

At this time starting the 21-22 school year will be as normal as we can make it and that depends on infections--We know our school year may change day to day with the Covid-19 Potential. We plan to follow guidance from the SD Dept. of Education in conjunction with Dept. of Health and the CDC. Schools have a unique environment and we have limited tools to combat the Covid problem. Please help us by checking your student for symptoms before sending them to school. If any of the Covid Symptoms are present keep them home and consult your physician. In order for us to keep the school year as normal as possible we must avoid as best we can the infection in the school environment.

<u>Stay Informed</u>: 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.

<u>Supplies list</u>: A copy of this year's school supply list is available on the school website's home page.

**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. On days we have a 10am start, breakfast will not be served and the shuttle buses will leave from their respective towns at 9:30am.

### First Day of School is Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Full Day--8:35 AM to 3:35 PM.

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 to 8:20 AM. Corsica/Stickney bus 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 PM shuttle will leave Corsica at **3:10pm** and go to Stickney, arriving approximately **3:25pm.** The shuttle will return with students arriving in Corsica approximately **3:40pm**.

### New meal prices for the 2020-2021 school year:

Breakfast Prices: K-12—free, Preschool-\$1.80 (20 meals=\$36.00), Adult--\$2.20 (20 meals=\$44.00) Lunch Prices: K-12—free, Preschool-\$2.85 (20 meals=\$57), Adult--\$4.05 (20 meals=\$81.00)

### Preschool: Monday- Friday (1<sup>st</sup> day August 17<sup>th</sup>)

Stickney.....8:30-11am Corsica..... 1:00-3:30pm

Spots are still available if you have not registered your child!! The C/S School District is trying to update their <u>census</u> <u>list</u> 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.

<u>Corsica</u> School Photos/Memory Mates for Grades 7-12 will be *Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>* beginning at 8:00 AM. Pre-Schoolers are welcome to take their photos if they want prior 8:15am.
<u>Stickney</u> School photos will be on *Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>* beginning around 8:00 AM for Grades P-6. Younger children 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 August 27<sup>th</sup> vs. the Sully Buttes Chargers (Colors: Purple/Gold) ...theme is "Decades". Please check the school's website for a link with updated info. about Homecoming week.

**Box Tops:** We are once again collecting **Best Choice** UPC 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. They can be dropped off at either office. **Box Tops for Education** has changed to a phone/scan app, please see note on another page for complete information. We WILL NOT be collecting **Box Tops for Education** at school, it is all done online now.

<u>Old eyeglasses or cases</u>: The Lion's Club has collection buckets at both schools if you have old ones you wish to donate.

**FLU SHOTS:** The Aurora / Douglas County Health Nurses will be providing flu shots again this fall those interested. Corsica campus will have theirs on October 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am. Stickney campus will have theirs on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2-3:45pm.

<u>Screenings for Birth to 5</u> year olds will be September 1st –AM in Stickney, PM in Corsica.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: October 5<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup>.

<u>New teachers</u>: C/S Elementary welcomes lots of new faces this year. Jenna Menning-Preschool, Jessica Juhnke-6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Dave Guericke, Guidance Counselor, Mandy Lewis-middle school, LaDawn Wolbrink-Science. Changing duties are-Kylee Hongslo-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Title-Computers-Ashley Olsen, Ferra Kemp-Elementary Vocal, Miranda Paulson-HS Vocal. Welcome to the team!

<u>Reminder</u>: Vaccination requirements have changed for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please make sure your child is up-to-date. If you have questions, please call either school office.

### **NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The Corsica-Stickney School monthly Newsletter is available online in color. A link to click on is on the Corsica-Stickney Web page so you can view the newsletter as well as print it off for yourself if you desire. If you want the newsletter in black & white paper form, please contact the Stickney office.

### Welcome to the Corsica-Stickney School for the 2021-22 School year.

Welcome to the 21-22 School Year

Parents/Students we welcome everyone back with a 1<sup>st</sup> day of school on Tuesday August 17, 2021. We look forward to starting a new school year! Unfortunately, we still find ourselves planning for uncertain situations regarding Covid-19 issues. Our objective continues to focus on balancing health and well-being with the best education process for students/parents/staff.

This year we will continue to ask parents to check with your student in regard to symptoms of covid-19 before sending your student to school. We also request if they are positive for any symptoms or ill please consult with your physician/clinic for current advice as situations continue to update. Please don't send them to school being ill. We will attempt to keep the school environment free of the virus so we can have normal classroom attendance as much as possible.

If students are running a temperature they should not get on the bus or come to school. The webpage will also have information links for you to explore.

At this time, we have 4 basic defenses against the virus. We encourage you to check on shot availability for your student and yourself. Please consult your personal physician. We will encourage everyone to attempt to social distance as best we can and in school we will attempt to do this, but at times this is not possible to get the common 3 ft. distance. We encourage masks when it is situationally appropriate. One of the most appropriate times would be the shuttle bus between Corsica and Stickney. If you have to cough or sneeze you should cover your mouth or nose with your elbow/Kleenex. The other item of defense is to wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer. There will be hand sanitizer located at the entrance of buildings and in each classroom. Upon entering buildings, it would be good to wash or sanitize hands. We also will be using UV lights as we did last year to assist in helping to kill germs in our buildings.

The DOH/CDC/DOE all have said we must be flexible because what we have to do for educational setting is dependent upon the number of virus cases. We intend to have in person as per normal educational routine operations all the way to returning to complete e-learning. The school district now has the capability of suppling each student grades 1-12 with a laptop computer. The number of virus cases will impact how we deliver education to students—We hope to be in our classrooms, but there is no way to rule out moving along a continuum of how education is delivered due to the volume of virus cases.

