

2024 December

Looking ahead...Christmas break will begin on December 20 with a 12:30pm dismissal. Classes will resume on January 2, 2025. No school on January 20-Martin Luther King, Jr day and Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for January 30.



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.



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It's **BOOK FAIR** time!

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**You're Invited to the
Corsica-Stickney Elementary Book Fair
December 5, 2024
5:30p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Online sales begin Dec.2 thru Dec.15
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/corsicastickneyelemschl>**



Shop with Book Fair eWallet for cash-free purchases

Title I Tidbits

Happy
Holidays!



We are now in the time of year that we find ourselves inside more spending quality time with our families. This is a great time to engage in some family friendly activities that promote literacy. There is plenty of research that says that children raised in homes that promote family literacy grow up to be better readers and do better in school than children raised in homes where literacy is not promoted. **Why not give the gift of books instead of toys this holiday season!**

We know that promoting family literacy is important to future reading and school success. While family literacy activities are often based in reading, there are lots of other ways families can implement literacy activities at home: through picture books, songs, poetry, storytelling, playing board or card games, visiting a library, and reading together.

Family literacy is defined as home literacy activities that provide literacy skill-building opportunities for young children while enhancing literacy skill development in all members of the family. These activities should be started as early as preschool and continue throughout High School.

Modeling reading to children is also important for literacy development at all ages. We are having a Book Fair the night of the Christmas Concert Thursday December 5, from 5:30-8:30 at the Corsica-Stickney Elementary school in the Music Room. Online ordering is also available beginning Dec. 2nd thru Dec. 15th. Use this website to access our online Book Fair.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/corsicastickneyelemschl>

Here is a list of board games that promote literacy (Reading and Math) for all ages

Tall Tales	Scrabble	Old Maid	Phase 10
Sequence Letters	Monopoly	Go Fish	Rummikub
Sequence Junior	Boggle	Bingo	Sequence
Numbers			
Apples to Apples	Hedbanz	Yahtzee	Tenzi
Read My List	Dominoes	Memory	Quirkle
Outburst	Blurt!	Smart Mouth	Scattergories Jr.
Cranium Jr.	Zingo Bingo	Farkle	PayDay
Scattergories	Apples to Apples Jr.	Hi! Ho! Cherry-O	Boggle Jr.
Twister Scrabble	Head Full of Numbers	Proof!	Lady Bug Game
Snap if Up!	Sequence Letters	The Sneaky Snacky Squirrel	

All of these games are available on Amazon.

Reading literacy involves phonics, decoding, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. Math literacy involves, number sense, problem solving, computation, and explanation. These are the skills that we teach in school and we hope you will help us reinforce them at home by taking the time to implement some family literacy activities in to your daily schedules. Our joint efforts will result in our students being more successful in our schools.

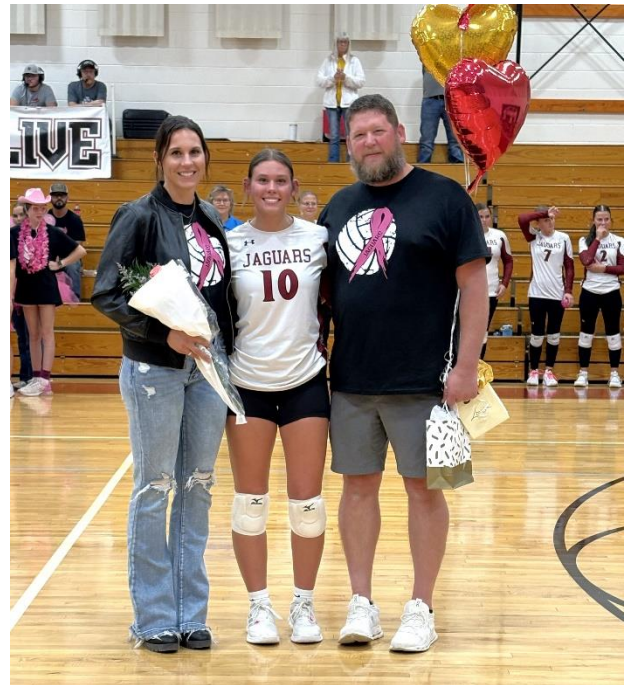
All of us here at school wish you and your families a safe a happy Holiday Season! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



End of the Season

Above: Football parent's night. The Jaguars finished the season 7-3 after falling to the future State title holders-Sully Buttes, in the quarterfinal playoffs. We had beat Herreid-Selby Area in the first round playoff game.

Right: Volleyball parent night for our lone Senior Paige. The Jaguars finished the season 14-12 as we beat Lyman in the 2nd round of playoffs and then lost to Gregory in the SoDak Qualifier round.



