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Planning for Our Future - Phase II Projects Approved by School Board

At Monday night's school board meeting, the board approved the 3-Year Phase II Project plans and a preliminary budget. The Phase II projects will support current and future students and programs in our district. In 2014, the school board developed a Facilities Master Plan in response to our district growth and student program needs. The district has increased in PK-12 enrollment by over 500 students since 2006. The priority of the Facilities Master Plan is to create an exceptional environment for students. Moreover, the plan addresses existing and long-term capacity, safety, security, and efficiency issues at all grade levels in our growing district. Since 2014 the district has completed over 50% of the facility master plan projects.

Our upcoming project will require the pursuit of a bond referendum for up to \$17 million dollars. The district will be working with patrons to form a bond committee to start collecting signatures on a petition starting in January. The committee will present the petition to the school board to bring forward a bond referendum in April for the funding of the Phase II Projects.

Phase II funding sources will be a combination of State Sales Tax Funds and General Obligation Bonds. These funds are designated by Iowa code for infrastructure upgrades, new construction, remodeling of schoolhouses, equipment, and purchasing of property. Phase II Projects would begin the summer of 2018 with substantial completion by the spring of 2021. Phase II Project Plans include the following:

- HS Building Expansion Needs
 - Gymnasium Seat Capacity
 - Indoor Athletic Program Space
 - Relocation of Art and Industrial Tech classrooms into main HS building
 - Future classroom space
 - Relocation of District Facilities Department
- District-Wide Improvements
 - Elementary Energy Efficiencies - Windows and HVAC Upgrades
 - Classroom Furniture Upgrades K-12
 - Building Security Upgrades (Security Cameras, Communication) K-12
 - District Tech Upgrades (Fiber/Server Upgrades/Classroom Supports)

One of our promises to our community is to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. The Carlisle School Board has reduced taxes eight years in a row by a total of \$3.11, keeping the promise to lower taxes. This bond proposal would be tax neutral, meaning there would be no increase on the debt service portion of the overall property tax rate. The district currently has the \$4.05 debt service levy in our current tax levy. The district will be asking our community for the authority to use the debt service levy for the new \$17 million of bonds for the Phase II projects.

The district will be holding public information meetings and communicating to patrons about the Phase II projects and bond referendum prior to the April election. As always, if you have any questions about the project, signing the petition or district finances please contact me at bryce.amos@carlislecsd.org

Iowa School Report Card

Knowing where you are and where you want to go is a key part of growth and improvement. Our schools regularly use academic performance data to tell us how our students are progressing and to adjust instruction for better results. While the report only tell part of the story through data, they support what we know about our district: our schools are doing very well. All Carlisle schools ranked in the upper 46% of all schools in the state, with two of our schools being the top performers in Warren County. Carlisle Elementary ranked in the upper 2% in state receiving a ranking of Exceptional and Carlisle High School ranked in the upper 8% in the state with a "High-Performing" ranking. Both Carlisle Middle School and Hartford Upper Elementary ranked in the upper 46% with a ranking of "Acceptable".

The Iowa School Report Card shows a snapshot of how Iowa schools are performing based on eight measures: student proficiency rates, student growth toward college and career readiness, annual expected growth, closing the achievement gap, college and career readiness, graduation rate, attendance, and staff retention. These evaluations are information only, so there are no consequences or rewards for the rating. You can view a snapshot of individual schools performance here: [Iowa School Report Card Snapshot](#)

While reviewing the performance indicators can provide information and encouragement on our schools, the real evidence of our impact on student learning occurs every day in our classrooms. Our dedicated staff works each day to make sure all student excels and is prepared to achieve their postsecondary success.

Spotlight on Carlisle Elementary



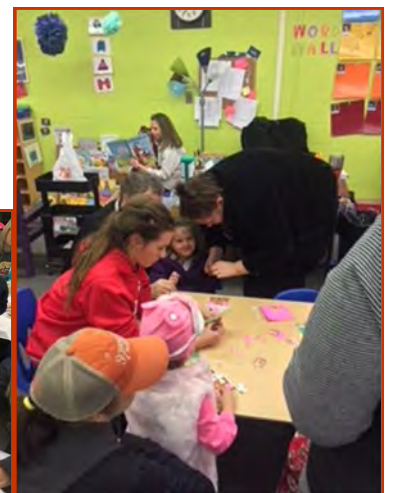
PRESCHOOL GINGERBREAD NIGHT



Over 80 preschoolers and their families arrived clad in their favorite pajamas on Tuesday, December 5 and enjoyed a Gingerbread-themed event. Carlisle preschool teachers Mrs. Sievers, Mrs. Smothers, Miss Olson, along with seven high-school volunteers, set up fun activities for students and their families to enjoy.

