



# DAKOTA INDIANS

**Our vision is to prepare all students to make positive contributions in an ever changing world.**

**Our Mission is that Dakota Community Unit School District #201 will educate our students by providing quality and diverse learning opportunities while collaborating with the community.**

**October 2020**

**Dear Dakota School District Students, Parents, Staff, and Community Members:**

## GREAT START

We are off to a great start despite the unusual circumstances. I want to thank all of our staff, parents, teachers, bus drivers, and especially our students, for their diligence in making the start successful.

Our teachers have been working extremely hard to ensure our students will succeed either by virtual or in-person instruction.

Our custodial staff has taken cleaning measures above and beyond to make sure classrooms and buildings are sanitized and safe. They are doing an amazing job!

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

I would like to thank HeiDee Meier for her service on the school board. HeiDee resigned to accept the elementary secretary position vacated by the retirement of Tammy Webster. The school board recently appointed Shane Riggle to fill the open seat. We are looking forward to a successful fall. Please follow our Facebook page to receive information and updates from the school.

*Jason Grey, Superintendent*

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. Conference times on the 22<sup>nd</sup> are from 2 pm – 7:30 pm; and the 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm – 7:30 pm.

Parents should watch for an email notification to schedule conferences in your child's skyward portal.



## October Dates to Remember

Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 student dismissal

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> – No School Columbus Day

Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – First quarter ends

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1:00 dismissal- p/t conferences – 2 – 7:30 pm.

Oct 29<sup>th</sup> – p/t conferences 4 – 7:30 pm.

## ELEMENTARY PBIS

The elementary school is excited to kick off the school year with the addition of an Amazon Pride Store. Students are able to use their earned PRIDE tickets to make purchases online. Parents can help by purchasing prizes from our Amazon Wish List link <https://a.co/7JcjqNs>.

Just add items from this wish list to your cart and have them shipped directly to Tina Buske (address provided during checkout). Please contact the elementary school with any questions. Thank you!



**DAKOTA HAS 3 SCHOOL BUS DRIVER POSITIONS OPEN. STARTING PAY IS \$15.00 PER HOUR. YOU CAN BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS BY DRIVING TRIPS OR DRIVING EXTRA HOURS. 3 HOURS A DAY MINIMUM. PAID TRAINING & A SIGN ON BONUS. CONTACT FREEPORT TRANSPORTATION @ 815-232-0580.**

## CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE & STUDENT FEES

Student fees, which include chrome book insurance, are due October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please check your child's skyward portal for fee totals. Chromebook insurance is optional, but the \$30 fee covers cracked screens and malfunctions. Without chrome book insurance, you are responsible for replacement costs.

Payment plans for student fees can be made by contacting the district office @ 844-632-5682.

# **STUDENT SERVICES**

**Brittney Gerstner-Psychologist**  
**Katie Ries-School Counselor**  
**Kevin Cline-Assistant Principal**  
**Tina Buske – Social Worker**

## **Scholarships:**

As scholarships come in, they will be posted on the Jr/Sr High Student Services page of the district website. Keep in mind the busiest time for students will be the months of January, February and March, as that is when the majority of local scholarships are posted.

**Make-up SAT for Seniors:** On *October 14<sup>th</sup>* all seniors will take their make-up SAT that was originally scheduled for April. This college-entrance exam is mandatory for graduation from all Illinois high schools. The test will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be no CollegeNOW, CareerTEC, or dual credit classes for seniors on this day.

## **Preliminary Scholastic**

**Aptitude Test (PSAT):** The PSAT is an optional exam for **juniors** who want a great practice opportunity for their mandatory SAT exam next April. This test is designed to measure verbal, writing, and mathematical abilities that are important to college work. It also serves as the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT will be administered at the high school on **Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, at a cost of **\$15.00** payable on the day of the test.

Students should sign up by October 9th on the bulletin board outside the Guidance Office, or email Mr. Cline at [kcline@dakota201.com](mailto:kcline@dakota201.com).

**CollegeNOW:** As part of an agreement with Highland Community College, juniors and seniors who meet the criteria and gain administrative approval may opt to attend HCC as a dual credit student rather than attend DHS. All tuition and fees are the responsibility of the student. Please contact Mr. Cline for more details. Highland will hold informational meetings in November. More information will be provided soon.

