

April



2025

Spring

From the desk of Ron Swier:
 Mar. 24 to May 2—Smarter Balance Test window
 April 2—Douglas Memorial Hospital Career Fair for Sophomores
 April 9-- Freshman impact day at Armour

Preschool Transition Night will be on Monday, April 14th at 6:00 pm in Stickney. This is for all students who will be 4 years old by September 1 of 2025 and will begin Preschool next fall.

Corsica-Stickney High School Junior-Senior prom is scheduled for Friday, April 4th. All prom activities will be held at the Corsica-Stickney High School Gymnasium. Prom decorations follow the Neon Disco theme, and CS Entertainment from Colman, SD will provide the music for the dance. Mark's Photographic Images of Armour, SD will be providing professional photographs. Professional class and couple photos will be taken prior to the banquet. Junior-Senior banquet catered by Rollin' Smoke will begin at 7PM. Grand March is at 8PM, admission is free. Activities will continue with the crowning of 2025 prom king and queen. King candidates include: Tanner Bartelt, Jett Kemp, and Jaxson Muck. Queen candidates include: Sophie De Lange, Sydney Spaans, and Cali Vanden Hoek. Following the Grand March, photos with the public will be taken. The public is asked leave promptly at 9PM so that the dance may proceed. After-Prom party activities will take place from 11:30-3:00AM at Village Bowl in Mitchell, SD and a breakfast buffet following at Corsica Travel Plaza.

PROM



Reminder you can find a copy of our Title I School wide plan, LEA Plan, Parent/Teacher/School Compact, District Parent Engagement, and School Parent Engagement policies on the school's webpage under the Academics tab or Students tab.

FYI you can see what assessments your student will be taking by checking out the school website Home Page and clicking on South Dakota District Testing Dates 24-25.



Title I Tidbits

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It is hard to believe that the calendar says April already. We are thankful though as we look forward to warmer weather! This month we are gearing up for the South Dakota Math and English Language Arts Assessments, formally known as, Smarter Balanced Testing. No matter what your personal feelings are on high-stakes testing, there is no escaping the reality that these assessments will be an important part of your child's academic experience. Every parent wants to see their student experience success in the classroom. So, what is the best way to help your child prepare for high-stakes tests—and keep a healthy mindset while doing so? **Here are some simple tips for parents to help your child be at his or her best on testing days.**

1. Make sure your child gets a **good night's sleep** and **eats a healthy breakfast** on testing days.
2. Try not to put too much pressure on the student. Reinforce that as long as they work hard and do their absolute best you will be proud of them.
3. Keep a **positive attitude** about testing in general around your child and emphasize their ability to demonstrate what they have learned.
4. Remind the students that the **test is important and it is important that they try their absolute best.**
5. Encourage your child to stay focused on the test, even if other students finish early. Remind them they don't have to be done just because the students around them are finished. **Take your time and do YOUR best work.**
6. Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions from the teacher and to read the directions and each question carefully. **There is no reward for being the first one done!**
7. Remind them to answer all questions even if they are unsure of the answer. Remind them to do their best and make the best guess as needed.
8. A **positive attitude** goes a long way! Help your child **feel positive** and **confident** about taking the test and doing their best.

The assessments will be given to students in grades 3-5 beginning the week of April 7th and ending on April 25th. The students will be testing from about 8:45 a.m. till about 10:30 a.m. each day. Please if at all possible, try to schedule appointments around this testing schedule. Attendance is so important during this time period. **Each individual teacher will be sending home testing information in the days to come.** Thanks for your support in making this a positive stress free testing month.



The C/S Jaguars girls BB season came to end after a nail biting 43-45 loss to Sanborn Central-Woonsocket in the SODAK 16 played in the Mitchell Corn Palace. The Jags cruised by Gregory 59-35 and AC/DC 50-22 in Region 5 play to advance to the SODAK 16.

The girls will end the year with a 15-7 record.



STAT girls →Ashlyn, Presleigh & Miley

Girls BB





Boys BB

The Jags boys BB team beat the AC/DC Thunder in a thrilling overtime game with a 47-45 win, in the second round of Region 5 play.

The Jags then had to play back to back because of weather postponements and fell to the #1 seeded Gregory Gorillas in the Region 5 finals at the Mitchell Corn Palace the next afternoon. The Jags boys BB team will end the season with a record of 12-10.

