

Tradition Times

Potter-Dix High School

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Basketball Season is Right Around the Corner

RhiAnne Hillyer

Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 is the start of the Basketball season in our district and the Potter-Dix Junior/Senior High School practice begins on Wednesday, Nov. 20. The first game is December 6 and 7 in Kimball. The time of the game is yet to be announced. Garret Stricklin is the head coach and Dale Frerichs is the assistant coach for the high school girls. Cory Michelman and Jeff Einspahr are co-head coaches for high school boys. For junior high Jeff Einspahr is the coach the boys and Dale Frerichs is the coach for the girls.

When asked why he decided to coach girls basketball, Coach Stricklin said "When I took this P.E job, they said you are going to coach high school girls Basketball." He thinks that the season will be productive and that they will grow. As of November 1, there are 16 girls signed up to play. He wants his team to be fast in both offense and defense. The games will look like hockey where the team is divided into two or three groups of five with each one playing for one minute before switching.

When asked why he decided to coach boys basketball, Coach Michelman stated that, "I love the sport and have coached it for 24 years." He hopes that the season goes well enough they "can compete for the MAC championship." As of November 1, they have 16 boys signed up. Coach Michelman wants to change the culture of the team and "instil a winning attitude" to help them move beyond their struggles from the previous years.

Voter Turnout is Low in the United States

RhiAnne Hillyer
and Mariah Priestle

According to a Pew Research study following the 2016 presidential election, only 56 percent of American's 18 or older, voted. They further state that the United States was ranked 26th out of 32 countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Additionally, according to the United States Census Bureau in 2016, the lowest voter turnout were between the ages of 18 to 29 at 46.1 percent.

According to an article in the Washington Post in 2018, two of the reasons we may have a low turnout of voters is because people do not know how to vote or they don't know how to influence their elected representatives. Other articles asked voters why they didn't vote and the responses ranged from discussing how hard it is to get to the polls with their jobs to not being politically charged, to simply not wanting to vote.

However, it is the duty of all Americans to inform themselves about the candidates and place a vote for the candidate who represents their beliefs the most. While most of the student body is not yet 18, before long, they will all be out in the world. Those of you who will be of voting age by November 2020, we implore you to register to vote, do your own research about the candidates, and go out and vote so your voice will be heard.

Figure 4. Reported Voting Rates by Age: 1980-2016

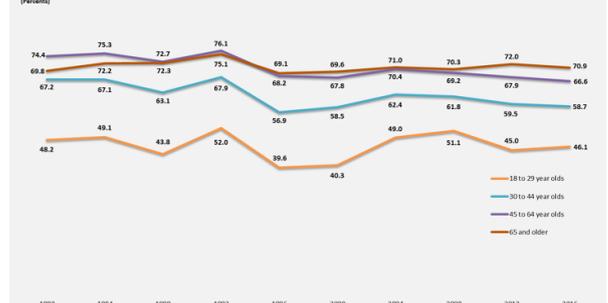


Photo courtesy of United States Census Bureau

Make sure to leave your suggestions in the box in the commons area

Candidates in the Running

Hannah Reeve

With the 2020 elections fast approaching, the Potter-Dix Journalism team would like to give you an unbiased look into who is currently running and their platforms. As of November 1, according to the New York Times, there are 17 Democrats and four Republicans still in the race.

*****The Democrats still in the running include:*****

Michael Bennet, a senator from Colorado who has called for "modernizing the economy in fields like artificial intelligence and for increasing infrastructure spending."

Tulsi Gabbard, a congresswoman from Hawaii, has opposed "American military intervention overseas."

Joe Sestak, former congressman of Pennsylvania, hopes to "combat climate change and restore America's place in the world."

Tom Steyer, former hedge fund executive, focuses on "Fighting climate change, promoting renewable energy."

Cory Booker, a senator from New Jersey who "proposed a government-run savings program called "baby bonds" to curb inequality."

Steve Bullock, the governor of Montana, pushes for "early childhood education to help curve economic inequality."

Kamala Harris, a senator from California, has unveiled middle-class tax cut legislation last fall.

Marianne Williamson, self-help author, Has proposed "\$100 billion in reparations for slavery, with \$10 billion to be distributed annually over a decade for economic and education projects."

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana, he has focused on issues like "climate change and economic opportunity."

Amy Klobucher, a Senator from Minnesota, has championed legislation to combat the opioid crisis and drug addiction

Bernie Sanders, Senator from Vermont, focuses on "Medicare for all," free college tuition and curtailing the influence of "the billionaires."

Elizabeth Warren, Senator from Massachusetts, has chosen to "combat income inequality and what she sees as a middle class under attack from big corporations and political corruption."

Julián Castro, former mayor of San Antonio, has called for "overhauling the immigration system."

Wayne Messam, Mayor of Miramar Florida, has proposed "canceling the more than \$1.5 trillion in student debt owed by 44 million Americans."

John Delaney, former congressman from Maryland, "endorsed liberal causes like universal health care."

