



# NEWSLETTER

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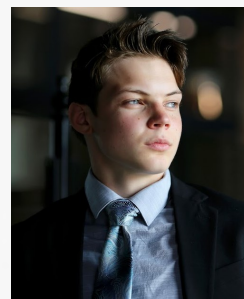


Forty members of the class of 2023 will receive their diplomas on Saturday, May 27, at 1:00 p.m.

Congratulations to Hale Madsen, 2023 class valedictorian.

Six classmates share salutatorian honors. Congratulations to Ella Arneson, Andrew Bissen, Kaili Hager, Breilynn Halverson, Wesley Pronschinske, and Mikayla Stiehl.

Valedictorian



Hale Madsen

Salutatorian



Ella Arneson

Salutatorian



Andrew Bissen

Salutatorian



Kaili Hager

Salutatorian



Breilynn Halverson

Salutatorian



Wesley Pronschinske

Salutatorian



Mikayla Stiehl

Fifteen students are graduating with *Class of Distinction* honors: Hale Madsen, Ella Arneson, Andrew Bissen, Kaili Hager, Breilynn Halverson, Wesley Pronschinske, Mikayla Stiehl, Lauren Abramson, Kaleb Ellis, Kourtney Foley, Aiyanna Johansen, Eyan Knecht, Amelia Kupietz, Jack Spitzer, and Dirk Wilson.

In addition to the above students, the following students are scheduled to graduate: Wyatt Abts, Reese Bossert, Geneva Breza, Kaelyn Carney, Reese Ehrat, Elijah Hutter, ShyeAnn Johnson, Laina Koenig, Triton Krause, Ayden Lisowski, Harmony Lowenhagen, Kenmund Mehus, Tessa Mueller-Norby, Ethan Osborn, Hannah Parnow, Joseph Paulson, Brandon Peterson, Jesse Peterson, Matthew Putz, Logan Schabacker, Ashlan Smith, Ally Sobotta, Maiya Swenson, Michael Weber, and Cadence Wenger.

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# class of 2023

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Lauren Abramson



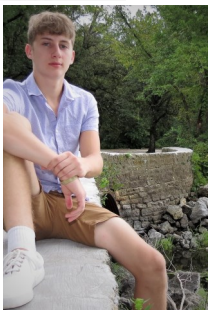
Wyatt Abts



Ella Arneson



Andrew Bissen



Reese Bossert



Geneva Breza



Kaelyn Carney



Reese Ehrat



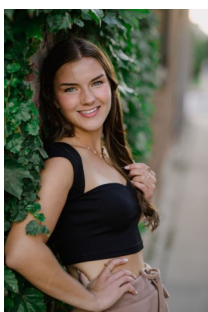
Kaleb Ellis



Kortney Foley



Kaili Hager



Breilynn Halverson



Elijah Hutter



Aiyanna Johansen



Jaxyn Johnson



Eyan Knecht



Laina Koenig



Triton Krause



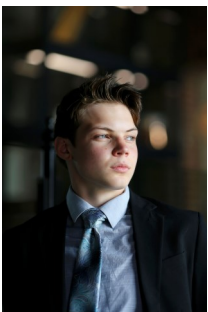
Amelia Kupietz



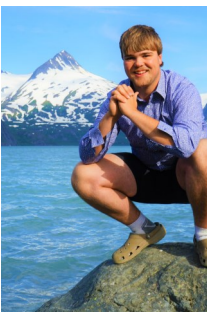
Ayden Lisowski



Harmony Lowenhagen



Hale Madsen



Kenmund Mehus



Tessa Mueller-Norby

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Ethan Osborn



Hannah Parnow



Joseph Paulson



Brandon Peterson



Jesse Peterson



Wesley Pronschinske



Matthew Putz



Logan Schabacker



Ashlan Smith



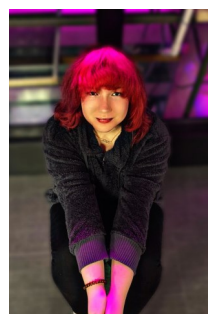
Ally Sobotta



Jack Spitzer



Mikayla Stiehl



Maiya Swenson



Michael Weber



Cadence Wenger



Dirk Wilson

## 2023 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award

To qualify for the WIAA Scholar Athlete recognition, a nominee must have earned at least four varsity letters through the first half of his/her senior year and must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

