



HEARTLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

HUSKIE LEADER

Aug/Sept 2026



Heartland Elementary

BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT

PK-6 Students and Families

AUGUST 11, 2026

General Session: 6:00pm
(South Gym)

Tour Classrooms:
5:30 - 5:50pm OR After
General Session



Please remember the right lane of traffic in the circle is for drop off only. Please do not park cars along the curb on that side.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

August 4

7:00 PM Sports Information Night @ Hampton (7th-12th Parents)

August 10

5:00 PM 7th Grade Orientation

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

August 11

5:00 PM - 7:00PM 7th-12th Grade Computer Distribution

5:30PM-5:50PM Elementary Classrooms open

6:00 PM PK - 6th General Session

August 13

First Day of School Dismiss at 11:40

August 17

5:30PM Food Trucks Open

7:00PM H&H Fall Kickoff at Heartland

September 7

NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

September 12

Yorkfest

September 14

NO SCHOOL

Professional Development Day

8:00 PM School Board Meeting

October 19

NO SCHOOL

Professional Development Day

October 19 & 20

4:30 PM - 8:30 PM Parent Teacher Conferences



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

Welcome, Sarah Goertzen!



Sarah Goertzen will be our school nurse. She has been a nurse for 17 years enjoying and caring for others and making a difference. She is a proud grandma to seven grandchildren who bring so much joy to her life. She and her husband, Carey, and daughter, Makaelyn, live on a farm where they enjoy raising a variety of animals. She also LOVES planting and arranging flowers and gardening.

***Please take any opportunity you
have to introduce yourself and
welcome our new team members to
Heartland Community Schools!***

Welcome, Noah Jones!



Noah Jones will be our secondary social studies teacher. The boys know him as "Coach Jones" since he serves as a coach on the football team and basketball team. Noah graduated from UNL in May.

Welcome, Kelsey Linabery!



Kelsey Linabery will be our K-12 vocal teacher. She and her husband, Trent, reside in Henderson, and her sons, Brooks and Parker attend Heartland. Kelsey comes to us from an appreciated career in Sutton and shared many music events with Mr. Hall.



**Play
Learn
Grow**

**Heartland Preschool Registration
2026 - 2027**
Attention parents of 3-5 year olds

Heartland Preschool currently has limited space available for the 2026-2027 school year. Preschool serves students ages three to five. Students cannot attend if they are Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2026).

Please email Preschool Teacher Cami Buller @ cbuller@heartlandschools.net to express your interest. After doing so, you will need to obtain and submit a time sensitive application to the Heartland School Office. Please note that space is limited and not guaranteed.

Email your Interest to:
cbuller@heartlandschools.net

Children 3 - 5 years old
Cannot be Kindergarten eligible (5 by July 31, 2026)

**HUSKIE
BRANCH**
Member FDIC

Henderson State Bank

September Dates
September 8
September 22
7:50 - 8:10am - South Gym

HEARTLAND ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT STAFF



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H&H
BEARCATS

Fall Kick-Off

PEP RALLY

@ Heartland

MONDAY

AUGUST 17, 2026

FOOD TRUCKS BEGINNING @ 5:30 PM

PEP RALLY (NORTH GYM) @ 7:00 PM

Please use the Activity Entrance

BRING THE FAMILY!



GIRLS GOLF



VOLLEYBALL



FOOTBALL



Get ready to join us
for food, fun, and
lots of school spirit!

- ALL are welcome to attend!
- Face painting by the H&H Cheer Squad
- Meet the Coaches & Players
- Performance by the H&H Cheer Squad
- Free Popcorn & Water from the Booster Club!

Food Trucks

- PIG IN A BAG
- PUEBLO VIEJO
- ROSIE'S REFRESHERS
- FORBY'S SHAVED ICE COMPANY



CHEER

Come support our
Bearcat teams!



7th - 12th Grade Important Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH HAMPTON NORTH GYM

7:00pm - Sports Information Meeting for Parents

The following Student/Athletic Forms that need to be turned in are:

- NSAA Consent form signed by athlete and parents, ALL yellow highlighted sections must be completed.
- Sports Physical Form
- 7th Grade Student Physical Form
- Concussion book in the High School office must be signed by a parent.

