



DECEMBER 2024

BOBCAT BITS

Hemingford Public Schools



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*Empowering
individuals to become
Resourceful,
Respectful, and
Responsible lifelong
learners.*
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THERE WILL BE NO
SCHOOL FROM
NOVEMBER 27TH
THROUGH DECEMBER
1ST FOR
THANKSGIVING BREAK

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S STANDPOINT DECEMBER 2024

By Dr. Travis Miller

As we approach the end of the first semester, I encourage our students and staff to finish strong while also setting meaningful goals for the coming year.

First, a big congratulations to our eSports team for an incredible undefeated season, which culminated in earning a state championship in chess! We are so proud of our competitors and their coach, Mr. McClintock, for this outstanding accomplishment. Team members Yohan Bae, Brian Roland, Parker Wright, and Keirith Yale have brought great pride to our school community.

Our One Act team has been hard at work preparing for the district competition. I'm confident that their dedication and talent will lead to an impressive performance. We are optimistic about the possibility of a return to state competition for this talented group of students and staff.

The winter sports season is officially here! Best of luck to our Bobcat basketball players on the court and our wrestlers on the mat. It's always exciting to watch our scholar-athletes compete and represent our school with pride.

Students, as we near the end of the semester, I want to remind you of the importance of finishing strong. Your hard work matters—not only for earning credits but also for staying on track to achieve your personal and academic goals.

As we prepare to welcome 2025, I encourage everyone—students, staff, and families—to dream big about the future. The new year is an excellent time to reflect on the past and set aspirations for what lies ahead. Visualizing success is often the first step toward achieving it, so take this opportunity to set ambitious and attainable goals.

To our seniors, you're about to begin the final semester of your PK-12 journey. I urge you to stay focused and committed all the way through graduation. The effort you invest now will shape the attitudes, dispositions, and habits you'll carry into the next stage of your life—whether that's joining the workforce, serving in the military, or pursuing post-secondary education.

As always, I welcome your feedback on how we can continue to make this school year exceptional. Please feel free to call, email, or schedule a visit—I'd love to hear your thoughts.

Keep up the great work, Bobcat Nation!



ELEMENTARY EXCERPTS

Written by Eric Arneson

*Have a great
Thanksgiving and
Christmas Break*

December is here and along with it will be colder weather. I've attached a little infographic from the National Weather Service about dressing for cold weather. With the addition of snow, there are times when student's socks or pants might become wet. Consider keeping a change of clothes in your student's backpack so they can change if something gets wet.

Our Bobcat Branch has seen some great success. It's still not too late to join in! The branch is open every Tuesday from 7:45 to 8:05 in the little gym. Pick up a permission sheet and we'll see you on Tuesday.

Our Christmas break will be December 21, through January 6. Students will start the second semester on January 7th.



NURSING NEWS

Written by Nurse Kimball

Basic Nursing Assistant Testing:

The Basic Nursing Assistant (BNA) class will be traveling to Western Nebraska Community College in Scottsbluff for state testing on December 11th. Please encourage the BNA students and wish them luck. They're going to do great things!

Immune System Boosting Nutrients:

Beta-Carotene can help your antibodies respond to viruses and bacteria. Beta-carotene is found in carrots, spinach, kale, squash, sweet potatoes, broccoli, and tomatoes.

Vitamin C helps increase white blood cell production. Vitamin C is found in grapefruits, oranges, tangerines, sweet red pepper, broccoli, berries, and kale.

Vitamin D regulates the immune response. Vitamin D is found in fatty fish, and egg yolks. Your body can produce vitamin D when exposed to sunshine.

Zinc is needed for your immune system cells to function the way they are supposed to. Zinc is found in shellfish, poultry, red meat, and beans.

Water is needed to produce lymph which carries the immune cells throughout the body.



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Washing your hands is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of illness.

