

# **Panther Weekly Bulletin**

## Breakfast Menu

# Monday

(No school)

# Tuesday

Pancakes
Syrup
Sausage Links

# Wednesday

Breakfast Pizza

# Thursday

Egg Patty
Sausage Patty
Cheese
Bagel
Potato Triangle

# Friday

Circle Donut Yogurt

## **Lunch Menu**

## Monday

## **Tuesday**

Mandarin Chicken
Seasoned Noodles
Egg Roll
Broccoli

# Wednesday

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Brown Gravy
Carrots
Roll

# **Thursday**

Lasagna Breadstick Green Beans

# **Friday**

Taco Meat
Taco Shells
Black Beans
Spanish Rice

# Happening this week at PHS

Monday, September 1st- No School, Labor Day. Homecoming Week!

**Tuesday, September 2nd**– Drumline, Frontline, & Color Guard Rehearsal 7:00 am

Volleyball vs. Louisville @ PHS- C Team 5:00 pm, JV 6:00 pm, Varsity 7:00 pm, **Stream on HUDL: https://fan.hudl.com/palmyra** 

Pep Band for VB game

Wednesday, September 3rd- FFA Range Practice 7:30 am

**Thursday, September 4th**– Color Guard Rehearsal @ Olson Complex 7:00am

JH Football @ Platteview 4:30 pm, bus leaves at 2:30 pm

JH Volleyball @ Lincoln Christian 4:30 pm, bus leaves at 3:15 pm

PHS Football Team Meal 6:00 pm

One Act Play Rehearsal 6:00-8:00 pm

**Friday, September 5th-** Cross Country Varsity @ Tecumseh CC 9:00 am, bus leaves at 7:00 am

Girls Varsity Golf @ Hidden Acres 9:00 am, van leaves at 7:15 am

Elementary Kindergarten Homecoming 'Coin' event @ Bennet Elementary 8:45 am, bus leaves at 8:25 am

Elementary Homecoming Pep Rally @ Bennet Elementary 9:00 am

PHS Pep Rally in the PHS West Gym 2:50 pm

Football Varsity vs. Superior @ Olson Complex 7:00 pm, Pep Band for FB game, Homecoming coronation after the football game

**Saturday, September 6th-** Homecoming Dance 7:00–11:00 pm in PHS West gym, use the South Doors for entrance

**Sunday, September 7th-** FCCLA Bake Sale at Fallidays 10:30– 3 pm in downtown Bennet

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday, September 8th- Volleyball @ Conestoga- C team 5:00 pm, JV 6:00 pm

JV Football vs. Auburn @ PHS 6:00 pm

**Tuesday, September 9th**– Girls Varsity Golf ECNC Invitational @ Elmwood-Murdock 9:00 am, JH Volleyball @ Raymond Central 4:30 pm, Volleyball Varsity Triangular @ PHS 5:00 pm, One Act Rehearsal 6:30–7:30 pm in choir room

Wednesday, September 10th-FCCLA Chapter Meeting 7:45 am

**Thursday, September 11th**– Girls Varsity Golf Triangular @ Woodland Hills 2:00 pm

JH Football @ Conestoga 4:30 pm

Cross Country Varsity @ Milford 4:30 pm,

Volleyball vs. Johnson County Central @ PHS— C team 5:00 pm, JV 6:00 pm, Varsity @ 6:45 pm

HS Football Team Meal 6:00 pm

Friday, September 12th – Bennet Elementary Fun Run 9:00 am, Football Varsity @ Fillmore Central 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 13th-Show Choir Rehearsal 8:00 am

# GO PANTHERS!

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# Newsletter - Aug 29th, 2025

Arrival 7:50-8:20

Dismissal 3:20

Early Dismissal Days 1:00

# Principal's Update

#### Panther Fun Run

We're ONE week away from the start of our Panther Fun Run fundraiser where we will have fun and build community while we work to reach our fundraising goal. Also, when students get donations and share their donation link they will earn POINTS. The more donations, the more points they can earn. Families can redeem their points through the ONLINE REWARD STORE. View the reward store from your dashboard to see this year's prize options!