All forms are available at the Sports Information meeting or on the Heartland Community Schools website by clicking on Menu/ For parents/ Back to school forms

Computer Distribution Grades 7th - 12th



**Tuesday, August 11th
5:00pm - 7:00pm**

*Remember to bring:
Signature form (found in this newsletter or on the school website) and a check/cash for \$30 to Heartland Community Schools



**CLASSES
BEGIN**

**August 13th
First Day of School
Dismiss
@ 11:40 am**

PICTURE DAY COMING SOON!

Heartland Community School

Thursday, Sept. 24

ORDER SCHOOL PICTURES NOW



ORDER ONLINE TODAY TO RECEIVE FREE
DELIVERY TO THE SCHOOL!

MODERNIMAGESONLINE.COM

Enter code: 8NYV2436

*ALL LATE ORDERS ARE MAILED HOME AND
SUBJECT TO A SHIPPING FEE.

PLACE YOUR ORDER ONLINE



SCAN ME!

(CODE EXPIRES MIDNIGHT OF PICTURE DAY)

All late orders will be charged a shipping fee.



H&H ACTIVITIES ADMISSION PRICES 2026-2027

Admission Prices

Students K-12 \$4.00
Adults \$6.00
Seniors (65+) FREE
Jr. High events FREE

Yearly Passes

\$180.00 per family
\$75.00 single adult
\$25.00 student (K-12)

* Maximum family cost per event \$20

Admission Prices and Maximum Family Costs set by H&H do not apply to Conference or NSAA events, those rates are set and required to be charged by the Conference and/or NSAA.

Heartland Breakfast/Lunch Prices for 2026-2027

Prices for the 2026-2027 school year are as follows:

Breakfast

K-12: \$1.95
Guest: \$2.40
Reduced: \$0.30
Adult \$2.40

Lunch

K-6: \$3.35
7-12: \$3.50
Employee: \$4.20
Guest: \$4.20
Reduced: \$0.40
2nd Entrée: \$1.50
Extra Milk: \$0.65



Students may get second helpings if they are available and if students have a positive lunch balance. This amount is entered on your child's lunch account every week.

The policy of Heartland Community Schools, in accordance with Nebraska law, that special education records be destroyed five years after they are no longer needed to provide educational services to a student.

If your child was dismissed from special education five or more years ago, his/her special education records will be destroyed. A permanent record of name, address, phone number, grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed and year completed will be maintained at the school.

If you would like a copy of your child's records, please contact the school at 402-723-4434. If we do not receive a request from you, your child's records will be destroyed beginning September 15, 2026.

H&H BEARCAT CHEERLEADERS PARTICIPATED IN CHEER CAMP & THE HENDERSON COMMUNITY DAYS

H&H Bearcat Cheerleaders did a great job celebrating Henderson Community Days!
Go Bearcats!



2026 Cheer Camp for the H&H Bearcat Cheerleaders

What an amazing camp!! The growth that they showed (in just 3 days) is remarkable! The coaches said their most proud moment is how the girls all dug deep and accomplished things that felt hard, uncomfortable, or challenging! Everyone was feeling exhausted, but they pushed through and it paid off!!

Our awards were:

5-All American cheerleaders

3- pin it forward recipients

Leadership award

Top game day cheer/chant

2-gold ribbons for cheer and dance (the only 2 gold ribbons that were given out!)

1-finalist for the jump competition

Congrats, ladies!





HEARTLAND FBLA ATTENDS THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

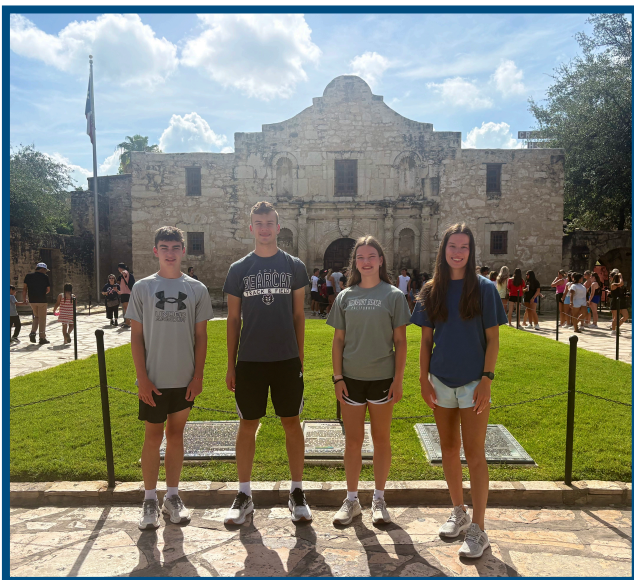
Four Heartland FBLA members attended the 2025-2026 FBLA High School National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX on June 29 – July 2nd.