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MUSIC NOTES

BY MRS. ARNESON

K-12 Music Teacher

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DECEMBER & JANUARY DATES

K-12 Vocal & Band Concert

Tuesday, December 10th

5pm - Empty Bowls Soup Supper
with Solo Band Student

Performances in the Red Zone

6pm - Vocal Performances in the
HS Gym

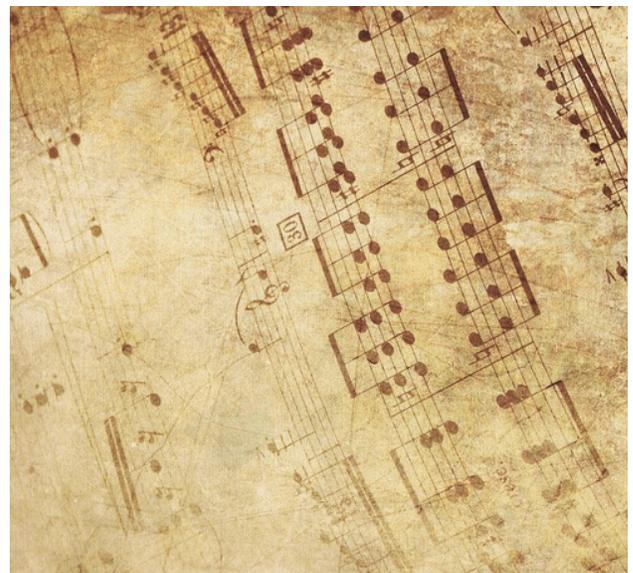
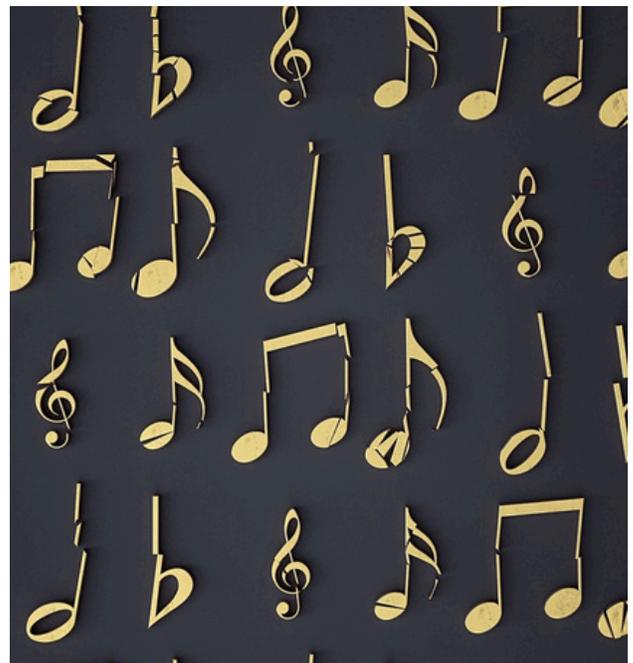
Approximately **6:45pm** - Brief intermission
followed by the 5-12 Band Performances in
the HS Gym

*Backup Concert Date in case of
Weather Cancellation:*

**Monday, December 16th at
6:30pm**

Mon, Jan 6 - Oregon Trails Honor
Band (select students only)

Fri, Jan 10 & Fri, Jan 17th
Band Grades 7-12 Play for Varsity
Girls and Boys Basketball Games





ELEMENTARY PE NEWS

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER THE STUDENTS COMPLETED A UNIT ON VOLLEYBALL AND ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH SCOOTERS. STUDENTS HAVE ALSO HAD SOME TIME TO PLAY GROUP GAMES FOCUSING ON TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND PLAYING BY THE RULES.

PLEASE HELP YOUR STUDENT BE SUCCESSFUL FOR PE CLASS BY WEARING TENNIS SHOES OR BRINGING TENNIS SHOES TO CHANGE INTO FOR PE CLASS. TENNIS SHOES ARE THE SAFEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE FOOTWEAR FOR PE CLASS. SANDALS, FLIP-FLOPS, CROCS, AND BOOTS CAN CREATE TRIPPING HAZARDS AND SAFETY CONCERNS.