Curious about the event? Find an overview of our fundraiser HERE!

Key Information to help you during the fundraiser:

**Goal: \$25,000** 

For: new books to help fill our Library

**%** Kickoff Date (in school): 09/02/2025

Event Date: 09/12/2025

Donations for our Panther Fun Run will be collected through our fundraising platform: MyBooster.com

- Choose "Sign Up"
- Enter your School
- Enter your Personal Information
- Once you sign up, it's time to share via Facebook, email and text!
- Check out all the prize options at the Reward Store

Thank you for helping make our fundraiser a success!

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On Friday, September 12th, we invite families, community members, and partners of our Panther Fun Run to attend our celebration event at Olson Complex. Students will arrive in waves and Fun Run times will commence first. After this, we will have a fun activity for each grade level after the Fun Run with time for lunch included. Families are invited to attend the fun run and activity and lunch time before heading home when we head back to Bennet Elementary. Here is a schedule overview for your planning purposes.

Kindergarten/ 3rd Grade: Fun Run- 9:00-10:00, Activity and Lunch- 10:00-11:15 1st Grade/ 4th Grade: Fun Run- 10:00-11:00, Activity and Lunch- 11:00-12:15 2nd Grade/ 5th Grade: Fun Run- 11:00-12:00, Activity and Lunch- 12:00-1:15

## **Dismissal Changes**

Coordinating the dismissal plans for 350 students each day is extremely challenging and time consuming for the office staff. If you have a change request, we ask that these are communicated to the office by 2:00 each day. Ideally, the transportation plan is consistent day to day. We understand that some days a change is needed. However, receiving these requests within an hour of dismissal is a challenge for ensuring timely communication to staff to ensure these students get to where they need to go. Please assist in helping make this process smooth and effective.

# **School Bus Safety Reminder**

We want to remind all families about the law regarding school buses and student safety. When a school bus stops and extends its red stop sign arm, all vehicles in both directions must come to a complete stop, even if the bus is on a highway or rural road with higher speed limits (such as Highway 43). This applies to both lanes of traffic, whether you are behind the bus or approaching from the opposite direction. The only exception is if there is a physical median or barrier separating the lanes.

Failing to stop is not only illegal but extremely dangerous for children getting on or off the bus. Please help us keep our students safe by following this law every time you encounter a stopped school bus.

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#### **School Bus Food and Drink**

Food and drink is prohibited for consumption while on the bus. We ask that any snacks, or personal food items such as candy are not eaten while students are riding the bus. We are also not liable for any personal items that are damaged, lost and missing. We recommend that any electronic devices are not out while on the bus as well. Thank you for your cooperation!

#### **Arrival Procedures**

Students in the Rec Program may be dropped off starting at 7:00. All other students should arrive no earlier than 7:50 unless they are riding the bus or attending the Rec Program. The front doors will open at 7:50, and staff will begin monitoring the drop-off line at that time. Students dropped off before 7:50 will be unsupervised and the doors will be locked. Breakfast will be served from 7:50 to 8:20 daily. During arrival, students will gather in the Bennet Commons until 8:20 and then be escorted to classrooms. The school day starts at 8:20, and the tardy bell rings at 8:25.

If you are dropping a student off to ride the morning bus shuttles to PHS and have elementary students with them, we cannot provide supervision for students prior to 7:30. Please have students wait in the car until this time as the buses do not arrive until 7:30.

## **Parent Drop Off and Pickup Procedures**

A few reminders that I would like to share to help everyone get in and out quickly:

- Please have students enter and exit your vehicle on the passenger side of your vehicle. The drop off lane is extremely effective and the safety of your student is our top priority. By doing this, we can ensure that students are not in zones of traffic and are not in harm's way.
- If you are using the parent drop/pick up lanes, please stay in your vehicles. If you would like to park and walk up, please utilize the parking spaces in the interior of the parent pickup/dropoff lane.
- In the afternoon **only**, Kindergarten parents may utilize the bus drop off lane for pickup for Kindergarten students and older siblings. Grades 1-5 will continue to use the primary pickup/dropoff lane. Teachers have now been assigned zones to help aid in the location of your students to help you get in and out quickly.

