# Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools Jaguar Bulletin - December 2016

## **Schedule Changes**

Students requesting schedule changes for  $2^{nd}$  Semester need to see Mrs. Bazata in the Guidance Office. All requests must be made by **Monday, December 19th.** No changes will be allowed after this date.



# FCCLA Babysitting Service Will Be Held December 10th

The Howells-Dodge FCCLA members will be providing a free babysitting service on Saturday, December 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the FCS Room at Howells-Dodge High School. A variety of activities are planned and snacks and lunch will be provided. If your child would be interested in attending, please contact Marla Prusa, FCCLA Adviser at school – 986-1621, at home – 986-1132 or by e-mail at <a href="majorusa@hdcjags.org">mprusa@hdcjags.org</a>, so plans can be made for supplies and food needed.

#### **Howells-Dodge FCCLA Chapter Is Hosting Food Drive**

The Howells-Dodge FCCLA Chapter is conducting a food drive competition at Howells-Dodge Consolidated High School from December 5 - 19. The high school class who collects the greatest number of nonperishable food items will win a class pizza party on December 22. Items can be dropped off at the FCS Room at the high school, and daily totals collected will be posted in the Commons Area each day of the drive. Be sure to check expiration dates on products, as no foods past their expiration dates can be accepted. All items collected will be donated to the local Kommunity Kindness Food Drive sponsored by the Howells Community Club. This activity is being done as part of the Nebraska FCCLA's Feed Nebraska state project.

## BETWEEN THE LINES ...... By Superintendent Jeff Walburn

FIRST SEMESTER IS NEARING THE END: It is very difficult to wrap my head around the fact that we are a matter of a few short weeks before we conclude first semester on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. It seems like yesterday that we were welcoming our students back to school in August. Speaking of December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The calendar that was disseminated to the public last spring did not have an early dismissal for December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be dismissing school for winter break at 1:00 p.m. Students will report back on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

Speaking of the end of the first semester – Principal Ernst compiles a down and fail list at the beginning of each week for our students in grades 7 through 12. We have far too many students with grades that are failing or in jeopardy of failing for the semester. Frankly, one is too many. Students and parents need to be fully aware that for a junior high student that fails two of the core classes in a semester may not proceed to the next grade the following year. The core classes are math, science, social studies and language arts. For high school students that fail required classes for graduation in a semester will likely be required to retake the class(es) the following year or perhaps pay for an on-line class to receive credit. The point to be made is that students still have time, as of this writing (Tuesday, November 29), to get the grades up to passing and preferably a much higher cumulative grade for the semester.

I wish each and every one of you in Jaguar Country a wonderful Holiday Season and may for all of us; may 2017 be a Great Day to be a Jaguar! There is a Reason for the Season.



# **Merry Christmas!**

Classes Resume Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>