

Hallway Happenings



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Thank you Godfather's Pizza in Broken Bow!

The FFA and FBLA Chapters at Litchfield High School would also like to thank Godfather's Pizza in Broken Bow for generously donating TEN large pizzas to our joint chapter kickoff party. The pizzas were delicious and the students loved it! The FFA and FBLA chapters appreciate your support!

Thank You Broken Bow Dairy Queen!

The FFA and FBLA Chapters at Litchfield High School would like to send out a special thank you to the Broken Bow Dairy Queen for offering Dilly Bars for the 2022-2023 joint chapter kickoff party at a discounted rate. Our students are very appreciative of this generous donation. As always, the ice cream was a big hit with the students!

First Days

School resumed at Litchfield Public Schools on Wednesday, August 17. Students began their day with a welcome session from Mr. Moser and Mr. Drew. The high school students also had class meetings to elect officers and introduction meetings to the various extracurricular clubs they have the opportunity to join. The elementary students talked about what it means to be a Spartan. There was a lot of excitement from the students and teachers as well.

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten class has been busy learning all sorts of new knowledge this fall. We will be learning about nursery rhymes, sounds, rhyming words and writing techniques in Reading class. Math class has us counting and writing numbers to 10. Science class involves learning about animals, and Social Studies teaches us about Community. Our class is excited for our special classes, such as PE/Music, Art, Library, Technology, and Guidance. We really enjoyed our first Friday afternoon of Learn to Draw with 1st/2nd graders and Reading Buddies with the elementary grades. We look forward to learning each day and are having fun with our friends.

-Mrs. Kratzer and the Kindergarten class

3rd and 4th Grade News

Third and Fourth Grade celebrated the first day of school by creating a photo for their Facebook Page. Litchfield Vega is available on Facebook for anyone who would like to know what is happening in their classroom.



Playground Mulch

Over the summer, the wood mulch was replaced with recycled rubber mulch on the elementary playground. Partial funding for this was provided by the Spartan Foundation. Mrs. Kratzer, Tasha Fletcher, and Mr. Drew all played an important role in securing this funding. There are many new benefits that come along with the new rubber mulch, not only is the rubber mulch safer than wood mulch, it also doesn't track into the buildings, it will last longer than wood mulch, and causes less allergy problems for students who come in contact with it daily.



2022 Litchfield One Act presents: Fowl Play

Mr. Hiebner, Mrs. Slocum, and the whole highschool are at it again! We are excited for

this year's play which is a hilarious hillbilly mystery. Students will enjoy acting parts, working on building and painting the set, designing costumes, and learning how to run the stage. We will be starting practices the week after Labor Day. We are looking forward to being successful in several competitions this fall. Please watch announcements for the community performance. We will also be co-hosting the Conference One Act on November 21 at the Tassel Theatre in Holdrege.

Junior High/High School Band

This year the Litchfield Band will have 26 members. There are 13 High School and 13 Junior High. Upcoming events are the Minden Bandfest Parade on Saturday Oct. 15, 2022, and Home FB/VB games. The band has rated Superior in the last couple year's parades and would like to maintain that level of consistency. Homecoming will also be something that the band is looking forward to as well with some new pep band songs.

-Mr. Hiebner, Band Instructor

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

September 5 - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

September 19 - Beginning of Homecoming Week

September 23 - Homecoming Coronation and Dance in Litchfield

September 26 - NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher Conferences

September 28 - School Pictures

Principal's Report

Welcome back to school! We are officially underway in 2022-23 now that preschoolers have had their first day, and I'm glad to see everyone again plus our new staff and students.

My name is Brian Moser, and I have taught English at Litchfield for 10 years, and starting this year, I have moved to PreK-12 Principal. I'm excited for the opportunity to keep moving our school forward in all the ways we've been proud of, while also finding new areas to improve and ideas to try.

Speaking of new things, Elementary classes will be implementing a new reading curriculum, and a new WIN time that targets every single student's skills and needs. In the high school, we continue to push our kids to participate, which they are great at -- One-Act is coming up and fall sports are well underway.