In addition to local awards, 32 of the more than 700 students nominated each year are selected for statewide recognition. Four boys and four girls in each of four WIAA divisions are honored at a ceremony held on the first Sunday in May each year in Wausau. Recipients from C-FC this year are Mikayla Stiehl and Andrew Bissen.



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# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

## JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AND NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD

**Congratulations to Andrew Bissen , winner of the 2023  
John Philip Sousa Award.**

**Congratulations to Aiyanna Johansen , winner of the  
2023 National School Choral Award.**



## PROM KING FLETCHER THEUSCH & QUEEN GRACE WENGER



## DORIAN HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Rylee Cooke, Wyatt Weagant, Jaycee Lisowski, Lauren Abramson, Kaili Hager, Ana Knecht, and Savannah Foust, High School Band students who were selected to participate in The Dorian Honor Band Festival at Luther College. They were a part of the 500 students from schools all around the midwest to attend the festival.



## F B L A

FBLA members advanced to the National Competition. Jaycee Lisowski in Impromptu Speaking and Hale Madsen in Journalism. Also advancing was the Parliamentary Procedure team of Kaili Hager, Mikayla Stiehl, Ella Arneson, Laura Adank, and Mya Stanton. Congratulations to these students on a phenomenal accomplishment!



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# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

## C-FC FFA

At Sectional Leadership Development Event's members participated in speaking contests to develop their public speaking abilities. We had several members place in the top three placements. Both Janelle Wolfe and the Parliamentary Procedure team (consisting of Mikayla Stiehl, Corbyn Weber, Mya Stanton, Andrea Stolz, Samantha Bork and Alyvia Arneson) will be advancing to the State Competition in June!



## Buffalo County Eighth Grade Day

The Buffalo County Partnership Council facilitated the annual prevention day for all 8th grade students in Buffalo County. The program helps teenagers cope and be resilient as they prepare to transition to high school.



In a world where you can be anything,  
be kind

1st Grade completed a lap book learning about reducing, reusing, and recycling. The students worked very hard and have been using their new knowledge to help keep our school and community clean.



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# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

## AGRICULTURE CLASS

Ms Wiersgalla's Horticulture class invited the 4K class to the greenhouse to learn how to plant a seed. The 4K kids said "That was the best day ever!"

Ag Leadership students also welcomed both 4th grade classrooms for an afternoon of dairy BINGO and butter making.



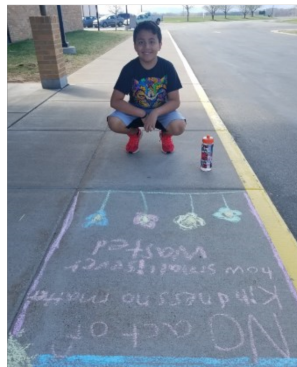
## LITERACY NIGHT

Students enjoyed a Space-Themed Title I Literacy Night. Families participated in literacy activities together, read books, and earned some prizes and books to take home. Thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone who helped!



In a world where you can be anything, be kind

Fourth grade students from Ms. Stryeski's room worked on kindness posters to display throughout the halls of the elementary school. Fourth graders from Mrs. Zahrt's room worked on writing kindness quotes outside of the building. We could all use a little more kindness in our lives.



