

# Boyden-Hull News

August-September 2016

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## REGISTRATION

Registration materials will be mailed to each family. **It is important that you fill out the forms and bring the completed forms with you to registration on August 9 or 10.** By completing the forms before you come for registration, we hope to make things run more smoothly and quickly for you.

It is important to register your child(ren) before the school year begins. *If you are new to the district or registering a student in kindergarten, please bring your child's birth certificate & immunization records.*

Registration is scheduled during the second week in August to coincide with the start of Fall Sports practices the same week. Please try to make it to one of these two days for registration as it helps our secretaries get all finer details

and other last minute changes taken care of. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Grades PK-6: Registration for grades PK-6 will be in Hull on Tue, Aug 9 & in Boyden on Wed, Aug 10. Parents can register at either location from 10AM-6PM.

Grades 7-12: Registration for students entering grades 7-12 will be held Aug 9 & 10 in the Hull Principal's Office from 10AM-6PM. Please use the doors labeled "Administration" on the south side of school.

If you're unable to register during these times, you can register after August 10 by contacting the school office:

Grades TK-6	725-2381
Grades 7-12	439-2440

## SCHOOL BEGINS

School begins on Tuesday, August 23! We will dismiss at 2:25PM the first day. Note the schedule for PLC Wednesdays: The regular school day for K-12 students begins at 8:20AM & ends at 3:25PM except on PLC Wednesdays when we will dismiss at 2:25PM. Shuttle buses leave the buildings at 7:55AM.

## B-H WEBSITE

Find district info & teacher web pages at: <http://www.boyden-hull.k12.ia.us> JMC Parent Access is available through the district website. Parents can access their child's grades, lunch balance, and report card information. JMC Parent Access forms will be sent with the registration materials.

## DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

### COMET HOTLINE – 439-1658

The Comet Hotline is available 24/7. Mrs. Kooiker updates the Hotline with information on school activities, results from activities, schedule changes, upcoming events, and weather-related changes or announcements.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 725-2381

Call the Elementary during regular school hours to report an absence for

your child in grades PK-6. After school hours, you can leave a message by calling the same number.

## JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL – 439-2440

Contact the Jr/Sr High School for absences or other information regarding your child in grades 7-12. After school hours, you can leave a message using the same number.

## SUPERINTENDENT/BUSINESS OFFICE

You can contact the Business Office/Superintendent's Office at 439-2711. After hours, please leave a message so we can return your call.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The Boyden-Hull Board of Directors, Jake Ten Haken (President), Jason Moser, Mark Nilles, Aric Van Voorst, and Gina Woelber, deserve our sincere thanks for their commitment to quality education

## OPEN HOUSES

Open Houses will be held on Monday, August 22, from 6:30-7:30PM for grades TK-6 in Boyden and grades 7-8 in Hull.

This is an excellent time for students to introduce themselves to their teachers, bring school supplies to their desk or locker, and see their new classrooms.

## GREETINGS FROM SUPERINTENDENT GROND

We are closing in on another school year, and it seems that summer has continued to fly by with little chance of slowing down. I wanted to give you a brief update on several items:

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Calendar highlights of the 2016-17 year:

August 22	Open house
August 23	1st Day of classes
December	Christmas Break
April 13-17	Spring Break
May 22	Graduation
May 25	Last Day of school

One change this year will be dismissals at 1:00PM instead of 2:25PM before Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

## **ENROLLMENT**

While it is difficult to know exactly where our enrollment numbers will end up, it appears enrollment will remain close to last year at this time.

## **CONCESSION STAND**

The concession stand at Hesla Field is coming along and we will be using it as football season starts this fall. The area in both restrooms has been expanded to accommodate more people and allow for easier access. The other major improvement will be the flow of concessions. There will be three windows for service and more room to stand while waiting in line. We believe that both of these enhancements will greatly improve the experience at football and track events.

## **FUTURE BUILDING PLANNING**

The board continues to look at the future land and building needs. We are working with an architectural firm from Sioux City - Canon, Moss, Brygger (CMB) on developing concepts and plans to move forward. As plans develop, additional information will be shared in newsletters.

## **SUMMER THOUGHTS**

Finally, it is a great time of year in which there is still time to enjoy summer and the opportunities it brings. We are excited about the challenges and opportunities of each new year. On behalf of the entire Boyden-Hull staff, I would like to say that it is both an honor and privilege to serve the students of the district. We are looking forward to a great year!