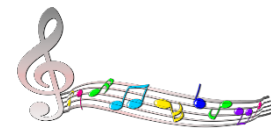
Oral Interp: Corsica-Stickney's Reader's Theater attended the **District** Oral Interpretation Meet on Wednesday, November 6th at the River Tree Church in Mitchell.

The ensemble titled "Barnyard Slam" featured Tanner, Cali, Max, Peyton, Jaxson and Jett. They placed 1st out of 5 entries.

These performers and this piece advanced to the **Region** Oral Interpretation Meet on Tuesday, November 19th at the River Tree Church in Mitchell where they placed second out of 6 and will advance to the **State** Oral Interpretation Meet on Friday, December 6 at Sturgis High School. This Class B category is scheduled to perform at 9am MT.



Honor Choirs



On November 1st and 2nd, four Corsica-Stickney High School Choir members went to Sioux Falls to participate in the South Dakota All-State Choir. Presleigh, Saylor, Owen, and Jett practiced all day Friday and Saturday with around 900 other South Dakotan students. The students gave a wonderful concert performing the "Star Spangled Banner" with the South Dakota All-State Orchestra, "Veni Sancte Spiritus (KV47)" by Mozart, "Sure On This Shining Night" by Moorten Lauridsen, "Auld Lang Syne" written by their guest conductor and wife Michael Hanwalt, "Gloria (from Mass: A celebration of Love and Joy)" by Andre Thomas. The Choir also sang two songs with the Orchestra, "Hallelujah (from Handel's Messiah) by George Handel and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Peter Wilhousky.

On November 2nd, Corsica-Stickney had four elementary students perform in the Elementary Honor Choir in Sioux Falls; Tatum, Emersyn, Crosby and Cassidy. These students practice from 8:30 am right up to their concert at 3:30. Students performed with over 150 other South Dakotan elementary students grades 4th through 6th grade. Students performed "Aiken Drum", "Be the Change", "It Don't Mean a Thing", "J'entends Le Moulin", "Laudate Dominum", "Ombra Mai Fu". Both groups were accompanied by Miranda Paulson and Ferra Kemp.



Below: On Tuesday, November 19, Miranda Paulson along with 14 Corsica-Stickney Junior High Students traveled to Platte to participate in the Region V Music Festival. Students spend the day working with guest conductors Mrs. Denis Perry-Brooking High School Choir Director and Mrs. Mary Cogswell-Retired Brooking Elementary Band Director and surrounding area students. The Band and Choir performed their concert at 2:30 in the Platte-Geddes Gym.

Band Members- Olivia, Chasity, Briella, Celia, Brynlee, and Graham.

REGION V MUSIC FESTIVAL

Choir Members- Olivia, Bristol, Dylan, Mary, Faith, Remi, Xander, and Kallen.





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October --- Student of the Month.

Here is this month's Student of the Month and a few of the nominees that didn't quite make it...keep working kids!



FACS of Life



November Newsletter--Dear Families, The semester is flying by, and the holidays are just around the corner! It's been an exciting and productive time in our classrooms, and we're thrilled to share what students have been up to.

In **8th Grade FACS**, students have been exploring the *8 Areas of Wellness*, learning how to balance their mental, physical, and social well-being. They are developing lifelong skills that will help them thrive in and out of the classroom. We have also been talking about the benefits of volunteering and how it not only can help the community but how it's also good for positive self-esteem that it can build.

Our **Employability Skills** students have been diving into mock interviews and investigating various occupations within the CTE clusters. These hands-on experiences are helping them build confidence and envision their future careers. Several guest speakers have visited the classroom giving the students a closer look into several different areas of employment.

In **Relationships Class**, we're excited to announce we had an opportunity to visit to Leisure Living in Corsica. Students had the chance to spend quality time with residents and share in games, conversations, and afternoon coffee building meaningful intergenerational connections. They are hoping we can visit again before the end of the semester.

Lastly, in **Nutrition and Wellness**, students continue to discover the importance of healthy living. They've been applying their knowledge in the kitchen, creating nutritious and delicious recipes that showcase their learning.

All of the classes were also able to participate in Veteran's Day activities with being blessed to have some area Veterans, Cameron Kostal and Mike Plooster, come in for the afternoon and visit with the students. You should be extremely proud of your student, as each and every one of them was respectful and appreciative.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make this semester a success. Wishing you all a joyful start to the holiday season! Warm regards, Mrs. Jessica De Vries, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Veteran's Day Assembly



Veterans Day
I made a little poppy
As red as red can be
To show that I remember
Those who fought for me.

Corsica-Stickney Elementary School invited some local veterans to come speak to the students about their time in the military service. Some of the students read about the WWI Armistice on 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, November 1918 and explained how Veteran's Day came to be. They then sang a song to the veterans as well.

Those veterans that spoke were: Tyler Gerlach, Roger VanDenOever, Lloyd Persson, Curtis Spaans, Ben Lagge and Rodney Olivier.





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