 8:00 AM for Grades K-6. Little

Star/Pre-Schoolers are welcome to take their photos if they want one at 8:00 AM.

If you have any questions please call the school at 946-5475 or 732-4221.

Homecoming: This year's homecoming is set for September 23rd against AC/DC. School will dismiss at 2:30pm with the Stickney parade at 3pm, Corsica parade set for 4:30pm, Tailgate at 5:00pm. Check the website for updates.

Box Tops: We are once again collecting Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup Labels, and pop tabs. *Please check the expiration date* on labels as we cannot redeem expired ones. We will be sending them in around the middle of October and again the middle of February. Remember it is only necessary to keep the UBC Code on the Campbell's labels. They can be dropped off at either office. The **Lion's Club** has collection buckets at both schools if you have old eyeglasses or cases you wish to donate.

Health Assessments: Aurora / Douglas County Health Nurses will be at the Corsica and the Stickney Campus to provide screenings on September 14th (information regarding health assessment screening was included in the school packets)

FLU SHOTS: The Aurora / Douglas County Health Nurses will be providing flu shots again this fall those interested. Information will be sent home with students at a later date.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 21st from 2:30-8:00pm at both campuses. School will dismiss at 1:30pm.

7th & 8th Grade Athletic Schedules: the current schedules are posted on the C/S website but are *tentative and subject to change!* Please check the weekly calendar for the most up-to date info.

Reminder: Vaccination requirements are changing for students entering 6th grade. Please make sure your child is up-to-date. If you have questions, please call either school office.

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Welcome to the Corsica-Stickney School for the 2016-17 School year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the Corsica-Stickney School for 2016-17 school year. It is with much anticipation that we can look forward to another successful school year for our Corsica-Stickney Community.

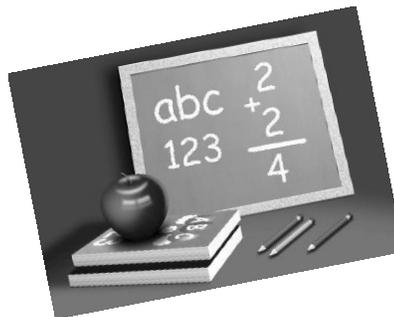
Many tasks have been undertaken this summer to improve the school for students as we enter the new school year. Elementary Students will have new Science materials along with a room dedicated for Science labs in the grade school building. They will also be greeted by new student desks and chairs along with some of the classrooms freshly painted. Students will also have new play system, enlarged black top playground area, and some added basketball hoops. To the students, I wish to say this is all done for you and we hope you enjoy the improvements and that you be good stewards of the new items presented to you so it may last for many years. We will also be adding a bus shed to house our busses at the Stickney site.

At the high school course offerings will expand some with a two track math offering, PE for 11th and 12th graders along with the some classes also changing sequence. The music program also will see some expansion with additional personnel and an online Fine Arts Appreciation course. New computers have been added for the 7th graders and 9th graders. The football lights from Stickney have been moved to the football field in Corsica to improve the lighting and a new roof has been installed at the high school building. The new activity bus should be arriving in early September which is a 71 passenger bus with underneath storage. We hope all this will be a benefit for students.

We look forward to student/school success in academics and activities. It is our desire that students of all grades to be focused on making the most of their education while attending Corsica-Stickney School. We celebrate the opportunities and challenges of another school year within the Corsica-Stickney Community and the Great State of South Dakota.

Best of luck to 2016-17 Jaguar Community.

Scott Muckey, Superintendent.



GREETINGS!

It is with so much excitement that I welcome each and every one of our students back to school. We have made many improvements in the elementary building over the summer. We will be sitting in brand new desks, playing on new playground equipment, learning from brand new Science textbooks, and many of the rooms have had a fresh coat of paint. I have truly enjoyed the summer vacation, but cannot wait to see each and every one of you on August 18th. Enjoy your last couple weeks of summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kemp
Elementary Principal



A Message from the New Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Community Members:

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016-2017 school year. My name is Andrew Fergen and I am excited to start my first year in the Corsica/Stickney School District. I grew up around the Parkston area and I am excited to be closer to home. My wife Heather and I are already settling in, and our young toddler son Jerome loves having a yard to play in each day.