Students constructed gingerbread (wo)men; played in the sensory table, finding letters in the scented flour; and measured themselves with non-standard units of measurement (gingerbread men) and then recorded their results. Students also enjoyed coloring and stamping winter-themed papers; exploring in a sensory table filled with peppermint-scented rice and various tools; and cutting gingerbread-scented playdough with cookie cutters. Various theme-related books were also available to enjoy as a family.

The students ultimately constructed and decorated their own gingerbread houses which they proudly took home at the end of the evening. Bedtime was hopefully smooth sailing as students went home already in their pajamas! We value the participation of families in our school and recognize the importance of engaging in fun, educational activities with your child. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



Dear Students, Staff, Parents & Community Members:

Today is one of the great days in the long history of our beloved Carlisle High School. Today is a day of reflecting and acknowledging that hard work is undefeated! Today, we have been awarded the distinction as a "High Performing" high school in the state of Iowa!

Here at CHS, our professional learning culture is utilizing student academic performance data to reflect on instructional practices with the focus of constant improvement. The Iowa School Report Card is one part of our story as a professional learning community. The real evidence of our impact on student learning occurs every day in classrooms and in staff collaborative team meetings. CHS was not only the top high school in Warren County but also in the Raccoon River Conference as well. This means that CHS ranked in the upper 8% in the state of Iowa with a "High-Performing" ranking. The following categories are assessed on the Iowa School Report Card, which is a product of the Iowa Department of Education:

- **High Performing**
- **Proficiency**
- **Closing the Achievement Gap (School Average and State Average)**
- **College and Career Ready Growth**
- **Annual Expected Growth**
- **College and Career Readiness**
- **Graduation Rate**
- **Attendance**
- **Staff Retention**

As the principal of CHS, I could not be any prouder to share this exciting news. To all of our students, staff, parents, guardians, and community members, I want to personally congratulate everyone on a job well done! We will continue to provide an elite high school experience for all students as we move into the second semester beginning in January of 2018.

Happy Holiday & Go Cats, Matthew J. Blackmore

Y-CAMP DONATION



Hartford Upper Elementary would like to thank the Hartford BBQ Gang for the recent donation to the 5th Grade Y-Camp fund. The gentlemen held a community BBQ in early October and recently presented a check to Principal Tim Norton and Hartford students in the amount of \$3,010.79. This money will be used to assist with the cost of camp and purchasing materials for the overnight trip in May. Thank you all so much for your time and generosity.

CHS Upcoming Events:

- **Athletic Hall of Fame:** Friday, January 19, during our home basketball games vs. Perry. Recognition of inductees will be between varsity games at approximately 7:10 p.m.
- **Wrestling Senior Night:** Saturday, January 20, at the CYA Wrestling Tournament (approximately 3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.)
- **Lil Cheer Night:** Friday, February 9 during the halftime of the girls game. Please note the date change.
- **Basketball Senior Night:** Friday, February 9, during our home games vs. Carroll. Both girls and boys senior players will be recognized between the varsity games at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Elementary Square1Art

Square1Art orders have been shipped and are expected to arrive soon!!! Pickup night is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 3:30 p.m—6:00 p.m. in the elementary art room by the glass office. Any items not picked up will be sent home with your child on Wednesday. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the delay!

Denise Anderson & Rahmana Schooler

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR GuideOne ImaginEve!

We are still in need of volunteers to run the inflatables at Hy-Vee Hall on New Year's Eve. We need to supply 50 volunteers and currently only have half the needed volunteers signed up.



Parents - make it a family event with everyone 14 and up volunteering!

Students - make a plan with your friends to volunteer at ImaginEve and THEN celebrate the New Year!

Friends/Community Members—You don't have to be a parent to volunteer join the fun and help the CHS After Prom. Anyone over 14 years if age can volunteer.

The event is over and cleaned up by 9:30, with plenty of time for New Year's fun!

This event is ESSENTIAL to the success of Fun Night and After Prom.

Students can earn Silver Cord hours OR free admission to After Prom and EVERY student who volunteers and works the event will get PRIORITY PLACEMENT in line at Grand March! A parent can earn free After Prom admission for their student by volunteering, but the *students* have to work the event to earn Silver Cord or Grand March priority.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Carlisle CHS boys' and girls' Track & Field programs are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Track and Field camp & competitions on April 15th and April 22nd for 3rd-6th graders.