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# **Upcoming Events**

- Sep 1- No School Labor Day
- Sep 2-5- Homecoming Week Dress Up Days
  - Galactic Gear Tuesday- Wear space shirts, galaxy print, or your favorite space themed dress to celebrate the start of our Star Quest 5 Boosterthon Fundraiser!
  - Wacky Warp Speed Wednesday-Mix and match clothes like you're traveling at light speed through the galaxy.
  - o Planet Pajama Day- Come comfy and cozy like you're floating through zero gravity.
  - o Panther Pride Friday- Wear your favorite panther pride gear for Homecoming!
- Sep 2- Bennet Fun Run Fundraiser Kickoff Day
- Sep 12- Bennet Fun Run at Olson Complex
- Sep 24- Parent Teacher Conferences- 2:00-8:00
- Sep 24- Early Dismissal- 1:00
- Sep 24&25- Bennet Elementary Book Fair
- Sep 25- No School- PT Conferences- 8:00-12:00
- Sep 26- No School

#### PowerSchool

Please check PowerSchool to view grades, missing assignments, and lunch balances. If you need to set up your account, please call Melissa in the office.

#### **District Calendar**

25-26 District Calendar

#### **Transportation**

If you have any questions regarding busing, please contact Cathy Fick at 402-540-2879.



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# **Homecoming 2025**

September 2<sup>nd</sup>-5th

Spirit Days!

**Monday:** No School!

**Tuesday: "Galactic Gear"** 

Wear space shirts, galaxy print, or your favorite space themed dress to celebrate the start of our "Star Quest 5" Boosterthon Fundraiser!

**Wednesday:** "Wacky Warp Speed"

Mix and match clothes like you're traveling at light speed through the galaxy.

Thursday: "Planet Pajama Day"

Come comfy and cozy like you're floating through zero gravity

**Friday: Panther Pride** 

Wear your PANTHER best!

See you at the homecoming game at 7:00!

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# School Counseling

# **PROGRAM**

# What's Happening in the Classroom?

This week, students in Kindergarten and First Grade focused on identifying emotions. Students got to role play showing their peers how they would feel in different situations that were provided to them. The best part? They couldn't speak; only use their face and body to allow their classmates to figure out how they felt. We will continue working on emotion identification for ourselves and others over the coming weeks.

Fourth Grade students learned about and discussed "sticky thoughts." These are thoughts about people, situations, etc. that stick with us and bring us down. Over the next few weeks, we will focus on strategies we can use to persevere, forgive, and move on from these "sticky" situations.

# Focus for the School Year

- Resilience
- Kindness
- Respect
- **Emotional** Regulation

# Strategy/Skill to reinforce at home

# Perspective **Taking**

The ability to put yourself in another person's place to understand their thoughts and experiences

# How to Teach and Reinforce Perspective Taking at Home

- 1) Practice identifying emotions Use books, magazines, imaginative play, etc. to identify how people feel based on their facial expressions, body expressions, and situational awareness (what happened to them).
- 2) Discuss different perspectives Talk to your student about how they feel when certain situations happen to them and how. sometimes, others could feel the same or differently based on their life experiences.
- 3) Explore emotions through media If you are watching a movie, reading a book, etc., ask questions about the emotions and perspectives of the characters keying in on how and why they might feel a certain way.

You may notice that the above strategies are the same as last weeks. Many small activities and conversations that we have with kiddos can teach them multiple skills. Both empathy and perspective taking are closely aligned skills that help students build social skills, leading to a kinder community and stronger, healthier relationships.



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# Standard Response Protocol

Bennet Elementary's adoption of the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) provides a standardized approach to managing various events, both threatening and non-threatening, that may happen in or around our school.