My teaching career started in 2009 in White Lake. After two years teaching K-12 PE, various social studies courses, being the head football coach, and various other duties, budget cuts across the state caused me to seek employment in another district. I next found myself teaching World History in Sturgis and coaching football and wrestling. Wanting to be closer to family, I relocated to Sully Buttes High School in Onida for the last four years. While there I again coached football and wrestling, in addition to my various 8-12 social studies teaching assignments.

This year I will be the 7-12 principal, activities director, high school physical education teacher, driver's education teacher, and junior high football coach. As a man that will be wearing many hats, I will enjoy the successes and challenges that present themselves. My goal as an administrator, teacher, and coach is to build positive relationships with students, staff, and community members on the principles of respect and trust.

You may be wondering why I chose the Corsica-Stickney School District. Upon first looking at your website I could see you have great test scores, but in interviewing with the district I saw much more. This district puts students first. You all have great success in educating students. Students are given a wide range of successful curricular and extra-curricular activities that push students and meet all of their needs.

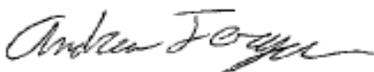
Students, I look forward to you entering the CSHS building this fall. You bring much joy and excitement for learning with you each day when you enter the building. I want to see you challenged and rising to the challenging expectations that are given to you. I know you all have the potential to become great members of our society.

Staff, it has already been a pleasure to meet a few of you, and I'm excited to soon meet everyone else. My goal is to listen and be attentive to the needs of the staff, particularly when you have questions or concerns that would best meet student needs. I want to be a leader that keeps the ship rowing in the right direction and at the right speed.

Community members, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. It is my intention to share school happenings and events. I want to be an active member in the school and community as a whole.

I know this school district is proud of its many successes we have with our students via academics and athletics. Let's continue to work together to make CSHS and the entire school district the best it can be.

Sincerely,



Mr. Andrew Fergen

Jr High/High School Principal



New 6th Grade Vaccination Requirements

Messaging to inform parents of 6th graders for the 2016-17 school year:

The South Dakota Department of Health (DOH) is now revising its administrative rules to require both the Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) and MCV4 (Meningococcal ACYW) vaccines for entry into the 6th grade beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Vaccine requirements for kindergarten entry have been in place for many years but this will be the first such requirement for middle school entry in South Dakota.

The change is a direct result of Senate Bill 28, which was passed by the 2016 South Dakota Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Dugaard. SB 28 adds meningococcal infection to the list of diseases specified in [South Dakota Codified Law 13-28-7.1](#) for which Department of Education, based on recommendations from the Department of Health can require vaccination for school entry in South Dakota.

With the change, school entry requirements for South Dakota 6th grade students include:

- One dose of Tdap vaccine
- One dose of MCV4
- The requirements apply only for 6th grade entry and transfer students 6th – 12th grade
- If a child is 10 years old when entering the 6th grade they have 45 days after their 11th birthday to be vaccinated

The DOH utilizes the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine which vaccines are necessary. See

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/who/teens/downloads/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf>.



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[Schools will be required to report immunization data of 6th grade students yearly to the DOH just as they currently do with kindergarten students.](#)

[Since this is a new requirement, providers should expect an increase in demand for Tdap and MCV4 vaccines. Both of these vaccines are covered by the Vaccines for Children program and most insurance plans should offer first dollar coverage for them as well.](#)

[While only Tdap and MCV4 are being added as middle school requirements, providers are encouraged to review the entire vaccination status of the patient and immunize for other recommended vaccines.](#)

Please contact the Corsica-Stickney Elementary school at 732-4221 with any questions or concerns.



2016-2017 Jaguar Apparel

Once again the Booster Club will be taking orders for **Jag apparel**. This year they will be offering a T-shirt, a long sleeved T-shirt, a sweatshirt, and a polo shirt. Samples will be available to look at during both open houses. If you cannot attend the open house and want to see the samples, please contact Carla Plamp or Jen Johnson. They will also be selling **Football T-shirts**, these will be available for purchase at the open houses as well.

Mark your calendar:

First Football game on Friday, August 26th –vs Colome at Corsica. **KMIT** will be doing a live-remote and the Booster Club will be serving a freewill **Tailgate** meal from 5-6:30pm in the Corsica Commons area. More info to come.

