

Tradition Times

Potter-Dix High School

A Warm Welcome to the Newest Members of Staff.



Mariah Priestle, Potter-Dix's new English and Journalism teacher as well as a new member of the speech team, moved to Potter the beginning of August. Beforehand she taught English to children overseas in China as well as teaching at the collegiate level. She earned her bachelor's degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in English and German. She later earned her master's at The University of Texas in San Antonio Texas, to teach English as a Second Language. When asked about her image of herself for the future while in high school Mrs. Priestle said that English was actually her least favorite subject and she had hoped to go to college for either music for social work. When asked about her choice of Potter-Dix she cited the supportive small town community, which was shown by kind members of the community helping in her move to Potter. She is married to Adam Priestle, a military vet who is currently going to school to teach math, as well as having an 8 month old son named Leo. Overall, we at Potter-Dix, are excited to welcome her as a new member of staff.

Adam Patrick, Potter-Dix's new superintendent, previously worked in education 13 years at Laurel Concord Coleridge, Eldredge Public Schools, and Pierce Elementary School. He earned his undergraduate from the University of Nebraska Lincoln and his graduate degree at Wayne State College. He cites his experience in education while at Lincoln inspiring him to go into the field. He is married to Emily Patrick, who is becoming a nurse in Kimball, and has two daughters, Avery and Evelyn who are excited to be coyotes. When asked why he choose Potter-Dix he said that he loves the small town school, which reminded him of his highschool, and the high performance of the students here. We welcome Mr. Patrick as the new face of Potter-Dix.



Make sure to put yoursuggestions in the box in the office!



Ruth Vacok, Potter-Dix's new music teacher, always knew she wanted to be a teacher. During high school she knew she wanted to go into teaching but never committed to a specific subject. After being married for 35 years and raising nine children, ranging from 34-17, she went back to school to teach music. Mrs. Vacok earned her associates at Western Nebraska Community College then her bachelors at The University of Nebraska Kearney. She originally moved to Dix to be closer to family but, began teaching at Potter-Dix due to the locality of the school and the small town community we bring. We are excited to have a new face of the music department here at Potter-Dix and welcome her with open arms.

Garrett Stricklin, also known as Coach, Coach Stricklin, or Mr. Stricklin. We have the honor to welcome him to Potter-Dix this year as our new Physical Education and Health Teacher. He attended both Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming and Hastings College in Nebraska. He was inspired to become a PE teacher because of the influence that many of his coaches had on him. He wanted to do the same for kids just as his dad did: a former PE coach. This is his first full time teaching position, and as a student I can tell he is quite excited. When asked why he chose Potter-Dix, he talked about liking the size of our small community and he felt at home. Mr. Stricklin enjoyed the hospitality that we showed and the kind words that we had to say. We are all very glad that he chose our tiny town school where tradition never graduates.



Alyssa Lewark is new to Potter-Dix this year as our Agriculture and Shop teacher. She is also bringing an FFA chapter to our school! Prior to coming here she student taught in Buffalo, Wyoming and graduated college from the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. Lewark always had a passion for Agriculture, and she knew she wanted to be a teacher; however, at first she aspired to be a Spanish teacher. Therefore she graduated with a Spanish Minor and a teaching degree for Ag Education. Here at Potter-Dix is Ms. Lewark's first teaching job. The decision to pick our school, was based on the welcomeness and hospitality that we showed towards Ms. Lewark. Our small town's values and genuineness have won the hearts of many. Welcome Ms. Lewark!!!

Mr Baker!!! Our new principal has an amazing enthusiasm and liveliness to him that you just can't miss. Larry Baker is the first member in his family to receive a college degree, graduating from Doane University and was an undergrad at the University of Nebraska Kearney. He has been teaching for seven years and has been coaching for at least twenty years. It was always Mr. Baker's dream to be a teacher. He was inspired by his great educators, coach Frohling and Shada, and also an amazing movie, "Stand and Deliver". He has two children, and a wife who also teaches. Many things were the deciding factor in Mr. Baker's decision to come to Potter-Dix. The history that we cherish and the traditions that we hold onto, and also the challenges that we brought to the table caught his eye. He loved what Potter-Dix was known for, and he knew he wanted to be apart of it. I know with Larry Baker on our side, we can't hide our coyote pride.



This season's high hopes.

Dale Frerichs is once again our 2019 head football coach. To start out the season they took their first win against Hay Springs. This is the first time in 5 seasons that they have won their starting game. The Potter-Dix football team consists of 2 seniors, a lot of Freshman and a new assistant coach Garrett Stricklin. Coach Frerichs is excited for this season and is looking forward to steady and constant improvement each and every day. I think all of us as a student body, a town, and a community, see a bright future for our 2019 football season. Lastly, to kick off our season of tackles and touchdowns "Go Coyotes!!!"- Coach Frerichs.



Volleyball! With a pass, set and kill we start the season out right. Corey Michealman is the volleyball coach for our 2019 team. He is bubbling with excitement and brings the best out in each player. He believes in the constant growth from each player, and to truly never give up. He as a coach has made our team a family. Starting out with a win against Caliche, we strive to see this hard work continue and pay off. With a new assistant coach Casandra Fanning, we strive to grow and learn together as a team and a family. So "Let's Go Lady Yotes!!!" and start this season out right!!!

2019 student body