NOVEMBER SUPERIOR SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS EMMA RABEN & WYATT CROWELL



DECEMBER EVENTS

Calendar events are subject to change. Please see our [website calendar](#) for the current calendar of events.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1 5:00pm: One Act (Home) 5:00pm: Winter Sports Parents Meeting 6:00pm: One Act Soup Supper Public Performance | 2 White Day 9:00am: Wrestling: Boys JH vs. TBD">Multiple Schools (Away) 2:00pm: Basketball: Girls JH vs. Gordon-Rushville (Home) | 3 Red Day | 4 District One Act White Day 8:00am: ASVAB Testing - Juniors 9:00am: One Act (Home) | 5 Red Day 2:00pm: Basketball: Girls JH vs. Hyannis (Away) 2:00pm: Wrestling: Boys Varsity vs. Crawford High SchoolHay Springs PublicHyannisKimball High SchoolMinatareMorrillNorth PlattePaxtonPerkins CountySioux County SchoolsSouth Platte">Multiple Schools (Home) 2:30pm: Wrestling: Girls Varsity vs. Chadron (Away) | 6 White Day 9:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity vs. Custer (Away) 11:00am: Wrestling: Girls Varsity vs. Southwest Public Schools (Away) 3:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV vs. Gordon-Rushville (Away) 4:30pm: Basketball: Boys JV vs. Gordon-Rushville (Away) 6:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Gordon-Rushville (Away) 7:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Gordon-Rushville (Away) | 7 1:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV vs. Hyannis (Home) 2:30pm: Basketball: Boys JV vs. Hyannis (Home) 4:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Hyannis (Home) 5:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Hyannis (Home) |
| 8 | 9 Red Day 1:00pm: Wrestling: Boys JH vs. Hemingford Middle School vs. Mitchell Public Schools (Away) 4:30pm: Basketball: Girls JH vs. Hemingford Middle School vs. St. Agnes Academy (Away) | 10 White Day 6:00pm: Elementary and High School Vocal and Band Concert | 11 Red Day | 12 White Day 2:00pm: Basketball: Girls JH vs. Bridgeport Jr Sr (Home) | 13 Red Day 9:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity vs. Niobrara County (Away) 9:00am: Wrestling: Girls Varsity vs. Niobrara County (Away) 4:00pm: Basketball: Boys JV vs. Bridgeport Jr Sr (Away) 4:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV vs. Bridgeport Jr Sr (Away) 5:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Bridgeport Jr Sr (Away) 7:00pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Bridgeport Jr Sr (Away) | 14 9:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity vs. Gordon-Rushville (Away) 9:00am: Wrestling: Girls Varsity vs. Gordon-Rushville (Away) 1:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV vs. Oelrichs (Home) 2:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Oelrichs (Home) |

DECEMBER EVENTS CONT.

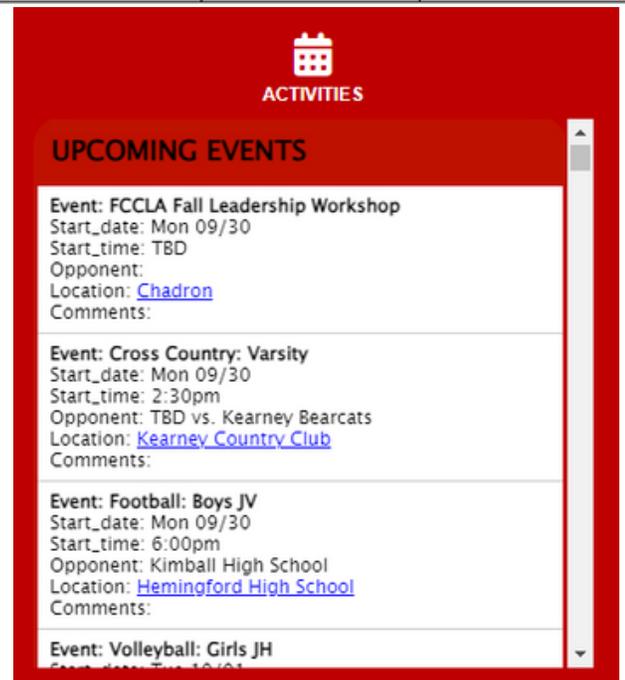
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|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | White Day 9:00am: Basketball: Girls JH vs. Morrill (Away) 5:00pm: School Board Meeting | Red Day 3:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV (Cancelled) vs. Hay Springs Public (Away) 4:30pm: Basketball: Boys JV vs. Hay Springs Public (Away) 6:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Hay Springs Public (Away) 7:30pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Hay Springs Public (Away) | Winter Picture Day White Day | Red Day 3:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV vs. Mitchell Public Schools (Away) 4:30pm: Basketball: Boys JV vs. Mitchell Public Schools (Away) 5:30pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Mitchell Public Schools (Away) 7:00pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Mitchell Public Schools (Away) | End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester White Day 6:30pm: FFA: Gift Exchange | 9:00am: Wrestling: Boys Varsity vs. Sidney (Away) 9:00am: Wrestling: Girls Varsity vs. Sidney (Away) 2:00pm: Basketball: Girls JV vs. Leyton (Home) 4:00pm: Basketball: Boys JV (Time Changed) vs. Leyton (Home) 5:00pm: Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Leyton (Home) 6:00pm: Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Leyton (Home) |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | No School - Christmas Break | No School - Christmas Break | No School - Christmas Break | No School - Christmas Break | No School - Christmas Break | No School - Christmas Break |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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NEW ACTIVITY WIDGET

We have a new widget on our website and in our app.