## **NEW TEACHERS**

As we turn the page to the 2016-17 school year, students and community members will see some new faces in the district. We are excited to welcome six new teachers to the district this year:

Ms. Becky Ochsendorf – Becky will be a new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. She continues her teaching career with us after spending a few years with Sibley-Ocheyedan.

Ms. Aimee Harmelink – Aimee will join us as a Special Education Teacher. She joins Boyden-Hull after teaching previously at Sheldon.

Ms. Brianna Darling – Brianna is a recent graduate of Northwestern College and will be filling Mrs. Draayer's JH Lang Arts teaching responsibilities.

Ms. Sabrina Fox - Sabrina is a recent graduate of Simpson College. She will be the new JH instrumental instructor for the school district for half of her day where she will be leading the JH Band and also helping with individual lessons. The other half of her day will be teaching 8th grade math and some of the advance high school math courses.

Ms. Brianna Johnson - We have also hired a new special education instructor to fill Mr. Soppe's position after his unfortunate passing. Brianna will hopefully be joining our staff if she is able to be released from her contract in the Schleswig CSD. Her family will be making a move to O'Brien County as her husband has been hired as the O'Brien County Emergency Response Coordinator. We hope that she is able to join our staff.

Mr. Bob Kleinwolterink - Bob will be filling Mr. Malenosky's position in the SC Classroom. Mr. Kleinwolterink has been an assistant boys basketball coach for several years and has decided to get back into education.

The Teacher Leadership Compensation (TLC) grant created a great deal of teacher shuffling as well within Boyden-Hull. Heather Mesman will be a full-time instructional coach and technology integrationist in the Elementary building. Rebecca Draayer will be in each building for half a day to help as the district's literacy coach. At the Secondary, Sara Friedrichsen will be a half-time technology integrationist, and Julie Visscher will also assume a half-time role as an instructional coach. These two will continue in their current math and language arts roles for the other half of their day. Chelsey Ulfers is moving up to teach 6th grade, Jennifer Dacken is moving back to TK/Title I position, and Jacinda Zoet will be transitioning to the Title I/At-Risk position with Jan Klarenbeek's retirement after forty years with the school district.

We are excited that each of these educators will either begin or continue their work in education at Boyden-Hull, and believe that they each bring outstanding credentials and abilities to our district. Please join us in welcoming each of them to Boyden-Hull.

## **UPDATE FROM THE JR/SR HIGH**

**SCHOOL** Dan Pottebaum, Principal  
**Welcome Back Students & Staff!**  
Where does the summer go! It is again the middle of July and we are in full

swing as we prepare for another great year. At this time, the softball team is making its last preparations as they prepare for their second trip to the Iowa Girls State Softball Tournament in Fort Dodge. The baseball team opens up their district tournament play at Estherville this evening.

It is also hard to imagine that the Summer Theatre has just completed its 7th production. Ms. Wagner, Melissa Richter, Mrs. Anderson, Laurel Evertse, Donna Meerdink, Julie Schafer, many other volunteers, and over 40 students aging from elementary age through high school just performed "The Little Mermaid." We had approximately 500 tickets sold for the two performances they performed during the Hull Summerfest. As I watched the performances, I saw the many talented individuals we have in the area of drama. Ms. Wagner and Ms. Richter did a wonderful job casting the roles of this production. From Keagan Wielenga's performance of the French chef, to Caitlin Wilkens as the evil sea witch, these and many other students stepped into the bright lights of the theater production. We were again blessed with many volunteers that helped behind the scenes. We had many individuals who volunteered in a variety of ways. Some drove shuttles, helped with make-up, sold tickets, provided meals & snacks, and helped to strike the set. Thank you again to all the individuals that helped to make this another successful production of the Boyden-Hull Summer Theater Program.

A big change within the district will be the completion of the new concession stand and bathrooms out at Hesla Field. This new building should be completed in late July or early August in time for the upcoming football season. The new building will have 10 stalls in the women's bathroom compared to the 3 in the old bathroom. Many women will be happy to attend football games knowing they will not need to stand in line forever to use the restroom. The building also has meeting rooms for both the home and visiting teams that during the offseason can be used for additional storage. In between the two team meeting rooms is a room for the officials to get dressed and shower for

the contest held at Hesla Field. Many will also enjoy the new concession stand area that will have three windows to serve the fans with storage areas for both BH/RV and Western concession stands. We hope that this new facility will make attending the events held out at Hesla Field more enjoyable for all.