We ask all to be patient and cooperative as we go about the business of educating students. Again we hope to give students as much of a full educational experience as safely as possible for all.

Thank you.

Scott Muckey, Supt Corsica-Stickney School





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### We have lots of new faces this year... here's a brief introduction to our new teachers:

#### Mandy Lewis—Middle School ELA

My name is Mandy Lewis. I grew up on a farm near Fedora. I graduated from South Dakota State University with a degree in early childhood and elementary education. This will be my eleventh year teaching. I have taught in Gettysburg, Arlington, and at John Paul II in Mitchell. I'm excited to be a Jaguar!

#### David Guericke--Counselor

I've been in education for many years. I have worked as a school counselor, teacher, middle school principal and math coach. I have spent most of my career working with Native American children. I feel very fortunate to be part of the Corsica-Stickney community and school system. Over the years, I have met many people in the community through the Gideon organization. As K-12 counselor, I have the opportunity to work with students of all grade levels and I am looking forward to it.

### Jenna Menning—Preschool

Hi, my name is Jenna Menning. I graduated from Platte-Geddes High School in 2016 and moved to Sioux Falls to attend the University of Sioux Falls. I graduated in 2020 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and a minor in English Language Learner. On June 18, 2021, I married Clayton Menning, which brought me to Corsica! This will be my first year teaching in the Corsica-Stickney School District and my first year coaching junior high volleyball.

### LaDawn Wolbrink—Science

I graduated from South Dakota State University in 2013 with a BS in Animal Science with minors in Chemistry and Agronomy. I had originally intended on pursuing a career as a large animal/mixed practice veterinarian, but decided to take a different route, even after being accepted into the Vet Program at Iowa State University. I achieved my Master's Degree in Secondary Education online through Black Hills State University and graduated in May 2015.

I began teaching at Dakota Christian School in the fall of 2014 while still taking my classes online to earn my teaching degree. I taught 7-12 Science classes there for 7 years. I am very excited to be joining the Jaguar team! This has been a dream of mine for many years. Although I have lived here my whole life, I look forward to getting to know the students better and become more involved in the community!

### Ashley Olsen-Title I/Computers

Hello all! Welcome back to another school year. I am looking forward to serving you and your child this year in a new position! I will be teaching Title I and Computers this year and I am really looking forward to it. I'm excited to expand on their technology skills and start some basics of Coding as well!

### Kylee Hongslo-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

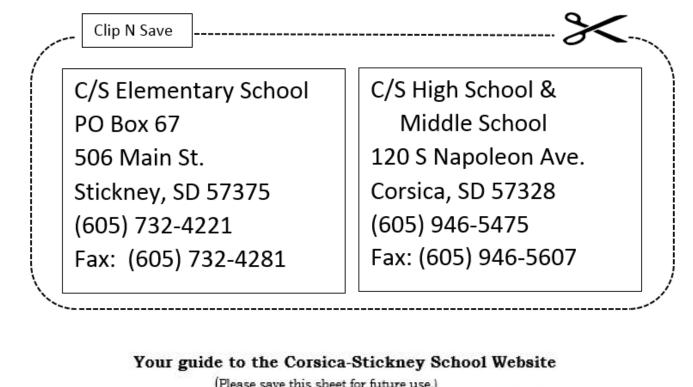
Hello! My name is Kylee Hongslo. This will be my 5th year teaching. I have taught Preschool here at Corsica-Stickney the past 2 years, but this year I am going to be teaching 5th grade. I am also the Head Volleyball coach. I live in Corsica with my husband Ryan and my daughter Brylee. I am super excited for this year to begin! :

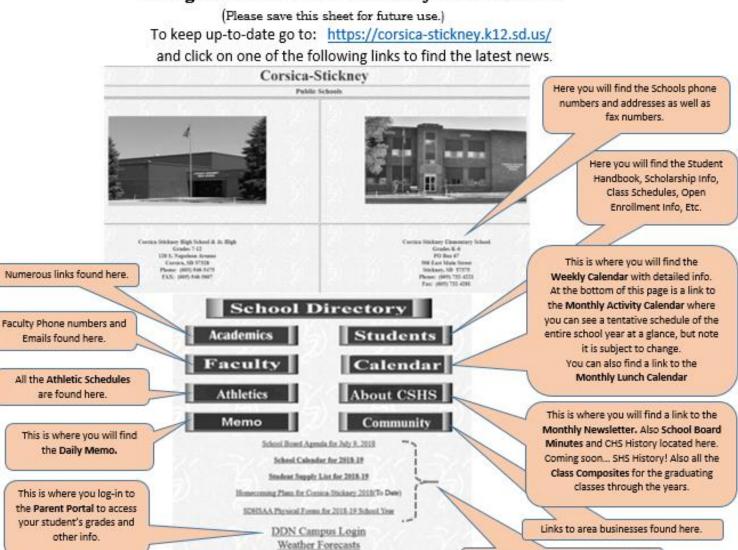
#### Jessica Juhnke-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

My name is Jessica Juhnke the new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher! I graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in May 2021 after student teaching in first grade in Corsica-Stickney. This will be my first year of teaching and I am excited! I have been an assistant volleyball coach the last 2 years and am thrilled to be able to continue coaching as well. I live in Stickney, SD with my husband, Tyler, and our four children. I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

### Al Munneke-Bus Driver

Al will be taking over Gene Tastad's former route in Stickney.





Links to current events often found here.