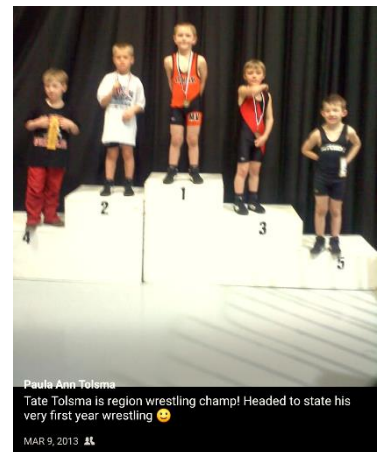
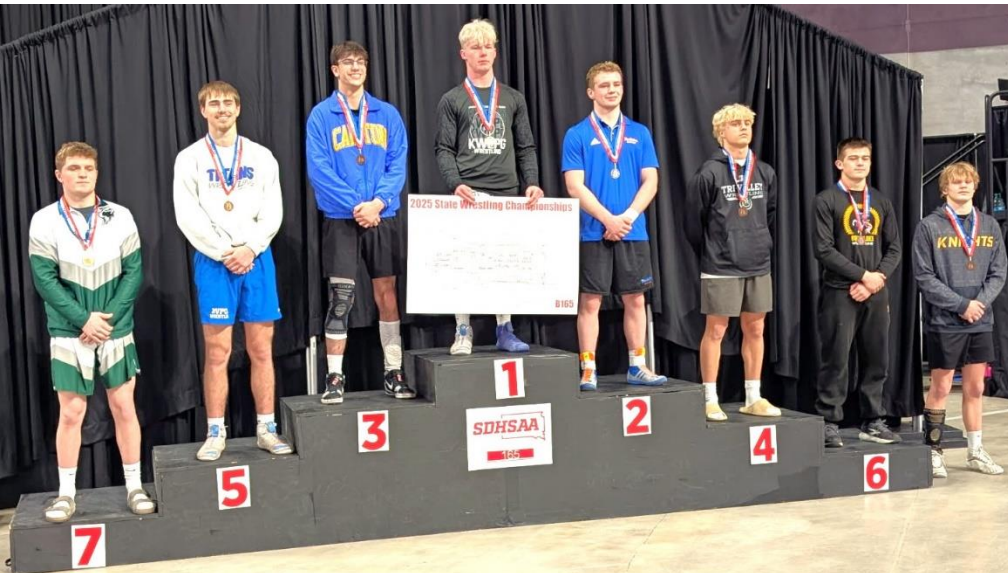
Special CONGRATULATIONS shout out to Tyson Wentland who set a new C/S school record for most points scored during their high school career. Colin Wiczorek, 2008-2011, held the previous record with 1,151 points. Tyson ended his career with **????** points.





Wrestling Congrats Tate!

Tate Tolsma placed 5th at the State Wrestling Tournament in Rapid City, held Feb 27, 28, and March 1. The MVPCS Titans took five state qualifiers and one alternate and placed four of them in the finals. Tate's coach, Shay Johnson has been with him since AAU Youth Wrestling and thru middle school wrestling. They have become very close! Tate made it to state his very first year of wrestling as a kindergartener and finished his career again at State as a senior. Congratulations with your hard work and dedication, it paid off with you standing on that podium. 5th place in the state at 165#.



Paula Ann-Tolsma
Tate Tolsma is region wrestling champ! Headed to state his very first year wrestling 🏆
MAR 9, 2013



FACS of Life

As we wrap up another exciting month in our Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes, there's plenty to celebrate and look forward to! From service projects to hands-on learning experiences, our students have been engaged in a variety of enriching activities. Here's a look at what's been happening in class this past month and what's coming next!

Leadership in Action

Our Leadership students have been hard at work organizing another service project to be completed right here on campus. Their dedication to making a difference continues to inspire, and we look forward to seeing their efforts come to life in the coming weeks!

8th Grade FCS: Understanding Human Development

In 8th Grade Family and Consumer Sciences, students have kicked off an exciting unit on Human Development. Through engaging discussions and activities, they are gaining a deeper understanding of the stages of growth and development that shape us all.

Nutrition and Wellness II: Culinary Tour of Europe

Our Nutrition and Wellness II students have just wrapped up their studies of France, where they explored traditional dishes and cooking techniques. Next, we're heading to Germany to explore the local cuisine and will soon be preparing a meal traditionally eaten in that region. Get ready for some delicious flavors and cultural insights!

Interior Design: Blueprint for Success

Interior Design students have been working on interior backgrounds as they gear up for their final project. Soon, they'll be designing a 1,500-square-foot home from start to finish, applying all they've learned about space planning, color schemes, and design principles.

Child Development: Caring for Our Littlest Learners

Child Development students have been focusing on infant care, learning the essentials of nurturing and supporting a baby's development and growth. The excitement is building as they prepare to take home the RealCare babies soon, gaining firsthand experience in caring for an infant.

FCCLA: Ready for State Competition

Our FCCLA members are putting the finishing touches on their projects in preparation for the State Meeting, which will be held April 27-29. Their hard work and dedication will surely shine as they present their projects and compete at the state level. Best of luck to all our participants!

March has been a month full of growth, exploration, and preparation for future successes. We can't wait to see what the next month has in store for our FACS students. Stay tuned for more updates as our students keep learning and creating!

Jess De Vries,
FACS Teacher

South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association

2025 Hall of Shrine-Mike Tuschen

During the recent 2025 Boys State Basketball Tournament in Aberdeen, our own Coach Tuschen was inducted into the SD BB Coaches Hall of Shrine.