### **LOCUST STREET CONSTRUCTION**

If you have been by the JH/HS the past week or so, you will have noticed that Locust Street to the east of the building is under construction from Railroad St. to 3rd St. This will make dropping off the students, elementary and JH, a bit more challenging at the start of the year. The best case scenario is that the project is completed before the school year begins. As many of us know, construction projects never go as planned and usually take longer than estimated. We ask with the construction that parents who drop off their children for the shuttle bus or for the JH to please drop off their students on 1st Street in front of the HS Theater entrance and then exit the south side of the parking lot to Railroad Street. If your son or daughter is walking to school from the East, please have them cross Locust Street at **3rd Street (North of First Reformed Church) or Railroad Street (South of Pizza Ranch)**. Crossing at these intersections will be safer for your child as they will not be walking through a construction zone. We will have additional information at registration time and at the beginning of the school year in regards to the progress of this construction.

### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

There were only minor changes to the Student Handbook as we head into the 2016-17 school year. We continue to fine tune the attendance policy. As many are aware, students are allowed up to 5 absences per semester before consideration is given to make up time for missing school. At the secondary building, attendance is counted not as a whole day, but by period. Each time you miss a period, you are missing the instruction for that particular course. We ask when possible, please schedule your regular appointments such as ortho, chiropractor, or physical therapy during your study hall periods so that you do not miss your academic classes.

The other change is the Academic Eligibility policy. This policy was adopted and will begin starting July 1, 2016. In efforts to be more uniform in this policy between the shared activities between Rock Valley and Boyden-Hull, the administrators have adopted similar policies. Beginning July 1, 2016, the adopted policy will read:

#### **ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY**

During the school year, academic eligibility will be evaluated at every midterm, the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters and at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters. To be eligible to participate in activities, a student must be passing all regular academic courses (courses that receive full credit). Student will bring a signed progress report from the instructor of the course in question to the high school principal by that Monday at noon. Any student not passing ALL courses at the end of the grading period or midterms, will be declared ineligible (meaning the student will not dress for or compete) as follows:

**MIDTERM and 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarters FAILURE:** Two (2) weeks ineligibility from any activity. If the student is still failing any class at the end of the two weeks, the student will be ineligible another two weeks. (Ineligibility will start on the Monday noon after grades are due.)

**1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER FAILURE:** If the student fails any course at the end of a semester, they will be ineligible for the next 30 consecutive calendar days. (State mandated "No Pass, No Play" eligibility rule).

**\*\*This policy will include ALL 7th-12th grade students involved in extracurricular activities in which the student is a participant.**

**\*\*Any students trying out for any activity (cheerleading, swing show, etc.), must be academically eligible upon the time of tryouts.**

**\*\*BH CSD will also not allow students to participate in an activity for the sole purpose of fulfilling academic eligibility unless they are considered to be a bona fide participant (Participated in the activity in the prior school year).**

**\*\*Any student removed from class or has served an In-School Suspension may be held out of practice or competition in that night's events at the coach's discretion.**

The change is in the length of ineligibility. Failing a course at the Midterm, 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarters will result in a two-week suspension from competition in all school activities (athletics, band, choir, FCCLA, FFA, or any other school sponsored activity). If at the end of the two weeks of ineligibility, if the student is passing all their courses, they will regain their eligibility. If they are not in good academic standing, their ineligibility will continue and be reviewed in two weeks.

### **JH OPEN HOUSE/7th GRADE/NEW STUDENT LAPTOP ROLL OUT**

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:30 pm, we invite all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents to come to the secondary building to meet their teachers and put their materials in the lockers. Following the Open House, we will be rolling out the Laptop computers to the 7<sup>th</sup> graders and New students to the district. Attendance by the student and one parent/guardian is required for the student to receive the laptop that evening. This evening will also be an opportunity for new students to visit the school and to receive their laptops.

### **8TH-12TH LAPTOP ROLL-OUT**

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be distributing the laptops for grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be holding 4 sessions that are a half hour in length. We will again be going over a few housekeeping and care items with the laptops. However, we do not need to set up the laptops as we have done the past two years. This should speed up the process. We will begin each session promptly at the following times: 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 7:30 pm. We ask that each student is accompanied by a parent or guardian. You can attend anyone of the 4 sessions. New students will receive their laptops on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm in the HS Commons.