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# COMMUNITY

## C-FC students & staff helping sandbag



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# SUMMER PROGRAMS

The following are summer school classes offered at C-FC this year:

- Countdown to Kindergarten for students entering five-year-old kindergarten in the fall.  
June 6–Aug 3 : Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:30 am–5:00 pm
- A-B-C's and 1-2-3's for students in grades 1-3 at the start of the 22-23 school year who need a little extra help in reading, writing and math.  
June 12-15 : Monday–Thursday 8:00 am–12:00 pm
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) for students in grades 1-6 at the start of the 22-23 school year interested in fun and engaging Science and engineering concepts.  
June 5-9 or June 12-16 (one week courses) : Monday–Friday 8:00 am–12:00 pm
- You've Got the "Write" Stuff for students in grades 4 & 5 at the start of the 22-23 school year interested in writing poetry, essays, and research reports.  
June 5–9 : Monday–Friday 8:00 am–3:00 pm
- 4th Grade Acceleration Academy, extending the current 4th grade school year working on math, science, reading and writing skills.  
June 5–9 : Monday–Friday 8:00 am–3:00 pm
- Summer Recreation Games for students in grades 4-7 at the start of the 22-23 school year interested in different summer recreational games.  
June 5–12 : Monday–Friday 8:00 am–12:00 pm
- Gun Hunter Safety for students 11 and up interested in the opportunity to be DNR certified. (Cost = \$10.00).  
June 20–23 : Tuesday–Friday 8:15 am–12:15 pm
- ATV Safety for students 11 and up interested in safe operations of all types of ATV's (Cost = \$10.00).  
June 15–16 : Thursday & Friday 11:15 am–4:15 pm
- Boater Safety for students 12 and up interested in safe operations and handling of all types of boats. (Cost = \$10.00).  
June 12–14 : Monday–Wednesday 11:15 am–4:15 pm
- Summer Physical Education and Fitness for student in grades 7-12 at the start of the 22-23 school year interested in personal fitness programs with the option of earning 0.5 physical education credit.  
June 12-August 18 : 8:00 am–11:00 am Monday–Friday
- Online Rural Virtual Academy courses for students in grade 9–12 at the start of the 22-23 school year interested in a variety of courses including driver's education, digital photography, US government, criminology, medical terminology, personal finance, written communications, psychology, creative writing, and more. Requires 1.5 hours of daily online instruction and an addition 2 hours of work completion.  
June 5–29 : Monday–Thursday with an orientation on May 30 or June 1. (Cost = \$150.00 per course)
- Online Rural Virtual Academy courses for students in grade 6–9 at the start of the 22-23 school year interested in Math adventures, reading and writing for success, summer tech, and exploring the Spanish speaking world.  
June 5–29 : Monday–Thursday with an orientation on May 30 or June 1. (Cost = \$150.00 per course)

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## 2023-24 Cochrane Fountain City School Calendar

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August 16 & 17– New Teacher Staff Development

August 21, 22, 23, 24– Staff Development - No Students

August 23 – Open House PreK-12

August 28 – First Day of School for Students

September 4 – Labor Day – **No School**

September 18-22 – Homecoming

October 20 - Staff Development - No Students

November 7 & 9 - P/ T Evening Conferences PreK-12

November 10 – Staff Development - No Students

November 20-24 - Thanksgiving Break - **No School**

December 25 – January 1 Winter Break - **No School**

January 22 - Staff Development - No Students

February 16 – **No School**

February 19 – Staff Development – No Students

March 15 – Staff Development – No Students (Snow Day)

March 25 & 26 – P/T Evening Conferences PreK-12

March 27 - April 1 - Spring Break – **No School**

April 26 - Staff Development – No Students (Snow Day)

May 25 – Graduation

May 27 – Memorial Day – **No School**

May 30 – Last Day of School

May 31 – Staff Development Day – No Students (Snow Day)

School Day (M, T, R, F) 8:00 – 3:21

Wednesday Early Release at 2:54 p.m.

Parent / Teacher Conference 3:30 - 7:30 pm

	First / Last Day of School
	Teacher Professional Development Days - No Students
	No School / Holiday
	Parent / Teacher Conferences

\* The calendar may be revised during the school year depending on emergency days missed or other circumstances.

\* Inclement weather days:

- The first 3 days will not be made up.
- The next 3 will be made up in person on in-service days, sequentially, in March, April, and May.
- Any additional days will be conducted a virtual learning days.