Students attending the conference with chaperones Chad and Stephanie Buzek were: (Junior) Tara Buzek (Business Communication); (Sophomores) Brooks Burgess (Introduction to Retail and Merchandising), Kate Haidle (Accounting); (Freshman) Aiden Bartek.

In addition to competing at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, they had the chance to enjoy a variety of unforgettable experiences. Highlights included visiting both Six Flags Fiesta Texas and Sea World, exploring the Alamo, and venturing down the famous San Antonio Riverwalk. They also attended the Central Region Rally where Heartland FBLA received a banner in recognition of National Champion Chapter Gold status. That same evening, the group enjoyed Andretti Extreme Racing and Gaming with the entire Nebraska delegation.

Congratulations to all members for a great conference!!





2026-2027 Heartland Community Schools Elementary School Supplies

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Large Book Bag (easily zipped by child)
- 4- #2 pencils, **sharpened**
- 2 Dry erase markers (large)
- Fiskar scissors
- Standard size colored pencils (box of 12)
- Fat classic color markers (box of 10)
- 4 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (250 count)
- 2 Vinyl pocket folders (no brads)
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide, (white with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Zippered clear pencil pouch (fits in a 3 ring binder)
- Oversized paint shirt – labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Wide-ruled composition journal
- 1 Large container of Clorox wipes
- 1 set child headphones - labeled with name for I-pads
(No bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes required daily for PE

**Markers and colored pencils may need to be replaced at semester*

PLEASE LABEL EACH INDIVIDUAL ITEM WITH CHILD'S NAME

GRADE 1

- 1 Large book bag
- Pencil box
- 1 pack of No. 2 pencils
- 2 Plain Erasers
- Set of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- 2 Boxes of Crayons - 24 count
- 2 Folders - two pocket
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 Box of sharpened colored pencils or twistable
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Pack Binder Dividers (minimum of 5)
- 1 Over-sized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 set headphones (NO EARBUDS) (No bluetooth - need cord)
- 2 - 1" white binders with clear pocket front
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Large container of Clorox wipes
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

GRADE 2

- 1 Large book bag
- Pencil Box
- 1 Pack of #2 Pencils
- 1 box of Crayons
- Dry Erase markers
- Thick washable markers
- Colored pencils (Twistables are fine with me!)
- 7" Scissors (intermediate size or larger)
- 3 Ring binder, 1" wide (with clear sleeve cover)
- 1 Durable **PLASTIC** pocket folder
- 2 Large Erasers
- 5 Jumbo glue sticks
- 5 Binder Dividers
- 1 Bottle of TACKY glue (BROWN BOTTLE)
- 4 Large boxes of Kleenex (250+ count)
- 1 Container Clorox wipes
- 1 Set of **HEADPHONES - not earbuds (no bluetooth - need cord)**
- Over-sized paint shirt (labeled FOR ART)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

Label all items

GRADE 3

- Book Bag
- 1 Pencil bag or box
- Pencils (Regular or Mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- Erasers - pencil top or large
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- 1 Composition notebook



- 1 Container Clorox wipes - shared
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex - shared
- 1 Set of Earbuds or small headphones for iPads
(no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 Oversized paint shirt (labeled FOR ART)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

GRADE 4

- Pencils – (no mechanical pencils)
- Erasers – pencil top or large
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex- to be shared with the class
- Markers – classic colors, 10 count
- Crayons – 24 count
- Colored Pencils (no more than 36 count)
- Expo Dry erase markers (do not bring erasers or cleaners)
- 2 containers of wipes to be shared with the class
- 2 Jumbo Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 2 wide ruled composition notebooks
- Earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 package of wide ruled loose leaf paper
- 1 plastic, 2 pocket folder (blue)
- Please DO NOT bring any pencil boxes or bags (They will be provided)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