It is a list of upcoming activities. Check it out and support our Bobcats!





HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BREAKFAST MENU

DECEMBER

Milk is served with all meals

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Bagel Twist Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice | French Toast Casserole PB&J Fruit or Juice | Tater Tot Breakfast bowl Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice | Dutch Waffles w/Strawberries PB&J Fruit or Juice | Blueberry Breakfast Cake Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Pancake Wrap Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice | French Toast Sticks PB&J Fruit or Juice | Breakfast Casserole Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice | Omelet Hash Brown Patty PB&J Fruit or Juice | Cinnamon roll Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Waffles Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice | Scrambled Eggs w/Hash Browns PB&J Fruit or Juice | Breakfast Sandwich Cold Cereal Fruit or Juice | Biscuit w/gravy PB&J Fruit or Juice | Breakfast Pizza PB&J Fruit or Juice |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL |
| Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | MERRY CHRISTMAS Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th |
| 30 | 31 | | | |
| NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | | | |
| Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | | | |



HEMINGFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER

Milk is served with all meals

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2 Calzone Corn Fruit | 3 Chicken Patty on a bun Green Beans fruit | 4 Chicken fried Steak Roll Corn | 5 Crispito With cheese sauce Peas and Carrots Fruit | 6 Ready Rib sandwich Mixed Veggies Fruit |
| 9 Mac and Cheese Dinner Roll Broccoli Fruit | 10 Pizza Green Beans Fruit | 11 Burrito Corn Fruit | 12 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garlic Toast Green Beans | 13 Hamburger Patty on a Bun Corn Fruit |
| 16 Corn dogs Mixed Veggies Fruit | 17 Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice Broccoli Fruit | 18 Chicken Nuggets Peas fruit | 19 Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta Bake Broccoli Fruit | 20 Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich Carrots Fruit |
| 23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | 24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | 25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | 26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | 27 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th |
| 30 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | 31 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th | | | |

Menus are subject to change

USDA is an equal opportunity provider & employer.

The Hemingford Public School provides lunches in accordance with the National School Lunch Program.

The cost of a breakfast is as follows: Pre-K-12 - \$2.50 Adult Breakfast - \$3.00 Milk- .55

The cost of a lunch is as follows: PreK - 6 Lunch - \$3.00 7 - 12 Lunch - \$3.25 Adult Lunch - \$5.00

COMMUNICATION SOURCES

Contact us

Dr. Travis Miller - Superintendent/Secondary Principal

Mr. Eric Arneson - Elementary Principal

Mrs. Mandy Plog - Director of Student Services

PO Box 217
911 Niobrara Ave
Hemingford, NE 69348

High School Phone: 308-487-3328
Elementary School Phone: 308-487-3330
Fax: 308-487-5215

In an effort to maintain all possible communication links, Hemingford Public Schools will offer numerous ways for parents, students, community members and all other interested citizens to stay abreast of happenings at the schools. Some ways to communicate are:

Our school website: <http://www.hemingfordschools.org>

The Hemingford Ledger

Our monthly newsletter

Notices sent home with students

Phone calls to students' homes when necessary

PowerSchool for attendance, grades and other notes.

Remind

Hemingford School App ([Android](#)) ([Apple](#))

Breakfast and lunch menus can be accessed through the app

[Facebook](#)

[X](#)

[Youtube](#)

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Lunch Account System

Access your current account information online at <https://foodservice.edutrak.com/>

If you do not have access, please reach out to [Karla Mapes](#). (487-3330)

Inclement Weather and other announcements

The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. The Superintendent will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. The information will be transmitted by the Remind App, the School's Facebook page, X, and the Hemingford Public Schools App.

School notifications will also be posted through Remind, Facebook, and X.

Safe2Help Nebraska

[Apple App](#)



"We know the struggle is real, that's why we're here.
What you know matters. Make an anonymous report."

[Android App](#)

Download App Or Call 833-980-7233

[Safe2Help Website](#)

Equal Opportunity

Hemingford Public School District #10 will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

ADULTS

Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

NEBRASKA SMART IS A FREE VIRTUAL TUTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12.