### **OPENING DAY ASSEMBLY**

Parents are invited to attend the Jr/Sr High Assembly on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 AM in the B-H HS Theatre. All students

in grades 7-12 and faculty members will attend this assembly. At the assembly, Mr. Pottebaum will convey the yearly expectations to the students and go over the changes to the Student Handbook.

### **SCHOOL PICTURES**

School pictures for the JH/HS students will be taken on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Your child will be given an envelope with information about ordering school pictures a week or so prior to this date. Pictures will begin at 8 am for staff. Students will hand their envelopes directly to the photographer at the time of their picture. Even if a student or family decides not to purchase the pictures, they will need to take the picture for the annual yearbook.

I would also remind seniors to give Mrs. Hibma a senior picture as soon as possible along with a baby picture. It seems every year we are scrambling for a few students to turn these pictures in for the Yearbook as well as the Senior Video.

### **UPDATE FROM THE ELEMENTARY**

Tom Kerr, Principal

The summer continues to fly by quickly each year, especially if you have child involved in Summer Theatre, softball (Way to Go Nighthawks☺), baseball, 4-H activities, or many other summer opportunities for students. The school year will be starting later again this year. We have Open House on Monday, August 22 starting at 6:30 p.m. with the first day of school on Tuesday, August 23. There are probably quite a few parents wishing that school would start tomorrow, which we often hear at registration time each year!

Many things that needed to be worked on throughout the summer months in preparation for the first day of school are completed or nearly finished. Some of these include: class lists, teaching schedules, curriculum orders, rooms cleaned and shampooed, hallways and gym floors waxed, and bus routes determined. This is only a small portion of our list that continues to expand each year. A special thank you to Daryl Egdorf, Ashley Madsen, and Steph

Ochsendorf who help make the building look and operate like a billion dollars when school begins in August. The following are some of the changes in the elementary building for this upcoming year:

- A special thank you to the Brunsting Painting crew for a fresh coat of paint in the kindergarten and first grade classrooms.
- New carpet was installed in the 1st grade classrooms and vocal music room in June.
- The old library furniture that has been in place since the 1970's will be replaced with new table and chair colors that will brighten the library and give it a more contemporary feel for students and staff.
- Preschool playground fencing will be completed by the time school arrives in late Aug.

### **PRESCHOOL START DATE**

The first day for the 2015-16 Boyden-Hull Preschool will be on Thursday, September 8, 2016. Mrs. Annie Van Der Zwaag will be contacting you in August to arrange a required home visit prior to preschool start date.

### **TITLE I READING**

Title I reading instruction at Boyden-Hull Elementary is usually done with students in grades K-4. Students are given instruction in small-group settings based on the student's needs as determined by the classroom teacher and testing that is done within our school. We use the IA Assessments and AIMSweb test results to help determine a student's eligibility.

Students who demonstrate the need for reading instruction are then grouped by skills and age. All of our Title I teachers are assigned to these small groups to teach reading skills needed by students. These are fully certified teachers with all the necessary reading endorsements required by state and federal law. If you have any questions about the Title I program, please visit with one of the Title I teachers or Mr. Kerr, the elementary principal, during our Open House on Monday, August 22, 2016, from 6:30-7:30 P.M.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

*Supply lists will be in the registration packets.*

Backpacks and PE bags need to fit in a locker without causing damage to the locker's latch and hinges. Repair for damage to a locker is the responsibility of the student assigned to that locker. Students will need book covers for many of their courses. It seems like at the start of the year, many of the retail stores run out of the commercial book covers. I would encourage students to "Think Green" and use a brown paper bag from the grocery store. Another useful item for students is an accordion folder to help keep their papers and other materials organized. **We will not be providing student calendars to the JH students.** If a family wishes for their child to have a daily planner, you may purchase one with your other school supplies. We are encouraging students to use the Google Calendar and Stickies on their laptops for their calendars. Students can share their Google Calendars with their parents so parents know when assignments, projects, and other tests and quizzes are planned.

### **ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

The Athletic Boosters will have generic Comet & Nighthawk items available, forms for Comet Volleyball and Nighthawk Football order-only apparel, and sale items available during registration in Hull on Aug 9-10, and in Boyden during the Elementary Open House on Aug 22.

### **HEALTH-RELATED REQUIREMENTS**

Students in all grades need to have the required immunizations before the first day of school. Please check with your health care provider to make sure that your child has had the immunizations and tests needed for school. The school is required to have a copy of your child's current immunization record on file. Pre-K, Kdg, & TK students are required to have all immunizations per age prior to beginning school.