Girls will have camp & competitions from 3:00 p.m.—4:30p.m. and boys session will run from 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m. Look for more information to be released in January!

Carlisle Quiz Bowl Teams by Sandy Barker

Great news for the TAG Middle and High School students who competed in the 3-2-1 Quiz Bowl!

For the High School, Team 2 ranked 5th in our state, Team 1 ranked 7th in our state, and Team 3 ranked 10th in our state! Our Middle School team also rocked it, ranking 2nd in our state! Congratulations to all who participated and we'll work to improve those scores in the spring!

HS Team 1	HS Team 2	HS Team 3	MS Team
Kaden Sadler	Mason Tyler	Dalton Hinders	Kaden Baxter
Connor Smalley	Jack Miller	Jace Vollstedt	Jackson Barry
Ann Lent	Nate Guffey	Jordan Lawless	Mason Ramsey
Mackenzie Frost	William Voboril	Hayden Amos	Isaac Comito
Cory Critchlow	Truman Kruse	Tyler Crall	Emily Inthalansy
Leo James	Nate Rowray	Jacob Foster	Jack Laughlin
Dylan Timmins	Kale Guenther	Maddie Fees	Ryan Petersen
Sam Wilson	Joshua Lawless	Nicole Hintz	Kate Van Gorp
Garrett Clark	Alex Reed	Madison Shannahan	
Lucas Kozak	Nate Ramirez		
	Joey Donovan		

'Tis the Season to Give

Still looking for that perfect stocking stuffer or gift? Look no further! On Friday, December 15, the Mitten Ladies will be hosting a mitten sale in the High School Commons during the home basketball game. They will be selling their one of a kind mittens made from recycled sweaters.



Each pair sells for \$15 and more than \$14 of each pair sold will be donated back to our very own food pantry! It's the gift that keeps on giving!! Come check out these incredible mittens. They are super warm and soft!!!

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Carlisle Athletic Booster will be selling merchandise in the CHS Commons on tonight, Friday, December 15 during the wrestling meet and basketball games.

The Booster Club is also planning to host a Chili Tailgate during the girls and boys basketball games on Friday, January 19. Please contact Lori Landgren at dotsgalleryframe@yahoo.com or 515-991-7880 if you would like to make a pot of chili rolls or cinnamon rolls to sell that night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Only 2 weeks left to order a Middle school yearbook for \$25. On Jan. 1st the will go up to \$30. Order yours today online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or send a check or cash with your student to Mrs. Driscoll in the library. Don't miss out!

Carlisle Athletic Hall Of Fame

We are pleased to inform you that the following men have been selected as a 2018 Carlisle High School Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee. Carlisle has a strong history and tradition of excellence, and we are pleased to recognize them for your outstanding contribution to this tradition.

The CHS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018:

- Brian Keeney Athlete State Champion Track
- Robert Spencer Coach State Champion (Distance Medley) Track
- Bill Betterton Athlete State Champion Track

Our Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Carlisle's home varsity basketball games against Raccoon River Conference foe Perry. We will hold the ceremony between the boys and girls basketball games at approximately 7:10 p.m.



CHS Winter Walking

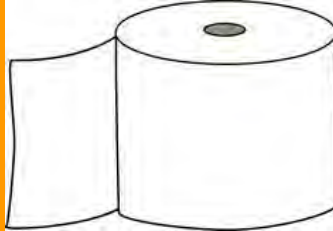


Carlisle Schools will again be allowing community members access to the High School hallways for winter walking. The doors will be open in the Commons with access to the hallways Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. beginning Monday, December 12.

If you are new to winter walking we ask that patrons stop by the Administrative Office (430 School St) to register for the walking list. You will be provided a "Winter Walker" tag which will allow you access to the hallways during the designated hours. If you still have your tag from last year, you may use it again this year. We are very appreciative of the community support we receive and are excited about this opportunity to help our patrons with their fitness efforts.