Teacher education candidates from Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State Colleges remotely tutor students in rural Nebraska. This program is currently offering services to:

- All NRCSA member school districts
- Educational Service Unit 1
- Educational Service Unit 4
- Educational Service Unit 13
- Other select smaller rural school districts

Visit our website for the full list of school districts served.

HOW IT WORKS

Nebraska students in grades K-12 have free access to online tutoring with a qualified Tutor in English, math, science, and social studies. Parents must first register their child. Once registered, students can request pre-scheduled appointments with a Tutor or log in and request on-demand tutoring to be connected with the next Tutor available in the queue. Students should provide homework for which they wish to receive help or topics that they would like to cover.



TUTORING HOURS



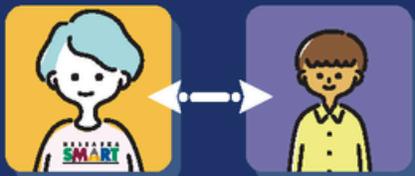
OUR PARTNERS

The Nebraska Department of Education has awarded a grant to the Nebraska State Colleges to develop a program that provides free online tutoring to K-12 students in rural Nebraska.



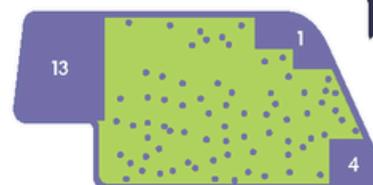
OUR TUTORS

Tutors are full-time students at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges who have been admitted to the teacher education program, have completed background checks, and received training through their teacher education program coursework.