# Cochrane-Fountain City School District

The Pirate Code: Respectful, Responsible, Ready to Learn

## Strategic Plan 2021 - 2024

In July 2021, the Board of Education approved the Strategic Plan of the C-FC School District. The plan includes five focus areas.

### Student Academic Achievement and Success

- Average ACT exam score will be at or above the state average for 11th graders.
- All students will be college, career, and community ready.
- Every student in grades 1-8 will achieve or exceed 1 or more years of academic growth in Math and English Language Arts annually.
- Improve average Forward exam scores in both Math & English Language Arts to above the state average.
- Explore ways to increase elective classes and program offerings.

### School Culture

- Ensure a safe physical environment.
- Create a safe social & emotional environment.
- Teach and support positive behavior.

### Staff & Personnel

- Create a comprehensive staffing/HR process.
- Develop a strategy to increase staff development for all employee groups.
- Continue to develop/improve compensation model to remain competitive with local market.

### Fiscal Responsibility

- Increase communication regarding the financial state of the district.
- Maintain a balanced budget.
- Review & update compensation scales to be competitive.

### Communication and Community Engagement

- Increase mutually beneficial relationships in the community.
- Increase purposeful engagement of key stakeholder groups.
- Develop a clear, positive communication strategy for internal and external stakeholders.
- Develop a comprehensive C-FC brand and positive marketing strategy.

### Vision

C-FC empowers all students to discover their passions, develop their talents, and be responsible, impactful citizens.

### Mission

In partnership with families and community, C-FC provides a safe and supportive environment for all students. By providing a high-quality education that promotes academic and emotional growth, we empower students to be life-long learners and productive, responsible community citizens.





# NEWSLETTER

## COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

News from the Pirate Kitchen,

A big thank you to all for another fantastic school year! The foodservice department enjoyed seeing so many smiling faces and visiting with the children every day. A few quick notes for the end of this school year and the start of next year:

Summer meals can be found by following this link. <https://tinyurl.com/39smtwc3>. Families can also call 211 to locate meals in the area. A reminder for students requesting special dietary needs: The foodservice department is not allowed to make any substitutions without a signed medical statement. The appropriate form can be found following this link. <https://tinyurl.com/42xfd7uj>. Please check with myself or the school nurse to make sure there is one on file. Please check your family's lunch balance to make sure it is not negative. Also, if your student is graduating and no other siblings are at CFC, contact the district office if you would like to receive a refund.

Wishing everyone a safe, fun filled summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

Amanda Brakke  
Food Service Director

Parents, Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members,

This past year has brought many smiles and tears. The excitement of starting the year with a record attendance during the open house also brought the suffering and the loss of a father. Our school and community provided comfort and continues to support the family. Throughout the year we've enjoyed our co-curricular's as a community, celebrating team and individual successes, accomplishments, and awards. We continue to endure the loss of two of our students, with compassion, support, and empathy for everyone directly and indirectly affected. We've witnessed our staff and students growing personally and academically through engaging projects and experiences, while surviving an exhausting winter followed by record flooding.

More could be provided in this summation of the year but while composing this, I was reminded of the speech Jimmy Valvano gave at the ESPY's in 1993 that I want to share. Although many remember what became the motto of "Don't give up. Don't ever give up." I want to reference his belief, "that there are three things we should do every day. Number one is to laugh, you should laugh every day. Number two is to think, you should spend some time in thought. Number three is you should have your emotions moved to tears. Could be happiness, joy, or sorrow. Think about it, if you laugh; you think; and you cry; that's a full day, that's a heck of a day. You do this seven days a week, you're going to have something special."

As we move forward, my hope for everyone is to allow yourself and others to laugh, think, and cry. This year's experiences have taught us many things, but most important is the C-FC family will be there no matter what! This reflection reminds me why I am so proud to be the superintendent of the Cochrane-Fountain City School District. As a school and community, we will be there for each other to celebrate accomplishments and work through struggles, we are truly C-FC PIRATE STRONG!

Sincerely,  
Troy White  
Superintendent Cochrane-Fountain City School District





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