Please leave everything in the original packages

GRADE 5

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Red pens
- 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Sharpie (black) (fine or extra fine point)
- 4 Highlighters – different colors
- 4 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- 1 Package of 3x5 index cards
- 3-ring binder/trapper and 3 "hole punched folders OR plastic expanding file
- 1 Pack of lined loose leaf paper (3 hole punched)
- 3 Composition notebooks
- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- Deodorant
- 1 Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Set of earbuds/headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (if needed - child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

GRADE 6

- Pencils (regular or mechanical, if mechanical please send extra lead)
- 2 Glue sticks
- 1 Box of colored pencils or crayons
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Sharpie (black, fine or extra fine point)
- 2 Highlighters - different colors
- 4 Expo dry erase markers and eraser
- Scissors
- Trapper OR plastic expanding file
- 1" 3 ring binder
- 4 Composition notebooks
- 5 folders
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- Deodorant
- 1 Oversized paint shirt labeled (FOR ART)
- 1 Set of earbuds/headphones (no bluetooth - need cord)
- 1 reusable water bottle labeled with name
(Please return clean & filled each day)

Snack daily (each child is responsible for their own snack)

Tennis shoes (required daily for PE)

2026-2027 Heartland Community Schools Jr High & High School Supplies

ACCOUNTING I & II - Mrs Yantzie

Mechanical Pencils (bring lead)

Big Eraser

Calculator

Folder or 3-ring binder

Book Cover

Box of Kleenex

AG CLASSES (Including Welding and Projects) - Mrs Miller

None

ART JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL - Mrs Gooder

Pencils, pens, erasers

Kleenex

BAND - Mr Hiebner

Instrument in good playing condition

CAREERS 8TH GRADE - Mrs Vnoucek

2 Pocket Folder

Pens/Pencils

CALCULUS - Mrs Buzek

Writing Utensil

Notebook paper

Texas Instruments TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & 7TH KEYBOARDING - Mrs Yantzie

Headphones

ENGLISH AND READING 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Strong

2 Pocket folders for each class

3 Ring binder

Highlighters/Pens/Pencils

Kleenex

Febreeze

Erasers

Headphones/earbuds

2 Expo markers

ENGLISH I, II, III, IV, 9, 10, 11, 12 - Mrs Pinney

3 Ring Binder and Notebook Paper or Spiral Notebook

Pencils

Pens

Highlighters

Folder

4 X 6 Ruled Index cards

1 large box of Kleenex

FCS - Mrs Anne Regier

None

GEOGRAPHY - 7TH GRADE - Mr Reinke

Highlighters

Pens

Pencils

Notebook

GEOMETRY - Mrs Buzek

Notebook paper

Writing utensil

Scientific calculator (good choices are TI -30X IIS or Casio fx115ES)

Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

HEALTH - Mr Wetjen

1 Binder

1 Notebook (or you may submit assignments electronically)

INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS - Mrs Yantzie

Folder or 3-Ring binder

Book cover

Box of Kleenex

JOURNALISM - Mrs Gooder

None

MATH & SCIENCE 7TH & 8TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 ring binder with dividers for math

3 ring binder with dividers for science

Highlighters, pens, pencils

Loose leaf paper

Scientific Calculator (TI30 works fine)

MUSIC 7th & 8th, MIXED CHORUS - Mrs Linabery

None

PERSONAL FINANCE, ECONOMICS, MARKETING,

BUSINESS LAW - Mrs Yantzie

Folder or 3 Ring binder

Book cover

Box of Kleenex

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Mr Wetjen

Shorts

T-Shirt

Running Shoes

Water Bottle

PHYSICAL SCIENCE, BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS - Mr Regier

Notebook for taking notes

3-Ring binder

Physical Science/Biology - Scientific Calculator

Chemistry/Physics - TI-83+/TI-84+ Graphing Calculator

PRE-CALCULUS, ALGEBRA I & II - Mrs Ruhl

Pencils

3-ring binder and loose-leaf notebook paper and/or Notebook
Scientific Calculator (NMRP, Algebra I and Algebra II) OR TI 83+
or TI 84+ Graphing Calculator (if taking additional math classes)
Calculator on phones will NOT be allowed!