PLEASE VISIT

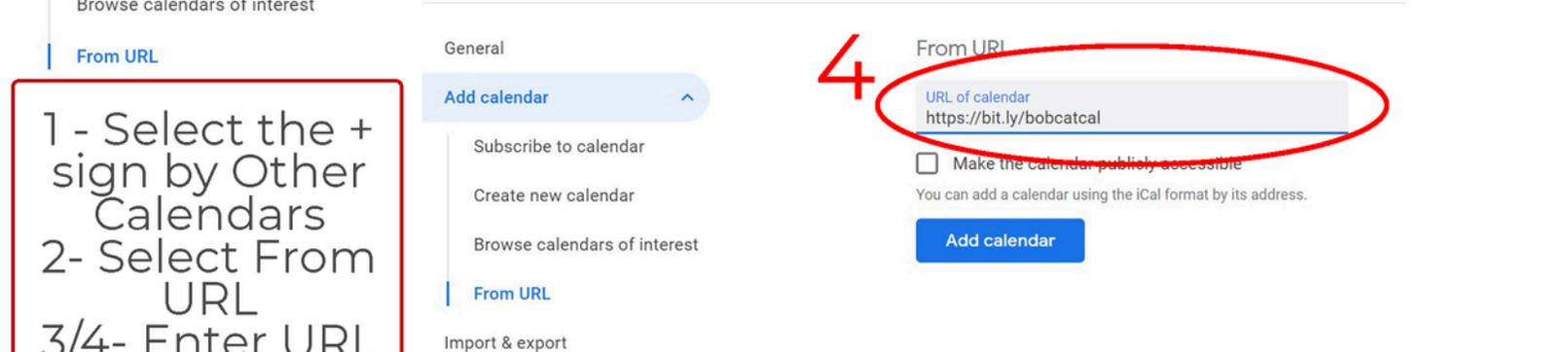
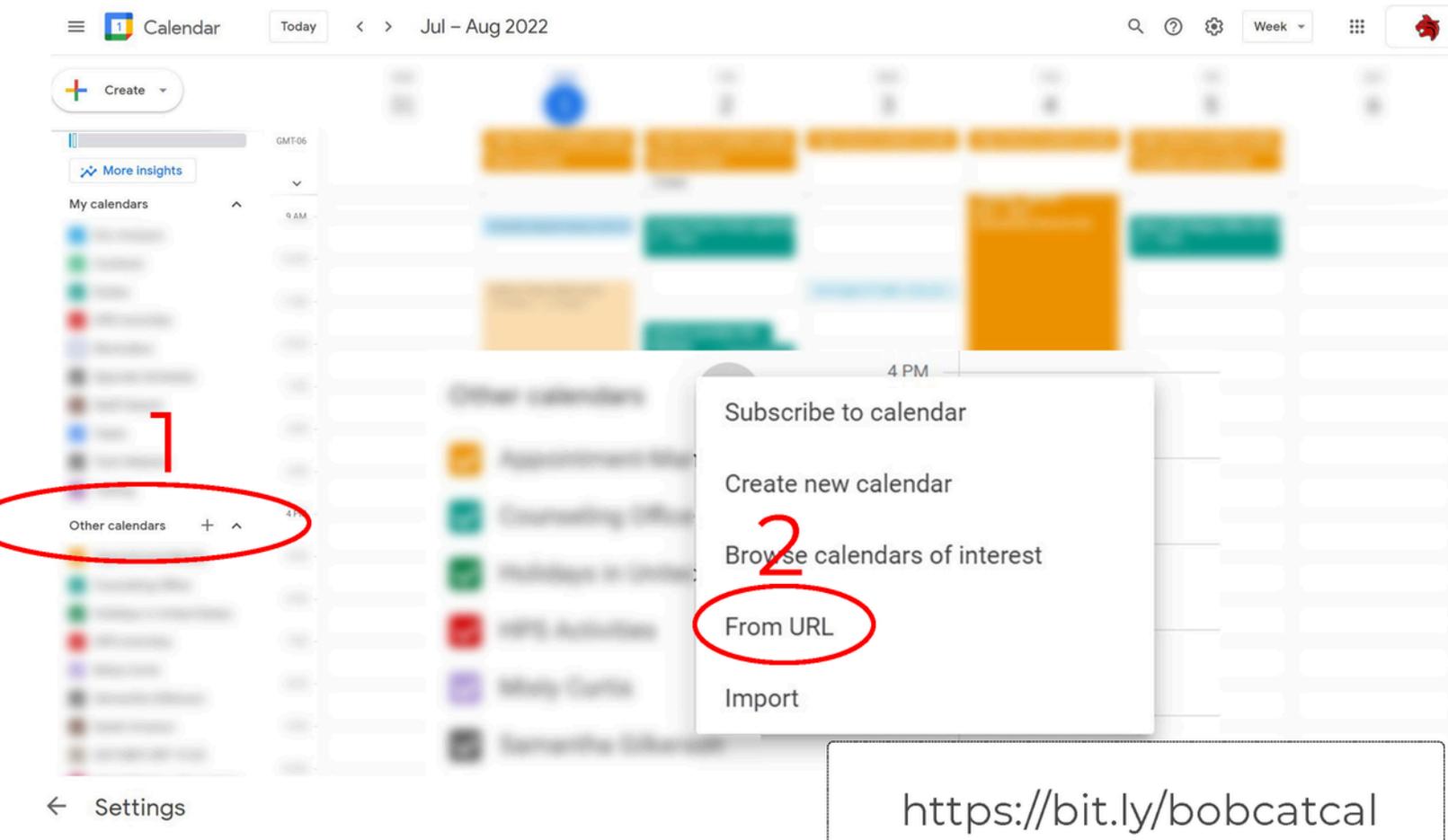
nscs.edu/NebraskaSMART



FOR THE FULL LIST OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED.

Google Calendar

If you use Google Calendar it is easier to complete on a computer instead of a phone. Navigate to Google Calendar while logged into your Google Account



1 - Select the + sign by Other Calendars
2- Select From URL
3/4- Enter URL and click "Add Calendar"