Carlisle Elementary Personal Care Drive

December 4th- December 20th



During the month of December, Carlisle Elementary students are learning about the importance of kindness and finding ways to “be the reason that someone smiles.” To help students better understand and experience the joy of helping others, the elementary building will be collecting personal care items to stock our local school food pantry. The school food pantry is affiliated with The Food Bank of Iowa and serves any family with children attending Carlisle CSD or residing in Warren County. The Food Bank of Iowa supplies our pantry with the necessary food supplies, but personal care items are often limited and always in need. The elementary personal care drive will take place from **December 4th- December 20th**. Each grade level will be responsible for a general category of personal care items; however, all donations will gladly be accepted! Students can bring items to their classroom teachers. The class in each grade level that brings in the most items will receive a class reward after winter break!

Pre-School and Kindergarten: Paper Products - paper plates, napkins, paper towels, facial tissues, toilet paper, cotton balls, band aids, and other related items

1st Grade: Soaps/Shampoos - shampoo, conditioner, body wash, dish soap, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and other related items

2nd and 3rd Grades: Personal Hygiene - deodorant, lotions, mouthwash, nail care items, Q-Tips, loofahs, shaving items, floss, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm and other related items

All Grades: Baby Care - diapers, wet wipes, baby powder, baby oil, baby shampoo, diaper rash cream, and other related items

For more information about the school food pantry, please contact a building school counselor or the Carlisle High School Office at (515) 989-0831.



Carlisle Schools Food Pantry



Just a reminder the Carlisle Schools Food Pantry is open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. at the West entrance of the High School building in Room 106. (The doors between the Elementary and High School). Please do not arrive before 3:40 p.m. to allow our students and buses to safely exit the facility.

This new location allows us to have more food on hand during our open times to serve more families. Students who attend Carlisle Schools have access to the food pantry every day that school is in session. If a student or family is in need they should see their school counselor in the building for assistance. Hartford Upper Elementary and Carlisle Middle School also have a mini pantry to help students and families at any time.

If you are unable to make it to the Food Pantry during the open times, you can contact the High School Office to set up an appointment (515-989-5389).

The pantry will be open the following remaining dates this Fall:
Thursday, December 21

The Carlisle Schools Food Pantry is able to accept donations. The most needed items are personal care products including: toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, etc.

LUNCH MENU

DAY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	ALA CARTE
Monday, December 18	Cereal	Chicken Strips Edamame Vegetable Blend Broccoli Dinner Roll Applesauce Banana Ice Cream	Cook's Choice
Tuesday, December 19	Pancake & Sausage on a Stick	Corn Dog (Hartford Only - Mini Corn Dogs) Potato Wedges Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Peaches	Cook's Choice
Wednesday, December 20	Breakfast Pizza	Cheese Breadsticks with Marinara Romaine Lettuce Corn Pears Juice Cookie	Cook's Choice
Thursday, December 21		No School Winter Break	
Friday, December 22		No School Winter Break	

For community happenings, please click the Community News link below on the bottom of Page 1.

Community News Page

- Carlisle Soccer Club Registration Information**
- Coerver Soccer Winter Clinics**
- CUMC Christmas Extravaganza—December 10**
- Medicap Flu Shots**
- Janet Ray—Fitness Classes**

VISION 2020 GOALS

- 1** Provide a comprehensive educational experience that prepares students to thrive in their chosen pathway after graduation.
- 2** Cultivate a positive culture, committed to a safer learning environment, based on mutual respect among all district stakeholders.
- 3** Promote partnerships with parents and community to extend and enrich learning experiences within and beyond the classroom.
- 4** All members of the learning community commit to collaborative practices that ensure continuous improvement and progress.

“Vision 2020 provides students with the most critical competencies to successfully lead in their post-secondary pathway.”

THINK CRITICALLY & SOLVE COMPLEX PROBLEMS
 Students apply tools and strategies learned from core subjects to formulate and solve problems. Tools include data analysis, statistical reasoning, scientific inquiry, nonlinear thinking and persistence.

COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY
 Students clearly organize their data, findings and thoughts in both written and oral communication.

DEVELOP ACADEMIC MINDSETS
 Students form a deep commitment to learning as a lifelong process- develop academic perseverance- search for solutions to overcome obstacles.

COMPETENCIES

MASTER CORE ACADEMIC CONTENT
 Students understanding of knowledge in an academic area and ability to transfer knowledge to other situations.

WORK COLLABORATIVELY
 Students cooperate to identify and create solutions to academic, social, vocational and personal challenges. The skills required for teamwork- social skills ranging from active listening of other points of view to conflict resolution- more effective in reaching a shared goal.

LEARN HOW TO LEARN
 Students monitor and direct their own learning.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key performance indicators for each goal will be progress monitored at the building and district level. A year-end district report card will provide progress on goals.