## **New Transcript Service:**

Dakota High School is now partnered with Parchment, the leading electronic document exchange company in the US, to provide student transcripts, to colleges. From a link on our website, students will be able to request their transcript be sent electronically to colleges for free, saving time and paper. Students are considered "current students" and have access to the free exchange until August 1st following their graduation date. Then they become "alumni" and can still order transcripts but for a \$3.55 fee. The service is also available to all previous alumni. Current students and parents will be trained on the process this fall.

Current students are instructed to **NOT** order PAPER COPIES from Parchment, as they will be charged \$2.75 per copy. If a student needs multiple paper copies for scholarships, they can

just request them from Mr. Cline per usual.

Parchment can be accessed from our district website by going to Jr/Sr High School/Guidance/Resources, or [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com).



## **What should your college-bound senior be doing in the month of October?**

1. Completing any and all applications to 4-year colleges. Target date is November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is not necessary to apply to Highland Community College. Our students are already in their system.
2. Submitting all necessary accompanying paperwork such as letters of recommendation and personal statements.
3. Requesting transcripts be sent thru Parchment to any schools you have completed applications for.
4. Organizing your scholarship search by preparing a personal profile, collecting letters of recommendation, and writing a generic scholarship essay to be tweaked later.
5. Begin filing your FAFSA report for financial aid. The system opens October 1<sup>st</sup>, much sooner than the old date of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't delay this process!

# NURSE'S NOTES

## Physical Exams and Immunizations:

State law requires that all children show proof of having a health examination and required immunizations by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year. A student must have a physical exam dated within one year prior to entering:

- Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Any new students to the school district
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade ( Meningitis immunization only)

Students must show proof of immunizations required by Illinois state law:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis(Whooping Cough), Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella,

Haemophilus Influenzae (HIB), Hepatitis B, Varicella (Chickenpox), Meningitis, Pneumococcal.

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten must show proof of a lead screening evaluation.

**Dental Exams:** State law requires students in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades to submit proof of having a dental exam by May 15<sup>th</sup> of that school year.

**Vision Exams:** State law requires students in Kindergarten and any student enrolling for the first time in a public, private or parochial school to have proof of a comprehensive vision exam and are required by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the school year.

\*Children whose parents or legal guardians object to physical exam or to immunizations on religious grounds may submit appropriate

documentation, including physician signature, explaining religious beliefs and request of exemption. Exemption may also be made upon medical need but must be submitted by the child's medical doctor.



## IDPH COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The chart below is the latest IDPH guidelines.

**COVID-19 INTERIM EXCLUSION GUIDANCE<sup>1</sup>**  
Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs



**Send home or deny entry (and provide remote instruction) if ANY of the following symptoms<sup>2</sup> are present: Fever (100.4°F or higher), new onset of moderate to severe headache, shortness of breath, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain from unknown cause, new congestion/runny nose, new loss of sense of taste or smell, nausea, fatigue from unknown cause, muscle or body aches**  
**Medical Evaluation and Testing are Strongly Recommended for ALL Persons with COVID-Like Symptoms.**

Status	A. COVID-19 diagnostic test Positive (confirmed case) OR COVID-like symptoms without COVID-19 testing and exposed to confirmed case (probable case)	B. Symptomatic individual with a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test (Negative COVID-19 diagnostic tests must be from a specimen collected up to 48 hours prior to symptom onset or after and is valid for only the date the specimen was collected.)	C. Symptomatic individual with an alternative diagnosis without negative COVID-19 diagnostic test	D. Symptomatic individual without diagnostic testing or clinical evaluation (Individuals may move to Columns A, B, or C based on results of diagnostic testing and/or clinical evaluation.)	E. Asymptomatic individual who is a close contact <sup>4</sup> to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case
Evaluated by Healthcare Provider	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES	NO	NA
Return to School Guidance	Stay home at least ten <sup>3</sup> calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition <sup>4</sup> . Follow provider directions, recommended treatment & return to school guidance as per school policies and <a href="#">IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools</a>	Stay home until symptoms have improved/resolved per return-to-school criteria for diagnosed condition <sup>4</sup> . Follow provider directions & return to school guidance as per school policies and <a href="#">IDPH Communicable Diseases in Schools</a>	Stay home at least ten <sup>3</sup> calendar days from onset of symptoms AND for 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement of symptoms	Stay home for 14 calendar days after last exposure to the COVID-19 case. If COVID-19 illness develops, use the ten-day isolation period guidance for a COVID-19 case from the onset date. Testing is recommended.
Quarantine for Close Contacts?	YES	NO	NO	Household Member (e.g., Siblings, Parents) <sup>5</sup>	NA
Documentation Required to Return to School	Release from Isolation letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff person, notification via phone, secure email or fax from the LHD to the school OR other process implemented by your LHD	Negative COVID-19 test result OR healthcare provider's note indicating the negative test result	Healthcare provider's note with alternative diagnosis	After the ten-day exclusion, a note from parent/guardian documenting that the ill student and/or household contacts are able to return to school OR fever-reducing medication and symptoms have improved	Release from Quarantine letter (if received from their LHD) provided by the parent/guardian or staff member LHD notification via phone, secure email or fax to the school OR other process implemented by your LHD