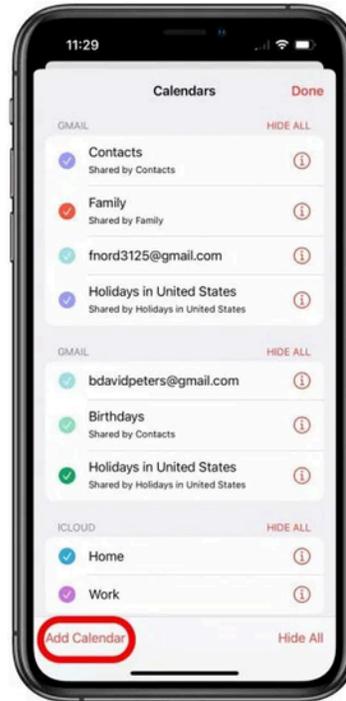
iOS Built in Calendar



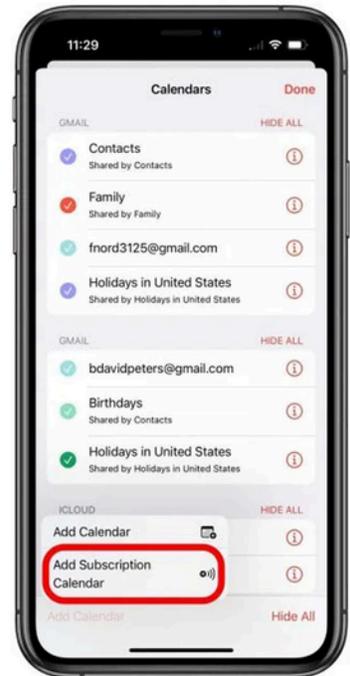
Open Calendar



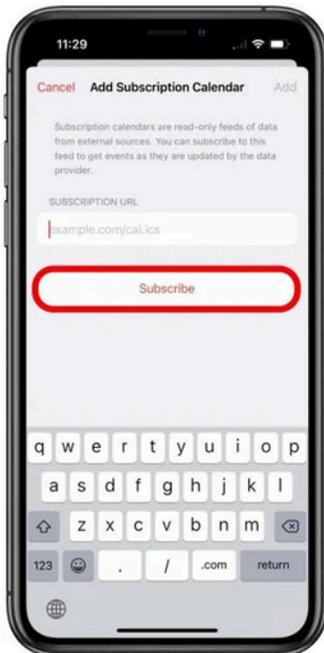
Tap Calendars.



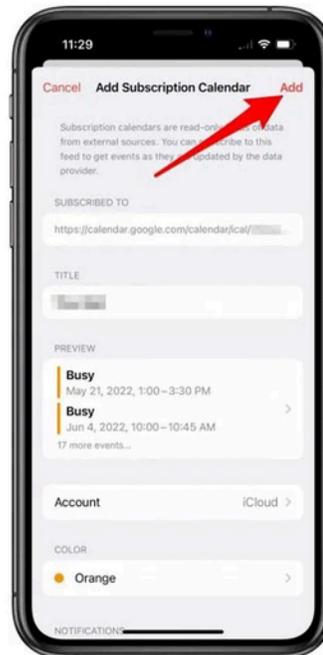
Tap Add Calendar.



From the small menu that opens, tap Add Subscription Calendar.



Type the URL:
<https://bit.ly/bobcatcal>



The Calendar app will show you some information on this specific calendar, to confirm the subscription, tap Add.

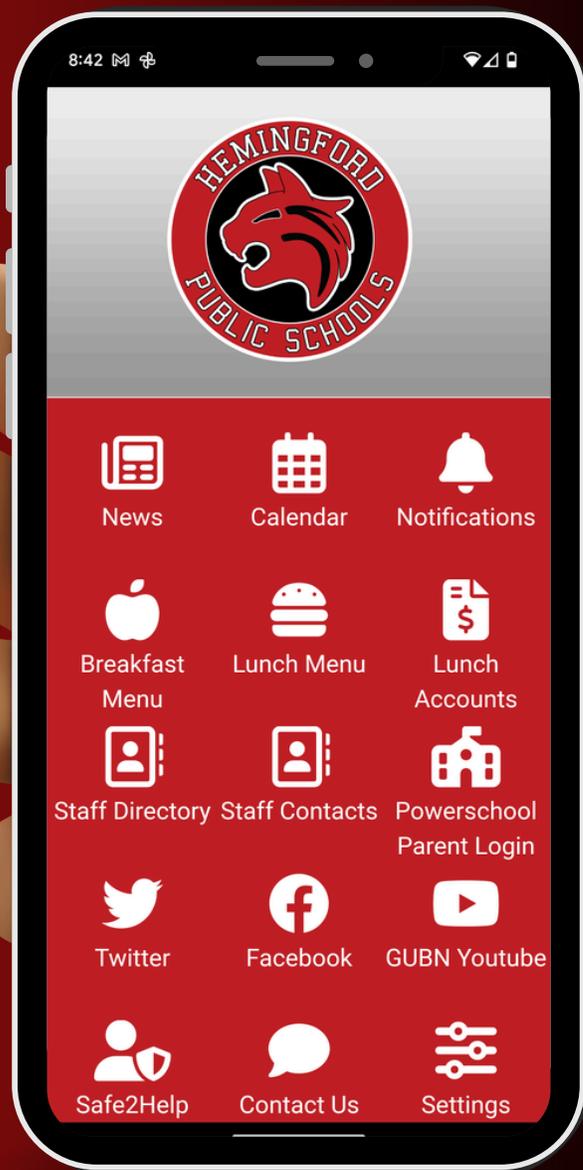
Hemingford Public
Schools

Download Our app

Search for Hemingford Public
Schools in the Apple App
store or the Google Play store
to download our app.