Andrew Yang, a former tech executive who founded an economic development nonprofit organization, focuses on "establishing a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month for all Americans."

*****The Republican candidates include:*****

Donald Trump, U.S. president, focuses on "restricting immigration and building a wall at the Mexican border."

Mark Sanford, a former congressman from South Carolina, hopes to "use his presidential campaign to push a national debate about America's mounting debt."

Bill Weld, a former governor of Massachusetts, favors "fiscal restraint, free trade and moderate immigration reform and has endorsed steps to legalize marijuana."

Joe Walsh, a conservative radio show host, is vocal about "reducing the national debt."

We encourage those of legal age to research and cast their votes so their opinion is heard.

Featured Senior Ana Manning

Virginia May Herboldsheimer, also known as Ginny, has been accepted to and plans to attend the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming next fall. She is the second of two children to attend the University of Wyoming and is supported by her mother and father; both avid Wyoming fans. She hopes to major in either English or Graphic Design. She looks forward to planning her future, starting her classes and making new friends.



Photo courtesy of Callam Sports Photography

Ginny has been at Potter-Dix since her 5th grade year and has participated in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, One Acts and Speech. She was recognized for being in Student Council, National Honors Society, Letterman's Club, Quiz Bowl and attended Girls State her junior year.

When asked what she would miss most about Potter-Dix she said, "The teachers and their constant support." We will miss Ginny's happy smile and words of encouragement. We wish her the very best in her bright future and the next steps she will take to fulfilling her dreams.

Now Playing at the Sidney Theater:
Terminator: Dark Fate 7:00pm and 9:00pm

Zombieland: Double Tap 7:00pm and 9:00pm

This Month's Lunches

					1 Breakfast: Long Johns, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Pig in a Blanket, Vegetable, Chips, Fruit, Brownie, Salad Bar, Milk
	4 Breakfast: Sausage, Eggs, Hash Browns, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Strips, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	5 Breakfast: Coffee Cake, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Goulash, Vegetable, Roll, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	6 Breakfast: Ham and Cheese Bagel, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	7 Breakfast: Scones, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Pizza, Mixed Greens, Cookie, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	8 Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk
	11 Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Ham and Beans, Cornbread, Milk Veteran's Day Program @ 10:00 A.M. @ Potter and Blue and Gold Play Production Contest @ North Platte	12 Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Enchiladas, Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.	13 Breakfast: Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	14 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Hamburger, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Brownie, Salad Bar, Milk	15 Breakfast: Mini Pizzas, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Beef Stew, Cornbread, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk
	18 Breakfast: Ham and Cheese Quesadillas, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Chicken Alfredo, Vegetable, Bread Stick, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk Winter Practice Starts	19 Breakfast: Pancakes, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Meatball Sub, Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk MAC One-Act Plays @ Bayard TBA	20 Breakfast: Hash Browns with Gravy, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Pork Tenderloin, Macaroni and Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	21 Breakfast: Bagel with Cream Cheese, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Thanksgiving Dinner: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn Casserole, Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie, Salad Bar, Milk	22 Breakfast: Muffins, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Walking Tacos, Rice, Refried Beans, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk
	25 Breakfast: Sausage, Ham, and Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Hot Hamburger, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	26 Breakfast: Long John, Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice, Milk Lunch: Hot Dog Bar, Vegetable, Chips, Fruit, Salad Bar, Milk	27 No School - Thanksgiving Vacation	28 No School - Thanksgiving Vacation	29 No School - Thanksgiving Vacation

Fall Sports End Ana Manning

Our football boys and volleyball girls played their last regular season games on October 25 and 26. The girls played the Arthur County Volleyball team on Friday at 4:30 pm, while the boys played Arthur county on Saturday at 2 pm. Both games ended in losses, although they were both highly supported by the many fans who came to each and every game. The ending records for volleyball was 11-17 and football record was 1-7.

The Volleyball team was scheduled to play Creek Valley on Monday, Oct. 28 at Districts in Sidney. They went out with a lot of heart to win, but they lost in a hard fought out battle against the Creek Valley Storm.

Thank you for the wonderful 2019 volleyball and football seasons. They couldn't have done it without the coaches: Dale Frerichs and Garrett Stricklin for the football team, and Cory Michelman and Kasandra Stricklin for the volleyball team. Thank you to all the fans who came to every game and truly remembered, that our tradition never graduates. We hope to see you all next year for our 2020 Fall Sports season.

Entertainment

This week's weather of courtesy of accuweather.com

Tue 11/5		57° / 24°	Partly sunny and milder
Wed 11/6		39° / 14°	Mostly sunny and chilly
Thu 11/7		46° / 26°	Partly sunny and chilly
Fri 11/8		62° / 29°	Mostly sunny and breezy
Sat 11/9		69° / 24°	Mostly sunny and mild
Sun 11/10		34° / 14°	A bit of afternoon snow

Come check out the One Acts festival at the Sidney High school to support our One Acts team on Saturday, Nov. 9.