Mike Tuschen graduated from Mr. Vernon High School in 1978 and Dakota State University in 1982. He started his teaching and coaching career at Stickney and then continued his position when Corsica and Stickney consolidated in 2015.

Mike has been a coach for girls' basketball, assistant for football, grade school and junior high basketball, summer baseball programs, and varsity boys' basketball at Stickney and Corsica-Stickney. He was the head boys' basketball coach for 37 years compiling a career record of 567 wins and 267 losses. During those years, his teams won 19 conference championships and appeared in eight state tournaments with 2 state championships (2002 and 2011). At Stickney, the teams made six State B appearances with a 1st, two 3rd places, one 5th place, and two 6th place finishes. At Corsica-Stickney, they made two State B appearances placing 1st and 5th.

Mike has been selected Region Coach of the Year, five times by the Basketball Coaches Association. Mike was a South Dakota Coach of the Year nominee in 1993 and 2002. Mike was selected as South Dakota Coach of the Year in 2011.

Mike retired from coaching in 2021, continues to reside in Stickney, SD and still teaches part-time.



Note from Coach Tuschen:

This honor represents all the great student-athletes I have had the honor to coach. Thank you to the communities for their support. A special thank you to my family: wife Sandy, son Aaron (senior starter in the 2002 1st place finish), and daughter Amber for all their sacrifices and support.



Pictured above left is Mike, Sandy, daughter Amber Blom and her family who were able to be in Aberdeen to help celebrate. Below is Mr. T surrounded by the Corsica campus staff and students congratulating him on his award.





Teacher of the Year



Corsica-Stickney School recently presented their **Teacher of the Year** award to Mrs. Sheryl Muckey. Mrs. Muckey currently teaches 4th grade at the elementary campus in Stickney. This is the second time she has won this award.

Nomination form: *Mrs. Muckey is a wonderful teacher. She is kind, caring, and meets students where they are at. My son always disliked school. When friends and family would ask, "How is school?" He would typically respond "Not good." In 4th grade, when he is asked that question, he responds positively. He is reading without me having to force him. My child's grades and attitude towards school have improved in 4th grade and I feel this is truly because of her dedication and patience with her students.*

Following are some responses she gave to questions:

How long have you been teaching? *I have been teaching for 42 years. 36 years have been in 4th grade.*

What is your favorite subject to teach & why? *My favorite subject to teach is math. I enjoy breaking down difficult concepts so that they are easier to understand.*

What is your favorite memory from all these years? *I don't have one particular favorite memory because each year brings new and interesting moments. I always enjoy when we get to the point in the year that the class is working together as a learning community. Everyone is focused and they are supporting each other in their learning.*

How has your job changed over the years? *I think one of the biggest changes in education is the use of technology. Technology makes it much faster and easier to create teaching materials. Computers, the internet, and promethean boards bring so much more information into the classroom that students can use to expand their worlds. What hasn't changed is the relationships. We have a great group of students and staff. Everyone is needed to create a school environment that is positive and productive. I enjoy coming to school every day and I feel blessed that this has been my life for all these years.*



Surprising Mrs. Muckey to help her celebrate were her mother, Irma Beukelman of Madison, her brother, Stephen Beukelman of Sioux Falls, her son and daughter-in-law, Erik and Sadie Muckey from Sioux Falls, along with her husband, Scott Muckey.



CORSICA-STICKNEY ELEMENTARY
MARCH 17TH, 2025

SPRING Concert

5TH GRADE BAND

AMBASSADOR MARCH.....LARRY CLARK
SAILORS HOLIDAY.....MARK WILLIAMS

K-5TH CHOIR

JUBA JIVE.....3RD & 4TH RECORDERS
WADE IN THE WATER.....ARR. BRAD PRINTZ
TOUCH THE SKY.....ARR. MAC HUFF
AIKEN DRUM.....ARR. BLAKE RICHTER
HERE COMES THE SUN.....GEORGE HARRISON
ROCKY TOP.....ARR. CRISTI MILLER
BE THE CHANGE.....LAURA FARNELL
LET FREEDOM RING.....JERRY ESTES

DIRECTED BY MRS. KEMP & MRS. PAULSON



5th Grade Band

3rd-4th Gr Recorders



K-5th Gr Vocal





Student of the Month



Spirit Card Donation



American Bank & Trust representatives, Karli Spaans and Tara Wiczorek present Elementary Principal, Ferra Kemp with a check for \$1088 from proceeds from their Spirit Card program. The funds will go towards a new flagpole and memorial display in front of the new elementary building. AB&T donates yearly to our school.

You can help by applying for and using a C/S Jaguar Spirit card...contact the bank for more information.

Dr. Seuss Week



The Lorax

The Sleep Book



One Fish, Two Fish

Wocket in my Pocket

Oh the Places You'll Go



