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September 2026 at a glance.

Tuesday September 1 - 12:30PM FCCLA Officer Meetings

5PM Volleyball @ Merna vs. AM/Mullen

Wednesday September 2 - 12:30 - 1:30PM NHS Meeting in Distance Learning Room

Thursday September 3 - 9AM - SH / JH Cross Country @ Cozad

12:30PM FCCLA Chapter Meeting

4:30PM Volleyball @ Arnold Vs. Sandhills Valley

7PM Football @ Arnold Vs. Sandhills Valley

Friday September 4 - 8:30AM Senior College Fair @ Lexington

7-12 Music @ Grand Island State Fair Parade Leave at 8:30AM Step off at 12PM

Monday September 7 - No School

Wednesday September 9 - 7:30 AM Teammate Pancake Breakfast

Thursday September 10 - 6PM Volleyball @ Arnold Vs. Gothenburg

Friday September 11 - 7PM Football @ Eustis

Saturday September 12 - 9AM SH/JH Cross Country @ Broken Bow

9:30AM 7 Valley's Volleyball Invite @ Callaway

Monday September 14 - Apply2College Days

2:30PM - JH Volleyball @ Arnold Vs. Anselmo-Merna

4:30PM - JH Football @ Arnold Vs. Anselmo-Merna

4:30PM - JV Volleyball @ Arnold Vs. Anselmo-Merna

6PM - JV Football @ Arnold Vs. Anselmo-Merna

Tuesday September 15 - Apply2College Days

5PM - Volleyball @ Brady Vs. Brady/Bertrand

Wednesday September 16 - Apply2College Days

All Day - FFA Husker Harvest Days

Thursday September 17 - Apply2College Days

4PM Cross Country @ Ravenna

6:30PM Senior Parents Financial Aid Night

Friday September 18 - 3PM Football @ Hemmingford

Sunday September 20 - Teammate Regional Meeting

Monday September 21 - All Day FFA Farm Safety Week

4:30 PM - JH Football @ Ravenna

6PM - JV Football @ Ravenna

Tuesday September 22 - FFA Farm Safety Week

5PM Volleyball @ Elm Creek Vs. AM/ Elm Creek

Wednesday September 23 - FFA Farm Safety Week

8AM ASVAB Juniors

Thursday September 24 - FFA Farm Safety Week

12:30 Dismissal

1PM Parent Teacher Conferences

7PM Football @ Callaway Vs Franklin

Friday September 25 - FFA Farm Safety Week

No School

8AM Teacher Inservice

Saturday September 26 - 10AM Volleyball Tournament @ Sutherland

Monday September 28 - 12PM Cross Country @ UNK

12:30PM - FFA Officer Meetings

2:30PM - JH Volleyball @ Callaway Vs. Twin Loup

4:30PM - JH Football @ Callaway Vs. Twin Loup

4:30PM - JV Volleyball @ Callaway Vs. Twin Loup

6PM - JV Football @ Callaway Vs. Twin Loup

Tuesday September 29 - 6PM Volleyball @ Ansely

Wednesday September 30 - 12:30PM FFA Chapter Meeting

S E P T E M B E R

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	1 B – Waffles L – Pigs in a Blanket	2 B – Breakfast Bars L – Meatball Subs	3 B – Cinnamon Rolls L – Chicken Patty Sandwich	4 B – Pancake on a Stick L – Goulash
7 No School	8 B – French Toast Sticks L – Chicken Bacon Ranch Casserole	9 B – Breakfast Sandwich L – Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich	10 B – Yogurt Parfait L – Pizza Sticks	11 B – Egg Casserole L – Chinese
14 B – Pancakes L – Walking Taco	15 B – Breakfast Sandwichs L – BBQ Rib on a bun	16 B – Tornadoes L – Chicken Strips & Mac N Cheese	17 B – Ham Tri-Tater L – Beef & Cheddar Sandwich	18 B – Biscuits & Gravy L – Fish Sticks
21 B – Pancake Sandwich L – Pulled Chicken Sandwich	22 B – Egg Casserole L – Hamburger Potato Casserole	23 B – Cinni Minni L – French Dips	24 B – Long Johns L – Chicken Nuggets	25 No School
28 B – Scramblers L – Tortellini	29 B – Yogurt Parfait L – Chicken Gravy Over Biscuit	30 B – Breakfast Pizza L – Nacho Bar	Breakfast: \$2.55 Lunch: \$3.00 7-12: \$2.5 Adults: \$4.30	Extra Milk: \$.55 Seconds: \$.80 Extra Juice: \$.40

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Lunch Includes: Veggies/Fruit

Bar and Milk

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Breakfast Includes: Milk, Juice, OR

Fruit and main Breakfast Item.