A Health Physical is required for Preschool age students. Your Physician must complete the form, and you should return the forms to the school as soon as possible.

A dental exam is required for 9th grade and Kdg students. For 9th graders, a screening completed within one year prior to enrollment is acceptable. For Kdg. students, a screening done between ages 3 to 6 is acceptable.

A vision screen is required by the State of Iowa for all students in Kdg & 3rd grade. Completed forms need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Athletic physicals are required for students who participate in school-sponsored sports (including cheer & dance). If your child had a physical over the summer months, please send a copy to the school nurse. Physicals are good for one year. Your child will not be allowed to attend practice until a physical is on file at school.

All forms are available upon request by emailing the school nurse, [andrea.maassen@boyden-hull.org](mailto:andrea.maassen@boyden-hull.org), or in either school office & should be returned as soon as possible.

Please watch the school newsletters about upcoming health requirements.

### **JR/SR HIGH T.A.G. PROGRAM**

The assessment process for Gifted & Talented program involves several factors. Some of the tools used are the Iowa Assessment Test, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), and AIMSweb test. Most students admitted into the program will score in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile or better on their composite score or in a particular subject area. For instance, we already have in place an accelerated program in our math curriculum. We will be making efforts to add more modifications to our courses of study to better challenge our highly motivated students. These modifications may be in the form of special projects or research with the help of volunteer mentors. Some of our students have taken concurrent enrollment courses via online or PSEO (Courses at Northwestern College or Dordt College). Standardized test scores are just one means of measuring a student's inclusion in the Talented and Gifted Program.

Teacher recommendations will also be considered. Often teachers will recognize students who have an exceptional interest or ability in a particular subject area. Efforts will be made to foster that student's knowledge beyond the regular classroom work. These recommendations will be factored in

with other qualifications for the program.

Students may also request participation in the program. A highly motivated student willing to work beyond the required classroom levels is surely a candidate for this program. Usually in these cases a performance test is given to assess the level of the student's ability. A final decision on being in the program will be made by an appointed faculty committee. This part of the program could lead to enhancements of the classroom requirements.

Gifted and talented opportunities are available in general intellectual, specific academic, creativity, leadership, or visual and performing arts areas. This is why we would like students interested in the program to fill out the information form as a spring-board for our efforts to get the program started as soon as possible in the fall.

Giftedness has many faces. The Boyden-Hull School District recognizes the need to provide all students with opportunities and experiences that will allow them to reach their full potential. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs. Hofmeyer or Mr. Pottebaum.

### **STAFF IN-SERVICES**

Staff development in-services are scheduled as follows:

Aug. 15	New Teacher In-Service
Aug 18	AM – All Certified Staff (1/2 day)
Aug. 19	In-Service (No School)
Aug. 22	In-Service (No School)
Oct. 6	School Dismissed 11:25AM
Oct. 7	In-Service (No School)
Jan. 12	School Dismissed 11:25AM
Feb. 2	School Dismissed 11:25 AM
Feb. 3	In-Service (No School)
Mar. 30	School Dismissed 11:25AM
Mar. 31	In-Service (No School)
May 26	AM – All Certified Staff (1/2 day)

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Conference dates for 2016-2017 are:

October 24	4-7 PM
October 27	4-8 PM
March 14	4-7 PM
March 16	4-8 PM

(No School on October 28 & March 17)

### **OPTIONAL STUDENT INSURANCE**

Optional student accident insurance will be available. There are separate coverage plans for at-school, field trip, 24-hour, and high school football. The insurance provider is Markel Insurance. You will enroll using their website: <http://markel.sevencorners.com>. The secure website provides information on the various coverage and premium options, answers of frequently asked questions, and allows you to purchase the insurance using a credit/debit card. If you have questions or need help filing a claim, contact Koele Insurance (439-1122). Additional information will be available at registration.

As you decide whether or not to purchase this plan, please keep in mind that the school's liability insurance plan has a specific exclusion regarding medical payments for student injuries.

### **SCHOOL MESSENGER**

Last year, the district started using the SchoolMessenger notification system for weather notices. Please note that any phone number or email addresses that you provide to include in your child's JMC account will carry over into the SchoolMessenger contact database. If there are phone numbers or email addresses you'd like to have in JMC, but not in SchoolMessenger or if you have a preference on how you'd like to receive these messages, you may go to <https://contactme.schoolmessenger.com/?u=boydenhull>, contact the district office for the ID number of your child(ren), and customize your preferences on receiving the messages. If you need any help with this process, please contact Julie Johnson in the District Office.