RESOURCE - Mrs Rotter

Pencils

SCIENCE 9TH - Mrs Carrie Regier

3 Ring binder with paper

Scientific Calculator

SOCIAL STUDIES - Mr Jones

Pencils

SPANISH 1 & 2 - Mr Struckman

None

SPEECH - Mrs Pinney

Notebook paper

Pencils

Pens

Highlighters

Folder

4x6 Ruled Index Cards

WOODS, 7th IT, 8th IT, DRAFTING - Mr Buzek

None

*** JH HOMEROOMS**

2 boxes of Kleenex

2 containers of Clorox wipes

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4 7:00PM Sports Information Meeting @ Hampton	5	6	7	8
9	10 No School - Professional Development Day 5:00PM 7th Grade Orientation 6:00PM School Board Meeting	11 5:00PM JH/HS Computer Distribution 6:00PM Back to School Night	12	13 First Day of School dismiss at 11:40	14	15
16	17 5:30PM Food Trucks for Fall Sports Kick Off @ Heartland 7:00PM Fall Kick-Off Pep Rally	18	19	20 10:00AM Girls Golf @ Central City	21	22
23	24 4:30PM JH Football @ Wood River 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Parkview Christian 6:00PM HS JV Football @ Wood River	25 9:00AM Girls Golf @ Doniphan-Trumbull	26	27 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Shelby-Rising City	28 7:00PM HS Football @ Schuyler	29 10:00AM HS Varsity Volleyball @ Overton
30	31 4:30PM JH Football @ Wood River 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Parkview Christian 6:00PM HS JV Football @ Wood River	1 4:00PM Girls Golf @ Galaway Creek	2	3 9:00AM Girls Golf @ Sutton 9:00 4:30PM JH Volleyball vs BDS @ Heartland 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Wilber-Clatonia	4 7:00PM HS Football vs GICC @ Heartland	5

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 4:30PM JH Football @ Wood River 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Parkview Christian 6:00PM HS JV Football @ Wood River	1 4:00PM Girls Golf @ Galaway Creek	2	3 9:00AM Girls Golf @ Sutton 9:00 4:30PM JH Volleyball vs BDS @ Heartland 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ Wilber-Clatonia	4 7:00PM HS Football vs GICC @ Heartland	5
6	7 Labor Day	8 9:00AM HS Volleyball @ Sutton 3:00PM Girls Golf @ Sutton 4:30PM JH Football vs Lawrence Nelson @ Hampton	9	10 10:00AM Girls Golf @ Galaway Creek 4:00PM JH Volleyball @ Superior 5:00PM HS Volleyball vs Thayer Central @ Heartland	11 7:00PM HS Football vs Hershey @ Heartland	12 Yorkfest Rosh Hashanah 9:00AM JH Volleyball Tournament @ Thayer Central
13 Rosh Hashanah (day 2)	14 9:00AM Girls Golf @ Fairbury 4:00PM JH Volleyball @ Sandy Creek 6:00PM HS JV Football @ Doniphan 8:00PM School Board Meeting	15 10:00AM Girls Golf @ Friend	16	17 4:30PM JH Volleyball vs Sutton @ Hampton 5:00PM HS Volleyball @ High Plains	18 7:00PM HS Football @ Bridgeport	19 5:00PM HS JV Volleyball @ High Plains
20	21 JH Volleyball @ BMF (TBD) Yom Kippur 4:00PM JH Football vs Centennial @ Heartland 6:00PM HS JV Football vs Fillmore Central @ Heartland	22 10:00AM Girls Golf @ Fullerton 5:00PM HS Volleyball vs Blue Hill @ Hampton	23	24 School Picture Day 4:30PM JH Volleyball @ Cross County 5:00PM HS Volleyball vs McCool Junction @ Heartland	25 7:00PM HS Football @ Fillmore Central	26 9:00AM HS Varsity Volleyball Tournament @ Hampton
27	28 10:00AM Girls Golf SNC @ York 4:00PM JH Football @ Centura 6:00PM HS JV Football @ Lincoln Christian	29 4:30PM HS Varsity Volleyball @ Hastings St Cecelia 4:30PM JH Volleyball vs Centennial @ Hampton	30	1 10:00AM Girls Golf @ Centura 4:30PM HS Varsity VB @ Hastings St Cecelia 4:30PM JH Volleyball @ Fillmore Central	2 7:00PM HS Football vs Malcolm @ Heartland	3 Harvest of Harmony Parade



Heartland Community Schools

August 2026



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All grains are whole grain rich.

Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch.