Breakfast will not be served on

10:00am Starts

Fall 2026 Testing

<u>Sept. 1</u> Kinder Dibels 1st Dibels	<u>Sept. 2</u> 2nd Dibels 3rd Dibels	<u>Sept. 3</u> 4th Dibels 5th Dibels 6th Dibels	<u>Sept. 4</u> Dibels Make up
	<u>Sept. 9</u> 7th Math 8:00-8:53 Kinder Math 8:15-8:45 3rd Math 8:30-9:30 8th Math 8:58-9:51 1st Math 9:20-10:20 2nd Math 10:00-11:00	<u>Sept. 10</u> 7th Math 8:00-8:53 Kinder Math 8:15-8:45 3rd Math 8:30-9:30 8th Math 8:58-9:51 1st Math 9:20-10:20 2nd Math 10:00-11:00	
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BOOSTER CLUB



CALLAWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Callaway Booster Club is a nonprofit organization, consisting of parents, grandparents, alumni, community members, businesses, and school personnel. The Booster Club has been supporting our students for over 25 years.

Our Booster Club Supports all aspect of our Callaway students through raising funds and coordinating events.

The Booster Club is dedicated to fundraising, to support all Callaway Students Pre-K through 12th grade. We need your support, so the Booster Club can continue to make financial contributions to our Callaway Students. Please join today!! Your membership is valid for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please fill out the following and return with money!! Thanks for your support!!
Callaway Booster Club, PO Box 281, Callaway, NE 68825

*FIELD TRIPS

*BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

*TEACHER APPRECIATION

*YOUTH BASKETBALL, WRESTLING & VOLLEYBALL

*TRUNK OR TREAT

*HOMECOMING FOOD

*FUND GRADUATION DECORATIONS

*ICE CREAM MACHINE AT SCHOOL

*ONE ACT STAGE

*WEIGHT ROOM

EQUIPMENT & PROTEIN SNACKS

*STUDENT SNACKS FOR DISTRICT & STATE EVENTS

*SPONSORED KIDS ON

WASHINGTON DC & FCCLA NATIONAL TRIPS

*SPONSORED AUTHOR

VISIT AT SCHOOL

*BAND ROOM INSTRUMENTS

*Comfort dog Laney, in the 2024/2025 school year as a student support initiative

*2025 Elementary Inflatable Day, celebrating improved test scores

Membership Levels

\$15-49- Bronze Booster Member

\$50-99- Silver Booster Member

\$100-up- Gold Booster Member

NAME: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

Board members are:

President: Rhonda Pandorf, 308.325.4493

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Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help students
do well in school*

Title I-Educational Service Unit 10



THE
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September 2026

Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Students Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

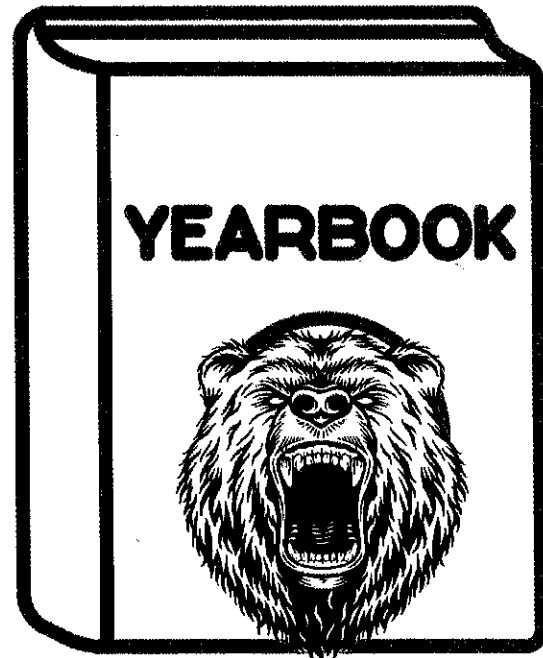
- Find out about back-to-school night and other events for families at school. Plan to attend.
- Help your teen establish a regular study schedule. High school students should set aside time every day for schoolwork and studying.
- Encourage your teen to set three or four learning goals for this school year and identify steps to take to meet them.
- Ask your teen to play a favorite song. Talk about the lyrics. Share one of your favorite songs with your teen.
- Give your teen a planner or a small notebook for writing down all assignments and school commitments.
- Review school safety rules with your teen.
- Keep important school phone numbers (the office, the attendance line, etc.) in your phone and posted in a handy place at home.
- Today is International Literacy Day. Does everyone in your family have a library card? If not, visit the library this month to sign up.
- Ask your teen to suggest nutritious snacks to keep on hand.
- Does your teen need school supplies? Look for them early in the year. If providing them is a problem, let your teen's counselor know.
- Talk with your teen about what makes a good friendship.
- Join the school's parent-teacher group. These organizations help schools, students and their families in many ways.
- Ask your teen to show you a favorite app or social media channel.
- Make mornings easier. Encourage your teen to spend 10 minutes at night getting ready for the next day.
- Teach your teen to use positive self-talk, such as "I can do this." It helps students stay motivated.
- Stop by your teen's room at bedtime for a chat. Start the conversation by talking about things your teen has done well lately.
- Learn a new skill with your teen, such as bread making. Look for how-to videos online.
- Pick your battles with your teen. On some subjects, such as safety, don't budge. Look for compromises on others.
- Remind your teen to use you as a scapegoat if necessary: "Sorry, but my family needs me at home tonight."
- Most students have some long-term assignments. Help your teen break them down into small steps and set deadlines for each.
- Challenge your teen to design a simple piece of furniture.
- Ask to see your teen's assignments. Talk about the useful knowledge and skills your student is acquiring, such as thinking and problem-solving.
- Share a funny cartoon or meme with your teen over breakfast.
- Let your teen's teachers know how to get in touch with you. Send them your email address and phone numbers.
- Play a board game with your teen.
- Teach your teen how to change a tire, or brush up on the skill together.
- Talk with your teen about a mistake you've made and what you learned from it.
- Choose a letter from an advice column. Read it aloud at dinner. Ask family members to take turns being the columnist.
- With your teen, start a family scrapbook with pictures and mementos.
- Teens who take part in school-based extracurricular activities tend to feel more connected to school. Is there an activity that interests your teen?