These protocols provide actions for the following situations:

- Lockout (danger is outside the school)
- Lockdown (danger is inside the school)
- Evacuate (leave the school building, such as a fire)
- Shelter (tornado or severe weather)
- Hold (stay in classrooms due to a non-threatening event outside the classroom)

# IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



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

#### **OCCUPANTS**

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

Account for occupants and staff Do business as usual



#### SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

#### **OCCUPANTS**

Return inside Do business as usual

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



# LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

#### **OCCUPANTS**

Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door Prepare to evade or defend

### **STAFF**

Lock interior doors Turn out the lights Move away from sight Do not open the door Maintain silence Account for occupants and staff Prepare to evade or defend



# EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

#### **OCCUPANTS**

Evacuate to specified location Bring your phone Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

#### **STAFF**

Lead evacuation to specified location Account for occupants and staff Notify if missing, extra or injured people



# SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

#### **OCCUPANTS**

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

#### Hazard Safety Strategy

Tornado Evacuate to shelter area Hazmat Seal the room Earthquake Drop, cover and hold Get to high ground Tsunami

#### **STAFF**

Lead safety strategy Account for occupants and staff Notify if missing, extra or injured people



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# PALMYRA GUEST PERMISSION FORM:

School Extra Curricular Activities (Dances, Prom Etc.)
Palmyra High School, 425 F Street PO Box 130, Palmyra, NE 68418
(402) 780-5327 (School Phone) (402) 383-4008 (Fax)
\*\*Please return this form to Mr. Davenport by September 4,2025\*\*
Doors open at 7 and will close at 8. No one will be permitted
entrance after 8. The dance will go from 8-11.

Name of Palmyra High School Student:	
Grade: Home Phone Number:  General Information:  *It is the responsibility of the PHS Student to make sure that the following sign this form: the guest, the guest's parent and an administrator from the guest's school.  *It is the responsibility of the PHS Student to inform their guest of the dress code and the rules of the dance/school.	
Name of Guest (Print):	Age:
Address (City, State, Zip):	
Parent Phone #Home: Cel.	1:
Please Check One:  High School Student  Parent Name:  Parent Signature:  Name /Phone # of Guest's High School:	
Non-High School Student Name/Phone # of Last High School Attended:	
Guest (please read and	sign)
I (print name) abide by the school rules, dance rules, re of Palmyra High School while a guest at the Guest Signature	_agree to respect and egulations and policies ne high school dance.
Administrator from Guest's School:  (Please have the guest take this form to an administrator at their school in order to indicate the status of the guest students.)	
This student is in good standing :	
This student is <b>NOT</b> in good standing at our school.  Comments:	
Name of Administrator and Position:	
Date: Phone # of Administrator	r:

# Hoco Bress Up Days:



Monday:

No School

No School Labor Day!



L' Tuesday:

Adam Sandler Dav

Wear your favorite baggy and mismatched clothes!



**Wednesday:** Decades Day

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 2000s, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>: 90s, 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> & Staff: 80s



Bring anything but a water bottle to drink out of, keep it appropriate!



**School Spirit** 

Dress in your best Panther gear!

# Palmyra Post Prom

# Blanket & Mum Sales

#### **Support the PHS Junior Class! Post Prom Fundraiser**

We're raising funds for **Post Prom 2026**—an event that gives students a fun, safe, and memorable night after prom.

You can help by purchasing one of the following:

#### **COZY BLANKETS – \$70 each**

- High-quality & super soft!
- Great for gifts or chilly nights
- Expected delivery: Mid-September

#### FALL MUMS - \$15 each

- Partnered with Tailored Life in Bennet
- After purchase, you'll receive a voucher to pick up your mums at Tailored Life

#### How to Order:

The Juniors will selling Blankets and Mum's on Tuesday 9/2 during the Volleyball games at the Highschool as well as on Friday 9/5 during the Football game at Olson Complex.

OR

Email: PHSPostProm2026@gmail.com

Please include:

- √ Your Name
- √ Phone Number
- √ Quantity of Blankets and/or Mums

Payment Methods Accepted: Cash • Check • Venmo

Thank you for supporting our students and helping make Post Prom safe, fun, and unforgettable!

