



CORSICA STICKNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21-3



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Welcome to the 24-25 School Year and celebrating the 10th school year of the Corsica-Stickney School District.

Parents/Students we would like to welcome everyone back with a 1st day of school planned for Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

I would like to take this time to reflect on the last ten years of enhancements the Corsica-Stickney School District has accomplished for its community and students and look forward to a continued progressive future for Corsica-Stickney Community & School.

First of all I would like to thank you all, our school patrons, for supporting the opt-out for our school district that we can continue to operate at the excellent level of educational opportunities we currently provide for students. Our students have the benefit of a robust and diversified curriculum that includes a Business Curriculum, Family and Consumer Science Curriculum, and an Industrial Technology Curriculum. We value these vocational class offerings in addition to our traditional required curriculum of English, Math, Science, Fine Arts, Social Studies, PE. We continue to provide a new tablet computer to each freshman to use for 4 years of high school as well as having a computer for each student throughout the school as a part of our one-to-one technology initiative. Corsica-Stickney has updated its bus fleet in the last 10 years by purchasing a 65 passenger and 71 passenger capacity to help with activities as well as three 53 passenger route busses, and one mini bus. We also have updated our suburban and van capability. If anyone would like to substitute bus drivers we are looking for assistance in this area.

Also, questions have been posed about what function the Elementary Building in Corsica serves. At this time that building has a room dedicated for the head start program for young children that qualify for the program. Another room is used as the classroom for the Corsica site Pre-School Class. Two other classrooms are rented by the Core Educational Cooperative that serve special needs students ages 18-21 to continue their educational programs for the 13 member schools that compose Core and there is potential for that program to serve more schools. Mid-Central Educational Cooperative also rents an office in the building. The School uses two rooms for storage and the gym is used by students/families and is rented by the community various times throughout the year.

We also have partnership with Trail-Eze, Inc. in Corsica to have a metal working/welding internship for students as seniors if they desire. This has been very valuable and popular for students wishing to pursue this vocation. Trail-Eze is also was planning to provide the school with a welder like they use at Trail-Eze to practice in school. Thank you Trail-Eze.

Corsica-Stickney School provides many on site course offerings for its size. Dual credit course opportunities are also available for students that qualify. This allows students to begin their post-secondary careers at a reduced tuition price for qualifying classes.

When Corsica-Stickney School District was organized it was one of the goals to update our facilities. This past year that goal has been accomplished as new Elementary Classrooms were completed for Grades K-5 along with administrative offices and a commons entry area. Also the interior of the gym has been freshly painted and kitchen has an expanded storage area and Pre-School has moved to the former 3rd grade room(freshly painted as well). There is final brick laying and lettering as well as lawn seeding to complete yet at the grade school. The Middle School/High School has also

added an additional practice/competition gym, 3 classrooms, weight room and equipment for the students as well as patrons of the school district. Also included is a new commons area that serves as a concession area. All the facility improvements should serve the Corsica-Stickney community for many years into the future.

Another original goal of our school district was to be able to offer students as many academic opportunities as we could. We have done that as well and continue to look for more opportunities for students. The teachers have supported a scholarship for those students going into education since Corsica-Stickney was organized and the hope is that some of our students would return to teach here in Corsica-Stickney. The Elementary School has achieved a National Blue Ribbon School Award in 2019 for being an Exemplary High Performing School and in 2015 received a Distinguished Title I School Award in 2015. Prior to Consolidation both Corsica and Stickney received a Blue Ribbon School Award.

Our students continue to graduate with many scholarships towards their post-secondary education. We believe this is in part to excellent educational opportunities offered at Corsica-Stickney School and our excellent staff. Our guidance department continues to encourage students to pursue scholarship applications of many kinds to garner funds towards their chosen educational programs. Many of our students have received the Opportunity Scholarship as well as the Dakota Corps Scholarships because of their academics combined with their dedicated work ethic.

The facilities along with the staff for the Corsica-Stickney School District give students an educational environment that is focused on the student's welfare for developing the intellectual, social, physical, and vocational potential of each student. Corsica-Stickney School attempts to provide students with many experiences. Sympathetic, cooperative attitudes among the student, the teacher, the parent(s), and the community are necessary and important in the development of the student.

The professional staff individualizes the instructional components in implementing the curriculum, teaching and assisting as much as possible in order to realize the individual potential of every student. We believe the teacher is the most important factor in the educational program as a director of learning. We also believe adequate facilities enhance learning. Our school goal is to give students as much of a full educational experience as safely as possible for all. At this point Corsica-Stickney has a 100% graduation rate and currently there are 158 alumni of Corsica-Stickney School.

Congratulations on your 10th Anniversary Corsica-Stickney School District and may the Corsica-Stickney Community have many more years of continued successes.

Thank you.

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