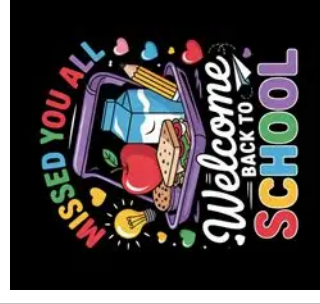
A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast.

A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch.

Menu is subject to change without notice.

All beef is donated and locally raised.

Heartland Community Schools is an equal opportunity provider





Heartland Community Schools September 2026



		1	Chocolate Chip French Toast Pork Tenderloin Mashed Potatoes Gravy French Bread	2	Egg & Cheese Biscuit Crispitos Nachos Steamed Broccoli Cake	3	Breakfast Pizza Max Cheese Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Pudding	4	Egg Bites Burrito Bowl (Rice, Pulled Pork) Corn Seasoned Black Beans Mini Cinnamon Donut	All grains are whole grain rich. Fresh fruit and vegetable bar offered daily with lunch. A variety of fruit and juice is offered daily with breakfast. A variety of low-fat and fat-free milk is offered daily with breakfast and lunch. Menu is subject to change without notice. All beef is donated and locally raised. Heartland Community Schools is an equal opportunity provider.
7		8	Pancake Wrap Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Tri Tater	9	Apple Frudel Pizza Steamed Corn Jello 	10	Tornado Popcorn Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Dinner Roll Steamed Peas	11	Blueberry Waffle Grilled Chicken Sandwich French Fries Cookie	
14	NO SCHOOL	15	Cherry Frudel French Toast Sticks Egg Patty/Sausage Links 100% Juice Tri Tater	16	Cinnamon Breadstick Enchiladas Green Beans Long John 	17	Chocolate Chip French Toast Hamburgers Chips Cookie 	18	Strawberry Bagel Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	
21	Tornado Spaghetti Steamed Corn Garlic Bread 	22	Mini Pancakes Grilled Hotdog Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli	23	Sausage & Biscuit Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll	24	Egg Bites Chicken Alfredo Steamed Broccoli French Bread	25	Pancake Wrap BBQ Pork Sandwich French Fries Ice Cream	
28	NEW Breakfast Scrambler Sandwich (Egg & Cheese) Pizza Burgers Steamed Corn Jello	29	Blueberry Waffle Taco Salad Steamed Corn Long John 	30	Breakfast Pizza Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Steamed Peas					

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2026 - 2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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27	28	29	30	31		

Aug. 7 New Teacher Orientation
 Aug. 10-12 Teacher Inservice
 Aug. 13 K-12 Classes Begin (11:40 Dismissal)

Sept. 7 No School - Labor Day
 Sept. 14 No School - Professional Development

Oct. 9 Last Day - 1st Quarter
 Oct. 12 First Day - 2nd Quarter
 Oct. 19 No School - Professional Development
 Oct. 19 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Oct. 20 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Nov. 25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 18 Last Day - 1st Semester (Regular Dismissal)
 Dec. 21 No School - Professional Development
 Dec. 22-31 No School - Holiday Break
 Dec. 23-27 NSAA Moratorium

Jan. 1 No School - Holiday Break
 Jan. 4-5 No School - Professional Development
 Jan. 6 Classes Resume / 1st Day - 2nd Semester
 Jan. 15 No School - Mid-Winter Break

Feb. 12 No School - Mid-Winter Break

Mar. 5 No School - Professional Development
 Mar. 8 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Mar. 9 PTC 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM
 Mar. 10 Last Day - 3rd Quarter
 Mar. 11 No School - Professional Development
 Mar. 12 No School - Winter Break
 Mar. 15 First Day - 4th Quarter
 Mar. 26 No School - Spring Break
 Mar. 29 No School - Spring Break

Apr. 13 No School - Staff Workday (HS Track Invite)

May 5 Seniors' Last Day
 May 9 Graduation
 May 14 Last Day - 2nd Semester (11:30 Dismissal)
 May 17 Teacher Inservice

January 2027						
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	Beginning/End of Term
	No School - Professional Development
	No School - Break
	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	Early Dismissal
	Event
	Curriculum Development

1st Quarter	40	Student Days
	44	Teacher Days
2nd Quarter	46	Student Days
	49	Teacher Days
3rd Quarter	43	Student Days
	47	Teacher Days
4th Quarter	42	Student Days
	45	Teacher Days
1st Semester	86	Student Days
	93	Teacher Days
2nd Semester	85	Student Days
	92	Teacher Days
School Year	171	Student Days
	185	Teacher Days