<sup>1</sup> Based on available data and science, schools must make local decisions informed by local context in consultation with their local public health department. This chart should be used in conjunction with the [Public Health Issues Guidance for Pre-K, K-12 Schools and Day Care Programs](#) by [Advisors COVID-19](#).  
<sup>2</sup> New onset of a symptom not attributed to allergies or a pre-existing condition.  
<sup>3</sup> Severely immunocompromised or severely ill may need to isolate for 20 days as per guidance from the individual's infectious disease physician.  
<sup>4</sup> If the individual has been identified by public health for quarantine or knows they are a close contact to a case, the 14 calendar day quarantine must be completed.  
<sup>5</sup> Consider quarantine for other close contacts if there was poor adherence to social distancing or use of face coverings.  
<sup>6</sup> Contacts to close contacts of a case do not need to be excluded unless the close contact became a confirmed or probable case.

Rev. 9/10/2020 Interim Guidance, Subject to updates

## DAKOTA ELEMENTARY MENU OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	Breakfast bags also include: Fruit, juice, & choice of milk  Lunch includes: Choice of milk	Reminder: <b>ALL</b> Breakfasts and Lunches are <b>FREE</b> Elementary & High School	1 Donut  Memphis Mac & Cheese Green Beans Fresh Melon	2 Muffin, String Cheese  Chicken Caesar Wrap Peas Applesauce
5 Cereal  McRib w/ BBQ W/G Bun Carrots Peaches	6 Banana Bread  Turkey & Ham W/G Bun Corn Bake Pineapple Condiments	7 Pancakes  Pork Roast w/ Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Pears Blueberry Muffin	8 Waffles  Cheeseburger W/G Bun Green Beans Banana Condiments	9 Donuts  <b>11:30 Dismissal School Improvement Day</b>
<b>Columbus Day  No School</b>	13 Muffin & Cheese Stick  Walking Taco Corn Peaches Condiments	14 Cereal  Biscuit & Gravy Peas Applesauce	15 Banana Bread  Ham & Cheese W/G Bread Salad Dressing Orange Slices	16 Pancakes  Hot Dog W/G Bun Baked Beans Peaches Condiments
19 Waffles  Chicken Strips Wango Mango Yogurt Strawberries	20 Donuts  Pizza Carrots Ranch Dip Apple Slices	21 Muffin & Cheese Stick  Goulash W/G Bread Fresh Veggies Fresh Fruit	22 Cereal  Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese W/G Bread Pineapple	23 Banana Bread  Bosco Stick Marinara Sauce Salad Dressing Mixed Fruit
26 Pancakes  French Toast Sausage Links Dragon Juice Applesauce Syrup	27 Waffles  Chicken Alfredo w/ Pasta & Broccoli Fruit Juice	28 Donuts  Fiesta Salad Lettuce, Beef, Cheese, Refried Beans, Carrots, Tomatoes Fruit Gummies	29 Muffin & Cheese Stick  Chili Corn Bread Carrots Pears	30 Cereal  Chicken Nuggets W/G Cheetos Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit

# Dakota CUSD #201

October 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 Cross Country @ Amboy, 4:30	9 11:30 dismissal (School Improvement Day)	10 IMEA Auditions @ Huntley Middle School, Dekalb
11	12 No School - Columbus Day	13	14 SAT Senior Make-ups. 8 am - 1 pm	15 Cross Country @ Durand, 4:30	16	17
18	19	20 Board of Education Mtg - 6:00 pm  Fall Concert, Grades 6-8	21	22 1:00 student dismissal (P/T conferences 2- 7:30)	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 P/t conferences 4-7:30 pm  PSAT Optional Test for Juniors	30	31



# Jr/Sr High School    OCTOBER 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast served with Fruit, Juice and choice of milk.</b>	<b>Lunch served with choice of milk.</b>	<b>Menu subject to change.</b>	1 Cinnamon Roll  Cheesy Hash brown Peas & Carrots Peaches W/G Garlic Stick	2 Parfait & Granola Bar  Chicken Nuggets Corn Fresh Fruit W/G Cheetos
5 Mini W/G Bagels  Pork Tenderloin/ W/G Bun Tots/Cheese Black bean Salad Applesauce	6 W/G Waffles  Scalloped Potato/Ham Glazed Carrots Mixed Fruit W/G Dinner Roll Butter	7 Cereal  Orange Chicken over W/G Rice Broccoli/Cauliflower Pineapple Fortune Cookie	8 W/G Muffin  Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato/Gravy Green Beans Peaches W/G Garlic Toast	9 W/G Pop-Tarts  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">SIP DAY</div>
12  <b>No School</b>	13 W/G Breakfast Cookie  Pizza Salad/Dressing Corn Mandarin Oranges	14 W/G Cinnamon Roll  Beef & Noodles Mixed Veg Pears W/G Bread Stick	15 Fresh Baked Long Johns  Riblet W/G Bun Pasta/Veggie Salad Apple Chocolate Pudding Dessert	16 W/G English Muffin/PBJ  Fiesta Chicken Fiesta Beans Grapes Chips/Salsa
19 W/G Pancake Bites  Pizza Burger W/G Bun Green Beans Peaches	20 Banana Bread  Ravioli Peas Mixed Tropical Fruit W/G Dinner Roll Butter	21 Cinnamon Roll  BBQ Pork W/G Bun Baked Beans Fresh Orange	22 Parfait, Granola Bar  Taco Pasta California Blend Corn Bread Applesauce	23 W/G Donuts  Chicken Parmesan Mixed Veg Fresh Fruit
26 W/G Pop-Tarts  Buffalo Chicken W/G Bun Au Gratin Potato Mandarin Oranges	27 W/G Muffin  Mexican Tot Casserole Refried Beans Spanish Rice Pineapple	28 W/G Pancake Bites  Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Broccoli/Cauliflower Salad Slushie	29 W/G Mini Bagels  Cheeseburger W/G Bun Coleslaw Strawberries	30 W/G Cereal  Mini Corn Dogs Cherry Star Juice Pears W/G Sun Chips

# Please Support the Dakota Athletic Boosters Fundraising Efforts

The Dakota Athletic Boosters is participating in the Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing to help support our student athletic teams.



The Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing Fundraiser is a drawing for cash prizes totaling over \$21,000! Cash prizes between \$50 and \$250 are awarded every day for an entire year (365 days).

A ticket can win multiple times throughout the year as each ticket remains in the drawing each day, no matter how often it is drawn.

This year's Drawing **BEGINS** Oct. 1, 2020 - Sept. 30, 2021. You can purchase after Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to get in the fun!

## To Be Eligible to Win: Donate for a Ticket!

A single ticket is \$25 or 5 tickets for \$100 (the 5th ticket is free). Prize winnings will be mailed to winners on the 15th and last day of each month. A complete list of winners will be posted online twice monthly: [www.facebook.com/northwestillinoisdailydrawing](http://www.facebook.com/northwestillinoisdailydrawing). A list of winners will also be published each month in Northwest Illinois area newspapers.

## To Obtain Tickets: Fill out the form below and mail with payment!

Fill out the form below. Submit information only for the number of tickets you are donating for. Write a check for the proper amount payable to **Dakota Athletic Boosters**. Mail the form with payment to:

**Kathy Sutherland 104 E. Carnifix St. Davis, IL 61019**

If you have any questions, call/text Kathy at (815) 541-2011

Number of Northwest Illinois Daily Drawing tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names you wish on the tickets:

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Name #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Name # 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (free if you donate \$100 for 4 tickets)

Purchaser's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!