Here we go! The start of the 2017-2018 school year is finally here, as a district we are looking forward to serving the Louisville Educational Community for the new school year. For your reference, we have provided a list of important dates below. If you have questions, please contact Louisville Elementary at (402) 234-4215 or Louisville High School at (402) 234-3585.

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New Staff for 2017 - 2018

Megan Barnes
Mrs. Barnes attended the University of Nebraska, Omaha where in 2016, she earned her Bachelor's in Elementary Education; K-6. She student taught 1st Grade at Springfield Elementary. Prior to entering the teaching field, Mrs. Barnes played volleyball at UNO and following her graduation from college in Spain for 1 year. As she transitions to Louisville Elementary School, she looks forward to getting to know the students and staff, as well as making a positive academic impact for the district. Mrs. Barnes will be teaching second grade and assisting with the volleyball program.

Kurt Finkey
Mr. Finkey joins LPS from Humboldt Table Rock Steinauer Public Schools where he was serving as the middle-high school counselor. Mr. Finkey earned his initial Bachelor's Degree from Chadron State College in 1987 in Secondary Education; emphasis in P.E. and Health. He also holds Masters Degrees in Educational Administration and School Counseling which he also earned from Chadron State College. He has been in public education since 1987. Mr. Finkey is looking forward to working with, and interacting with secondary students and their families at LPS. Mr. Finkey will serve as the Middle - High School Counselor at LHS.

Nathan Roth
Mr. Roth attended Doane College, Crete, NE where in 2014, he earned his initial Bachelor's Degree in Physics. At the conclusion of his initial degree he made the decision to transition to Doane’s College of Education where he graduated in 2017 with his second Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education; emphasis in Mathematics. He student taught high school math at Lincoln Southeast High School. As he moves into his first teaching position at Louisville High School, Mr. Roth looks forward to working with both the students and parents of LHS. Mr. Roth will be teaching high school math and assisting with the basketball program.

Nate Simons-Director of Technology
Mr. Simons joins LPS from Logan-Magnolia Public Schools in Iowa, where he was serving as the Information Technology Teacher. Mr. Simmons earned his Bachelor's Degree from Northwest Missouri State University in 1999. His initial degree was in Secondary Education; emphasis in K-12 Music. Mr. Simons holds a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction which he earned from the University of Phoenix in 2008. Mr. Simons has been in public education since 2000. He is looking forward to working with, and interacting with secondary students and their families at LPS. Additionally Mr. Simons is looking forward to working with the technological infrastructure of LPS, with
the intent to make things run as “smooth” as possible. Mr. Simons will serve as the District Technology Director.

**Adam Vogt**
Mr. Vogt attended Concordia University, Nebraska where in December 2014, he earned his Bachelor's in Secondary Education; emphasis in 7-12 Math and Physical Education. He student taught Math at Seward High School and P.E. at Lincoln North Star. Mr. Vogt joins LPS from Nebraska City Lourdes where he has taught and coached since 2015. As he transitions to Louisville Public Schools, he looks forward to getting to know, and working with the students, parents and staff of LPS. Mr. Vogt will be teaching middle - high school math, assistant coaching football and will the be the head boys basketball coach.

**1:1 K-12 IPad Initiative**
For the 2017 -2018 school year, Louisville Public Schools is excited to provide every student in our district with a 9.6 inch IPad. With the district wide implementation of IPads, all Staff will be working hard to integrate even more technology into their classroom to help our students succeed. Prior to IPADS being checked out to students in Grades 6-12, paperwork and $15 fee will be collected. There are scheduled informational meetings on both August 7 and 9 for both parents and students. Please contact the high school office for additional information at (402) 234-3585.

**Annual Asbestos Notice**
Federal regulations require all schools to inventory asbestos containing materials and develop a management plan that identifies and controls asbestos containing materials in their building. The presence of asbestos in a building does not mean that the health of the building occupants is necessarily endangered. As long as the identified material remains in good condition and is not disturbed, exposure is unlikely.

Please note, at least once each six months periodic surveillance is conducted on all asbestos containing materials and suspect material assumed to contain asbestos. A re-inspection will be conducted every three years throughout the district of all items that have asbestos containing material. From time to time operations and maintenance will be conducted to keep all material in good condition. For more information please contact the Superintendent of Schools, Andrew Farber at (402) 234-3585, or the project manager at (402) 339-6240.
Transmission
Louisville Public Schools provides bus service to students living outside the Louisville city limits. Routes for the 2017-2018 school year have been established; if you think your child should be on a bus route please contact the high school office at (402) 234-3585.

Community Weight Room Use
Information, along with the application form for Louisville community use of the High School Weight Room, is available through the district office. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Bev Becker at (402) 234-3585

School Closings and Delays
Louisville Public Schools will once again use an automated system to notify all families of emergencies, special events, or weather based closings. Additionally, in most cases school closings due to weather will be released and posted through selected Omaha and Lincoln media sources. If in question, Louisville families should contact their respective school offices and make certain that all contact numbers and family information is updated for the 2017-2018 school year.

LPS Lunch Program:
Louisville Public Schools lunch program, works to prepare and offer daily meals in accordance to the guidelines of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Alternatively, if students do not want to participate in the lunch program, they may bring a meal from home. Pop and caffeinated beverages are not allowed between the hours of 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM per the District’s Wellness Policy and State Nutrition Guidelines. Milk may be purchased for $0.30 or is included with lunch at all three levels. Additionally, Juice may be purchased at breakfast for $0.30.

USDA regulations require that each student take a fruit and/or a vegetable with their meal. An elementary student lunch costs $2.50, a middle - high school student lunch is $2.70. A second main serving is available for $1.00. Breakfast for all students K-12 is $1.40. An adult lunch is $3.55 with an adult breakfast at 2.00. In regards to the purchase of a lunch; each individual student will be provided with a lunch number that they will provide daily, at the point of sale. If your student does not have a lunch number please contact either the high school or elementary office. If you have questions about the lunch program please contact the district office. Please refer to district policy 3012 regarding the collection of delinquent funds and limitations on lunch accounts.
Athletic and Activity Participation
As we move into the 2017-2018 athletic and activity season, it is important to remember a few expectations regarding parent and patron behavior at events. 1.) Praise and support your child’s effort and performance rather than focusing on winning or losing. 2.) Remember that every action is a representation of yourself, your family, your school and your community. 3.) Our goal should always be to model good sportsmanship and behavior for our participants, students and those around us. 4.) Work to control your emotions and maintain a level of dignity at all times. LET THE PLAYERS PLAY, THE COACHES COACH, THE OFFICIALS OFFICIATE.

Lion Leaders
The LPS “Lion Leader” section is reserved for individual students, LPS staff, or community members that receive recognition based on exceptional school, or community involvement, high academic achievement, success in activities, community service and leadership.

- Dan Henry and the City of Louisville for continually ensuring the security and safety of the Louisville Community.
- The Cass County Sheriff’s Department.
- Linda Behrs and her continual work in “Keeping Cass County Beautiful”
- Pinnacle bank of Louisville for their continued support of Louisville Public Schools
- Roloff Construction, for their continual assistance and support of Louisville Public Schools.
- Louisville Public Schools Board of Education for their continual support of our students and the educational process.
- Parents and Guardians of our students, for their continued support of LPS.
- Mr. Bauers and his summer staff for their efforts in cleaning and repairing the Louisville facilities and grounds.

Louisville Public Schools Board of Education

Cindy Osterloh  Kara Habrock  Amy Kerans  Jon Simon  John Winkler  Ashley Christiansen

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