NSAA DATES	
Start of Fall Practices	Aug. 10
District Golf	Oct. 5-6
State Golf	Oct. 12-13
State Football 1st Rd.	Oct. 30
State Volleyball	Nov. 4-5-6-7
Start of Winter Practices	Nov. 16
District One-Act	Week of Nov. 30
NSAA Moratorium	Dec. 23-27
Girls State Basketball	Mar. 3-4-5-6
Boys State Basketball	Mar. 10-11-12-13
Start of Spring Practices	Mar. 1
District Music	Week of Apr. 19
District Track	May 13
District Golf	May 17-18
State Track	May 21-22
State Golf	May 25-26

Additional days for students and/or staff will be added to the end of the year if it is determined to be necessary.



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Free & Reduced Price School Meals Family Application – complete one application per household Attachment C: 2026-27

Return Completed Application to: <i>(Insert School Name & Mailing Address here)</i>					
Part 1: Children in School					
List names of all children in school (First, Middle Initial, Last). If <u>all</u> children listed are foster, skip to Part 4 to sign the form. If some of the children are foster or are homeless, migrant or runaway children, complete all steps of the application.	Grade	Name of School Child Attends	Check all that apply: Foster Child Homeless, Migrant, Runaway		
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Part 2: Assistance Programs – SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR Benefits																																																					
Enter MASTER CASE NUMBER if household qualifies for SNAP, TANF or FDIPIR: (Social Security numbers, Medicaid numbers and EBT numbers are not accepted.) Skip to Part 4																																																					
Part 3: Total Household Gross Income – You must tell us how much and how often.																																																					
1. Household Members List everyone in the household, current income each person earns in whole dollars (no cents) & how often. Entering "0" or leaving the income field blank certifies no income to report. A foster child's personal use income must be listed.	2. Gross Income (before taxes) and How Often it was Received <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">Earnings from Work before deductions</th> <th colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony</th> <th colspan="2" style="padding: 5px;">Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Income</th> <th style="width: 15%;">How often</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Income</th> <th style="width: 15%;">How often</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Income</th> <th style="width: 15%;">How often</th> </tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>					Earnings from Work before deductions		Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony		Pensions, Retirement and All Other Income		Income	How often	Income	How often	Income	How often																																				
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Part 4: Adult Signature and Contact Information – An adult household member must sign the application.																																																					
<i>"I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is given in connection with the receipt of Federal funds and that school officials may verify (check) the information. I am aware that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits and I may be prosecuted under applicable State and Federal laws."</i>																																																					
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**Your children may
qualify for free or
reduced price
meals if your
household income
falls at or below the
limits on this chart.**

FEDERAL INCOME CHART for School Year 2026-27					
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	29,526	2,461	1,231	1,136	568
2	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Each additional person:	10,508	876	438	405	203

The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number are not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We may share your eligibility information with education, health and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-Discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992.

Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

Signature Page

I have read and agree to abide by the Heartland Community Schools Acceptable Use Policy for use of the Internet with the school issued device and personal devices.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I agree to follow the Heartland Community Schools' responsibilities and rules at all times while using the school issued device in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy and Laptop Loan Agreement.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Media Release (Please check ONE of the following)

☐ Students and teachers at Heartland Community Schools may be videotaping and taking photographs of many of the activities throughout the school year. Your child's image may be used in promotional videos or presentations to outside groups, school web pages, and/or various media outlets and newspapers. By signing below, you agree to allow your child to be in photographs and/or videos used by Heartland Community Schools.

☐ I do not give consent for Heartland Community Schools to use photographs of my child in promotional videos, presentations, school web pages, and/or other media outlets.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

**ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS:
Right to Request Teacher Qualifications**

Our district receives federal funds for Title 1 programs. You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subject in which the teacher is providing instructions;
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
- The type of college degree major the teacher has and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
- If your child is receiving Title 1 services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications. If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's school.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, age, or handicap in admission or access to or treatment of employment, in its program and activities. If any patron or employee feels they have been discriminated against by any school employee, please contact:

Superintendent - Jeremy Klein
High School Principal - Tim Carr
Elementary Principal - Dana Reinke



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