2025-2026 Yearbook Information
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It's not too late to order a
yearbook

Helping Students Learn®

Tips Families Can Use to Help Students Do Better in School

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Help your child move forward on the path to independent learning

Middle school students are stepping up to the next level of education. In these years, they are expected to take increased responsibility for their own learning. This responsibility takes many forms.

To help your child meet the challenge, encourage your middle schooler to:

- **Be an active participant.** Asking and answering questions and expressing ideas in class will give your child a better understanding of the material.
- **Go beyond memorizing.** Knowing a list of facts won't help if your child doesn't understand why they matter. Help your child really think about the material. For example, your student should consider questions like, "How does this relate to something I have learned or experienced before?"
- **Ask for help as soon as difficulties occur.** This keeps small problems from growing into major struggles. Have your child find out about teachers' availability and other resources for extra help. Your student should think about what might help and ask for it.
- **Take challenging classes.** If all your middle schooler's classes are easy, they may not be the right ones for your child. Together, consult your child's counselor about options.



Encourage your child to read actively

Understanding complex reading material is a challenge for many middle schoolers. It involves reading and thinking about the meaning of individual words and also the ability to think about the meaning of the text as a whole.

Active reading strategies help students strengthen comprehension. Encourage your child to:

- **Take reading notes.** Taking notes helps students stay engaged with reading. Your child can also write brief sticky note summaries to mark key places in the text.
- **Think about vocabulary.** The fiction and nonfiction your child is assigned probably includes

unfamiliar words. On hitting one, suggest that your child look up the definition and write it on an index card. Encourage your child to note *prefixes* (beginning parts of words) and *suffixes* (ending parts) that may appear in related words.

- **Build fluency** and a base of knowledge by reading for pleasure.

Source: "Middle School Reading: Improving Your Seventh and Eighth Grader's Reading Comprehension," American Library Association.

Get off to a strong start

Start the school year by expressing confidence in your child's ability to make this the best year yet. Then, help your child invest in success by setting goals in areas such as:

- **Reading.** Your child could plan to strengthen skills and start by reading for 15 minutes each night before bed.
- **Assignments.** Your child could aim for completing and turning in all work on time. Establishing a daily study time is a helpful first step.
- **Time management.** Eliminating procrastination is a worthy goal. Review upcoming tasks weekly and help your child schedule time to complete them.

Adapt to physical changes

Adolescents' bodies are going through a lot of changes. The impulses that accompany them can be distracting during study time. If your child often gets up to wiggle or snack:

- **Suggest standing up** while working.
- **Schedule "stretch"** breaks every 30 minutes.
- **Offer sliced veggies** your child can munch while working.



Pay attention to attendance

Students who attend every class have an advantage over those who don't. They benefit from explanations, demonstrations and chances to ask questions that absent students miss. To show that attendance matters:

1. **Don't allow** your child to stay home for vague complaints or to catch up on sleep.
2. **Find out why** if your child is avoiding school or a class.
3. **Seek help** from a school counselor to overcome attendance obstacles.





