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**Griswold Community School District
Newsletter**

**October/November/December
2024**

For a CURRENT list
of school activities go
to the calendar at the
school website
<http://griswoldschools.org>

Griswold Community
School District
20 Madison, P. O. Box 280
Griswold, Iowa 51535
712-778-2152 (fax 712-778-2161)
<http://griswoldschools.org>
Questions/comments regarding the
newsletter contact
Monica Brandt, 712-778-2154 or
mbrandt@griswoldschools.org

The mission of the
Griswold Community School District,
in partnership with our families
and communities, is to provide
leadership for positive change to
ensure the best learning opportunities
for everyone in a safe and
caring environment.

Conferences

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd and Thursday, Oct. 24th

4:00 - 8:00 pm each day.

Monday - Thursday will be normal school days.

There will be NO SCHOOL Friday Oct. 25th.

Elementary Conferences may schedule by going to the school website under the Parent Teacher Conference tab to schedule a conference with your student's teacher.

HS/MS Conferences will not have a scheduled time. All teachers will be in the HS gym from 4:00 - 8:00 pm.



HS Winter Concert

Monday, December 9th 7:00 pm

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MS Winter Concert

Monday, December 16th 7:00 pm

**K-5 Christmas Concert will
be held on**

**Friday, December 13th
at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m**



UPCOMING TEST DATE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ACT Test - See actstudent.org or more information and to APPLY ONLINE. Cost \$63.00

- Universally accepted test for college admission
- Best practice is to test for a baseline during your junior year.
- Based on high school curriculum
- Provides valuable career and educational planning
- This year we are providing a great opportunity for our students. The John Baylor ACT Test Prep Course is designed to help students improve their ACT score. Many scholarships and college entrance scores consider ACT scores so the better a score is the greater the likelihood of acceptance. This course is an intense, rigorous course that will provide valuable pointers in the four basic areas – English, Reading, Math and Science. Over the 6 weeks of the course, students will attend 12 – 45 minute sessions and complete homework following each session. See Akers if you are interested in improving your ACT score with John Baylor and taking the course.

Parents and Students

Please check out the School Counseling tab on the school's website for important dates, scholarship information, college information and more.

Students watch the counseling bulletin board for college recruiter visits.
Please sign up if you are interested in attending their presentation.

Mark Your Calendars!!

December 11th

1:00 - 6:00 pm

Appointments with Iowa College Aid are available to have help

fill out the FAFSA. Call or email Mrs. Akers

aakers@griswoldschools.org or 712-778-2154

For more information about the FAFSA :

<https://educate.iowa.gov/higher-ed/financial-aid/fafsa>

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The Musical



HS Musical

November 15-17

7:00 pm (15th & 16th) 2:00 pm (17th)

HS Auditorium

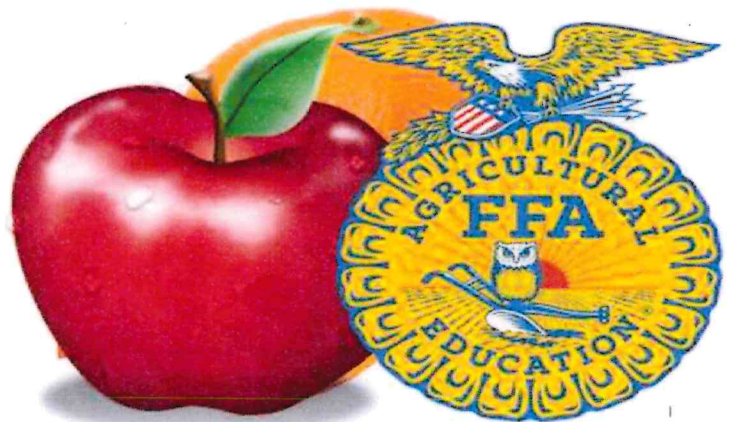
Tickets will be on sale in the main
office starting
October

FFA Fundraiser

October 10th - 30th

**See an FFA member for Fruit,
Sausage, Candies and more.**

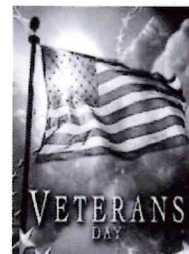
**New this year:
Pickled Herring and Candles.**



Student grades can be seen
through JMC
parent & student portals on JMC.
Please contact Monica if you need
login information.
mbrandt@griswoldschools.org

"The Veterans Day Appreciation Program will be on Veterans Day, November 11th at 7:00 pm in the High School auditorium. As always this event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. More information will be available later.

Similarly to previous years, we plan to send cards to those currently serving in the military. If you know someone who you would like to make sure is included, please give their name and address to Monica Brandt at 712-778-2154 or mbrandt@griswoldschools.org



Parents'/Guardians' Rights Notification

Parents/Guardians in the Griswold Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher/paraprofessional: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher/paraprofessional, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree.

Title I program. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling 712-778-2152 or by sending a letter of request to the Office of the Superintendent, 20 Madison, Box 280, Griswold IA 51535.

The Griswold Community School District ensures that parents will be notified in writing if their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified.