If there's one thing I want to stress to all of our students, teachers, and parents, this year is that if we establish and understand our purpose and our mission, we can achieve everything we set out to achieve.



Spartan Sports



Junior High Volleyball

The Ansley-Litchfield Spartan Volleyball team competed in the Anselmo-Merna summer volleyball team camp in July. Ansley-Litchfield had a great turnout of volleyball players and was able to field two separate teams. This allowed the girls a lot of court time. The Spartans ended up the champions of this tournament. The girls had a lot of fun, worked hard, and gained valuable skills from this tournament.



High School Football

This year the Ansley-Litchfield Football team has 23 members from grades 9-12. The team goals this year will be to build upon the success from last year and reach the playoffs again where anything can happen. Coach Kaslon shares "we have to take every game seriously this year because of our difficult schedule." Over the summer the team saw great success in winning the Epic Football Camp in Dunning with Ansley-Litchfield's own Leyton Rohde winning offensive MVP of the camp. The Spartan Football team begins their season on August 26 at Ravenna.

High School Volleyball

Senior setter, Katherine Paitz, shares her

thoughts on the upcoming season. The whole team is excited for this season! This summer our team was very active in summer weights at both schools. We had summer league every week in July in Broken Bow playing against some good competition! We also attended two camps; one in Merna and one at UNK. The team has a very competitive schedule this year but we are all looking forward to it!

-Katherine Paitz

Cross Country

Spartan runner, Walker Skrdla shares his thoughts on this year's cross country season. "I'm really excited for my first season in cross country and for what this sport has to offer not only me, but the rest of the team this year. Through pushing hard during our practices I'm confident we will achieve many things this season. Go Spartans!"

-Walker Skrdla

Junior High Football

Junior High Football this year should be very exciting. We have 16 students out for the team this year, including a few returning players from last year. As a group we are very young, so there will be a learning curve. We have our returners to help lead us, and we have a lot of capable newcomers that I think will pick up our game quickly. As coaches, Coach Kulhanek, Coach Wagner, and myself, Coach Shields, are very excited to see the level we can get these young men to by the end of the season.

-Coach Shields

Clubs & Organizations

FBLA

This summer 4 Litchfield middle level students went to National FBLA in Chicago, IL, and were sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Drew. For their events Ava Paitz and Caydence Feldman placed 5th place in business ethics, James Fletcher participated in the parade of states for winning the young leader of NE at state FLBA. James also placed 3rd in mission and pledge. Malynn Boyles competed in digital citizenship.

While in Chicago these 4 stayed for 5 days in the Greek town and got the chance to see “The Bean”, the “Navy Pier”, ate traditional Chicago deep dish pizza, and went to the top of the Willis (Sears) Tower, which Mr. Drew was too

scared to go on the sky deck, or get too close to the windows.

Now for some more current events happening with The Litchfield FBLA chapter. We have currently elected the new 2022-2023 officer team, our president is freshman James Fletcher, Vice President senior Katherine Paitz, secretary freshman Malynn Boyles, reporter freshman Ava Paitz, Treasurer freshman Caydence Feldman, parliamentarian senior Kaylee Rohde. We also have a new advisor/business teacher, Ms. Kaitlin Goff, excited to start out this new year and chapter.

-Ava Paitz, Reporter



FFA

This summer, the FFA officers had their annual officer retreat. In the retreat, the officer team talked about the Program of Activities for the year. Range judging will be the first activity in September with livestock judging to follow in November. FFA will also participate in the Leadership Development Events (LDE) in December and the Career Development Events (CDE) in February. Many of these competitions are qualifying events for the State FFA convention where members compete for a chance to go to Nationals. Fruit sales will be held beginning approximately October 15th, where we will be selling fruit, candies, cheese, meat, jerky and bread. All items purchased will be delivered in December. FFA is planning to provide lunches to truckers at the local elevator one day during the harvest season as well. Boxes will soon be set out to accept donations for service men and women overseas through an organization called Big Red Battlefield Boxes. Items that can be donated are personal hygiene products, snacks, homemade foods, games, stationery, and photos and notes. List of items will be located on the boxes and an internet search can also be conducted for appropriate donation ideas. All of those items will be collected by October 20th.