My child is not a morning person. How can I help?

Q: Middle school starts early. We've set a bedtime, but my child is still waking up exhausted and cranky. This can't be good for learning. What should I do?

A: Lack of sleep night after night can add up to attitude and attention issues that make learning a struggle. But there are several things you can do to help your child get enough sleep:



- **Maximize bedtime effectiveness.** Middle schoolers need eight to 10 hours of sleep to function well. With your child, count backward eight hours from wake-up time. Then, make bedtime 20 minutes earlier to allow time to fall asleep. Adjust as needed until your child wakes up easily.
- **Help your child ease into "sleep mode."** Turn all digital devices off one hour before bedtime and store them outside your child's room at night. Help your child create a relaxing bedtime routine.
- **Check in.** Could anxiety be keeping your child awake? Stop by for a bedtime chat. Let your middle schooler unload, then finish the conversation by bringing up something your child did well that day.
- **Discourage long naps** and caffeinated drinks. Both can interfere with your child's ability to fall asleep at night.



Are you setting the stage for success?

The habits middle schoolers establish and the choices they make can have positive or negative effects on academic outcomes. Are you helping your child make choices that support achievement? Answer *yes* or *no* below:

1. **Do you demonstrate** the importance of reading, and encourage your child to read often?
2. **Do you recommend** that your child choose challenging classes—especially in topics of interest?
3. **Do you share** news stories with your child and build awareness of current events and history?
4. **Do you encourage** your child to study a foreign language, starting in middle school if possible?
5. **Do you help** your child discover ways current interests might translate into a career?

How well are you doing?

More yes answers mean you are encouraging actions that lead to success. For each no, try that idea.

"We start our journey to our dreams by wanting, but we arrive by focusing, planning, and learning."
—Christina Wodtke

Note-taking is a study aid

"The teacher provides outlines, so why should I take notes in class?" Share these two good reasons with your child:

1. **Taking class notes** helps students remember what the teacher said.
2. **Class notes become** a helpful study guide.



Then, remind your child to:

- **Take notes** by hand, not on a computer.
- **Listen for** and write down names, dates, times of events and other key details.
- **Review notes** daily and clarify them while the memory of class is fresh.

Put dislike into perspective

Students don't always like teachers who assign regular homework or give hard tests. If your child expresses dislike for a teacher:

- **Ask for specifics.** What does the teacher say or do that inspires this feeling?
- **Avoid taking sides.** If an issue needs addressing, contact the teacher. Hear the teacher out and work out a plan together.
- **Remind your child** that liking teachers isn't necessary to learn from them. It may just take determination and hard work.

Start a safety conversation

One important way families can bolster school safety is to talk often with their students about what's going on at school and in their lives. To get the ball rolling, talk with your child about:

- **School rules** and the reasons for them. Say you expect your child to follow them.
- **School safety** and security procedures. If you don't know what they are, ask.
- **The importance of telling** an adult if your child sees or experiences something that doesn't seem right.

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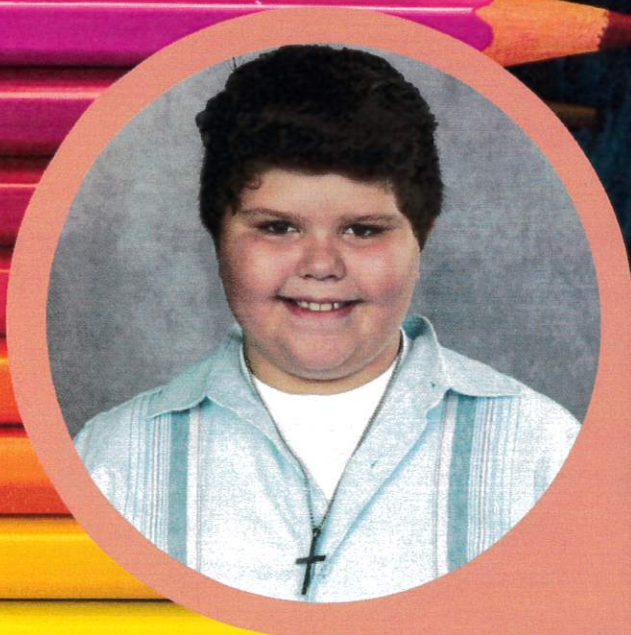
September Bobcats of the Month



Taytum Weise & Caden Pandorf-Richardson

When doing bus evac. drills, they both took the initiative to help others out of the bus without being asked. That kind of responsibility is awesome and crucial to being a positive impact on society.

Mr. Stutzman



Couper Blackburn

Shows up to class willing to work hard and ask questions to make sure he understand the material with a good attitude.

Mr. Beavers