Does your child need health insurance? Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (*hawk-i*) offers free or low-cost health insurance for children under 19 years of age. The *hawk-i* program covers doctor visits, immunizations, hospital care, eye exams and glasses, prescription drugs, routine dental and much more. A family of four making \$66,000 may be eligible for *hawk-i*. To find out if your children qualify, go to www.hawk-i.org. You can even complete the application online, or call 1-800-257-8563 to learn more.

Title I Students: Parents will be notified if their child's Title I teacher is not highly qualified (having the proper certification). Individual parents will be given a timely notice if the parent's child has been assigned or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Breakfast and Lunch menus can be found on the school website under the Menus icon.



Griswold Community Schools

20 Madison Street
Griswold, Iowa 51535

Do you have a child one to preschool age?

Join us for 40 minutes of fun!

On October 28, 2024 we will have a fun
interactive event in Miss Lisa's preschool classroom.

While visiting children will...

- Listen to a book
- Have a Snack
- Play with toys
- Interact with other children

Parents will

- Have the opportunity to ask questions about early childhood development
- Complete a developmental screening if desired

Each child's parent or a responsible adult will be required to stay with his/her child/children. If you would like to attend with your child/children, please call the school or email. We will start at 9:00am. Please enter the school through the main entrance and sign in with Michele. She will direct you to the preschool room.



Enjoy Winter Break



Winter Break
December 20 - 2 Hour Early Out
December 23 - January 3
No School
Classes resume January 6

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Griswold Community School District offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals/milk or for reduced price meals. We encourage all families to fill out applications for Free and Reduced Price School Meals. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year. Return or mail the completed application to Hannah Bierbaum, 20 Madison St, Griswold, IA 51535 or hbierbaum@griswoldschools.org. If your child/children already receive free or reduced meals, no further action is required at this time to continue benefits.

Daily breakfast cost \$1.90 (PK - 12th); lunch cost \$2.60 for PK - 5th \$2.80 for 6th - 12th. Reduced price meal is \$.30 for breakfast (PK - 12th) and \$.40 for lunch (PK - 12).

If you have other questions or need help, please contact Hannah Bierbaum at 712-778-2152 or hbierbaum@griswoldschools.org.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Any changes that a parent wishes to make concerning bus pick up or delivery of their child must be called in to the bus barn the night before (712-778-2166) or contact your student's bus driver directly. This is necessary, due to the fact that no one monitors the phone at the bus barn in the mornings before routes depart.



Thank you - Jeb Peck

Safety Tips for Motorists

The following are some safety tips for motorists who encounter a school bus:

- Use extra caution whenever a school bus is observed.
- Be alert for school children in the area.
- Be prepared to stop for the school bus. A school bus is required to stop at a railroad crossing, but is not required to activate the amber warning lights. (It is illegal to drive to the left of the roadway center to pass another vehicle within 100 feet of a railroad crossing).
- Know what is required whenever the flashing amber or flashing red lights of a school bus are activated:
 1. *School bus pre-warning signals. The purpose of the flashing amber lights is to warn other drivers that the school bus is preparing to load or unload students. A school bus driver is required (with some exceptions) to activate the amber flashing lights at least 100 feet before stopping in a speed zone of 35 mph or less, and at least 300 feet before stopping in a speed zone of more than 35 mph. It is a serious misdemeanor to pass or attempt to pass on the right side of a school bus displaying the amber flashing warning lights. Upon observing a school bus displaying flashing amber lights be extra alert for children in the area and be prepared to stop.*
 2. *School bus red lights and stop arm. When the school bus is stopped with its flashing red lights activated and its stop arm extended, traffic from both directions must stop at least 20 feet away from the school bus. Motorists must remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing. The only time motorists are not required to stop for a school bus with its red lights flashing is when the bus is on a separate roadway. A separate roadway means a road that is separated from a parallel road by a safety isle or safety zone.*

Penalties for school bus violations can be substantial. From a fine of not less than \$300.00, to a fine of \$3,000.00 and one year in jail, along with drivers license suspension.

- by Superintendent David Henrichs



Application for Wavier of Confidentiality
2024-2025

Optional: You do not have to complete this page to get free or reduced price school meals.

Dear Parent/Guardian:

August, 2021

If your child(ren) qualifies for free or reduced price meals, you may also be eligible for other benefits. One of these benefits is school fees. *Applications for a student fee waiver can be obtained from the school.* Please check any of the boxes below if you would like to waive confidentiality to receive information for any of the benefits listed below.

HEALTH INSURANCE: ____ YES. I want information on health insurance for my child(ren). School personnel may release my child(ren)'s free and reduced price meal eligibility status to school health or community health personnel working directly with Medicaid and hawk-i. **This release of information is not an application to receive health insurance benefits.**

EXAMPLE 1: (Name of local program) _____

____ YES. School officials may release my child(ren)'s free and reduced price meal eligibility status to (Name of organization) _____ officials to determine eligibility for this program. This program provides (insert description) _____

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Child's Name (print): _____ School: _____

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Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Printed: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ Date: _____