-Brandi Slocum, Reporter



Senior Spotlight



What is your favorite subject in school?

My favorite subject is any class

What is your favorite highschool sport?

My favorite sport is Wrestling

What are you going to do after high school?

I am still trying to decide on working or college

What is your favorite movie?

My favorite movie is Young Guns

Fall Sports Schedules

Varsity Volleyball

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
08/16	6:00	Ansley	Twin Loup
08/25	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Amherst	Elm Creek Amherst
08/30	6:30	Litchfield	Shelton
09/01	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna Twin Loup
09/08	6:30	Axtell	Axtell
09/10	9:30 AM	Callaway	Tournament
09/13	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Central Valley	Arcadia-Loup City Central Valley
09/15	6:30	Heartland Lutheran	Heartland Lutheran
09/20	6:30	Sumner	SEM
09/22	7:00	Litchfield	Ravenna
09/24	9:30 AM	Ansley	Tournament
09/30	5:00	Ansley	Central Valley
10/04	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Wilcox-Hildreth	Wilcox-Hildreth Bertrand
10/06	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Litchfield	Loomis Overton
10/10	TBD	TBD	FKC Tournament
10/11	TBD	TBD	FKC Tournament
10/13	TBD	TBD	FKC Tournament
10/18	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Eustis-Farnam	Hi-Line Brady
10/21	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Pleasanton	Pleasanton Loomis

Junior Varsity Volleyball

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
08/25	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Amherst	Amherst Elm Creek
08/30	5:30	Litchfield	Shelton
09/01	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna Twin Loup
09/08	5:30	Axtell	Axtell
09/12	5:00	Taylor	Twin Loup
09/15	5:30	Heartland Lutheran	Heartland Lutheran
09/17	9:00 AM	Palmer	Tournament
09/19	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Litchfield	Broken Bow South Loup
09/20	5:30	Sumner	SEM
09/22	6:0	Litchfield	Ravenna
09/30	4:00	Ansley	Central Valley
10/03	4:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna
10/08	9:00 AM	Litchfield	Anselmo-Merna Overton South Loup
10/21	5:00, 6:00, 7:00	Pleasanton	Pleasanton Loomis
10/22	1:00	Sargent	Twin Loup Ainsworth Hyannis

Junior High Volleyball

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
09/06	3:00	Ansley	Elm Creek
09/12	3:00	Taylor	Twin Loup
09/17	9:00 AM	Litchfield	Anselmo-Merna Twin Loup
09/19	3:00	Litchfield	South Loup
09/26	4:30	Ravenna	Ravenna
10/03	3:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna
10/08	9:00 AM	Ansley	Tournament
10/12	3:30	Pleasanton	Pleasanton

Junior High Football

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
09/06	3:00	Ansley	Elm Creek
09/12	3:00	Taylor	Twin Loup
09/19	3:00	Litchfield	South Loup
10/03	5:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna
10/12	3:30	Pleasanton	Pleasanton

Junior Varsity Football

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
09/06	5:00	Ansley	Elm Creek
09/12	5:00	Taylor	Twin Loup
09/19	5:00	Litchfield	South Loup
10/03	6:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna

Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Location	Opponent
08/26	7:00	Ravenna	Ravenna
09/02	7:00	Merna	Anselmo-Merna
09/09	7:00	Litchfield	Pleasanton
09/16	7:00	Burwell	Burwell
09/23	7:00	Litchfield	Twin Loup (Homecoming)
09/30	7:00	Ansley	Central Valley
10/07	7:00	Overton	Overton
10/14	7:00	Ansley	Elm Creek

Varsity Cross Country

Date	Time	Location
09/01	5:30	Gibbon
09/08	5:30	Loup City
09/15	4:00	Ravenna
09/23	4:00	Ord
09/26	12:00	University of Nebraska Kearney
09/30	12:30	Overton (FKC Meet)

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