Google

Apple



ELEMENTARY REMIND

Get information for **Hemingford Elementary School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

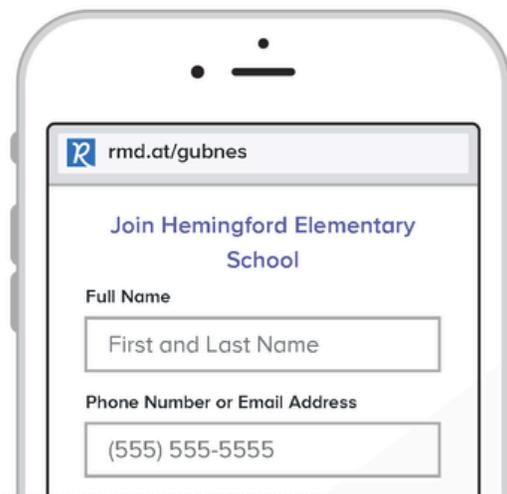
Pick a way to receive messages for **Hemingford Elementary School**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/gubnes

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@gubnes](#) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@gubnes](#) to **(415) 749-9891**.

** Standard text message rates apply.*



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/gubnes on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

HIGH SCHOOL REMIND

Get information for **Hemingford High School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

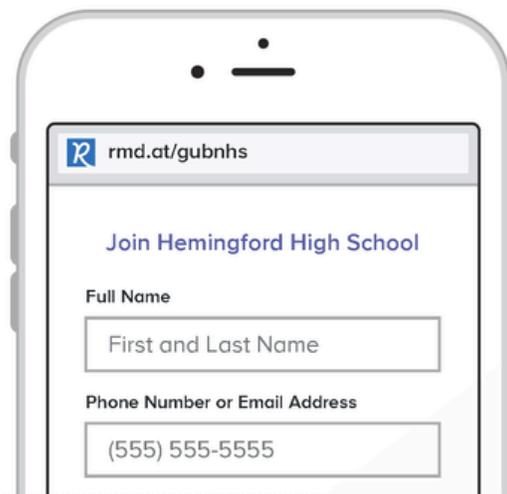
Pick a way to receive messages for **Hemingford High School**:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/gubnhs

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



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LET'S GO CASHLESS!!!



You can now use your credit card, ApplePay, or GooglePay to buy tickets or at the concession stand.



You can also buy your tickets in advance using the GoFan app on our Activity Scheduler page.
Card users will pay a convenience fee.



A Gift to Parents of Our Community



The NCA & Proactive Coaching partner to bring Coach Bruce Brown's legendary insights about the parent's role in education-based athletics to your community.



THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN EDUCATION-BASED ATHLETICS

PRESENTED BY DARIN BOYSEN, NCA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"Outstanding information, well delivered. There were times I thought he was talking directly to me, which is a sign of a great communicator. I personally feel I'm better today than yesterday as a sports parent because I was able to listen to this message." – Parent & School Board Member



Before the Season

- What do Athletes/Kids Really Want?
- Releasing Your Son/Daughter to the Experience
- Parental Red Flags



During the Game/Event

- Modeling Appropriate Behavior
- Big Picture
- One Instructional Voice



After the Game/Event

- Time & Space
- Confidence Building
- Relationship Building
- Six Powerful Words

Endorsed by the Following Education Associations:





Nebraska Early Development Network

Babies can't wait



MAKING A REFERRAL

ANYONE CAN DO IT!

An infant or toddler should be referred if they have:

A suspected significant level of developmental delay in one or more developmental area(s): cognitive, adaptive, communication, social/emotional, and/or physical (including vision, hearing)

A diagnosed physical or mental condition that has a high probability of resulting in a significant developmental delay.

Referrals and questions regarding services for infants and toddlers birth to 3 years old with disabilities should be made to the local Early Development Network Referral Agency of the child/family or call:

Nebraska ChildFind at 1-888-806-6287 (toll-free)

HIGHLIGHTED BENEFITS:

Free Developmental
Evaluation

Free Services

Not Income Based

For Kids Birth - 3yrs

PRT 12 Coordinators
can be contacted by
Calling: 1-800-717-1231



Western Community
Health Resources
300 Shelton St.
Chadron, NE 69337