### **SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

We need to update our list of people willing to substitute for Teachers & Bus Drivers (need certification for both), Para-Professionals, Kitchen Assistants, and Custodial Assistants.

Please call Mr. Kerr (Elementary), Mr. Pottebaum (Jr/Sr High), or Julie Johnson (District Office) to let them know if you are interested.

## ATHLETICS

NOTICE: All students participating in extra-curricular sports must have a physical turned in to your coach before you may practice! This includes junior high & high school students in all sports, cheerleading, & student managers.

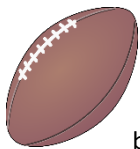
### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

A meeting will be held for all parents of B-H High School football players on Aug 1 at 6:30 PM in the B-H auditorium. If you plan to purchase school insurance for football, forms will be available at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

2016 Kickoff - Aug 3 at 5PM

Football Camp in Rock Valley

HS – August 4 & 5 6:00 to 8:30 PM cost \$30 make checks payable to RVHS.



\*\*A bus will be available from Boyden & Hull for camp & practices. Leaves 45 minutes

before scheduled practice from the Boyden Elementary and 30 minutes before the scheduled practice from the West side of the High School in Hull.

HS Football Practice in Rock Valley

August 8-12	8-11AM
August 15-16	8-11AM
August 17-18	5-8PM
August 19	8-11AM
August 22	5-8PM

Daily practice continues after school from 4-6 pm starting the 23rd.

August 26-1st Game vs. Western (Hull)

A reminder that students with school permits **MAY NOT** drive to Rock Valley for practice. They must ride the bus! School permits allow students to drive to the school of attendance. This would be driving only to Hull. This is a D.O.T. Regulation. Don't risk losing your school permit because of a misunderstanding on this regulation. Students should remind the coach if they need bus transportation & find out the scheduled times. If you have any questions, contact Coach Cory Brandt at 476-2701 or e-mail him at [cbrandt@rvcsd.org](mailto:cbrandt@rvcsd.org)

Cory Brandt	Head Coach
Doug Bundy	Asst. Coach

### JR. HIGH FOOTBALL



JH Nighthawk football practice begins on Monday, Aug 22 at 4:00PM in Hull.

Buses will leave from Rock Valley School & Boyden Elementary School at 3:45PM for the first practice. On Tuesday, August 23, the BH students begin classes and will dismiss at 2:25. At this time the BH FB players will have concussion testing beginning right after school. The RV bus will leave RV at 3:45 for practice on Tuesday, the 23rd. On Wednesday, the RV students will leave for practice right after school. For the remainder of the season, practice will be held after school and is usually done around 5:30. Buses return Rock Valley and Boyden players to their respective towns at approximately 6:00 pm.

All athletes must have a completed physical form on file in their respective offices before they may practice. Athletes must bring shorts, shirt, socks, compression shorts/whitie-tighties, & shoes. If football cleats are worn, the cleats must be made of rubber or plastic. Metal cleats are illegal.

Thank you.

Rob Van't Land	Coach
John Olson	Asst. Coach



### CROSS COUNTRY

HS Cross Country practice will begin on Mon, Aug 15 at 8:00AM. Meet on the west side of Boyden-Hull HS.

JH Cross practice will begin on Tue, Aug 23. We will meet on the west side of Boyden-Hull HS.



Tim Brunsting	Head Coach
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### HS VOLLEYBALL – GRADES 9-12

August 8-12 (2-a-days)

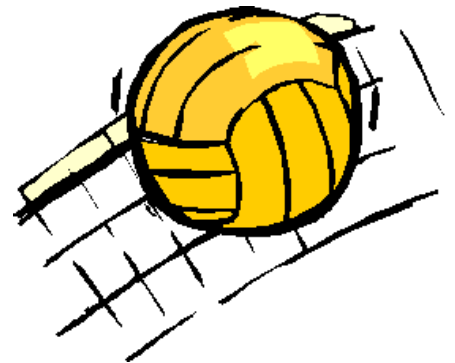
Practice: 8-10AM

Practice: 12-2 PM

Busing schedule will be shared with students.

Contact Coach Hofmeyer if you have any questions

Melannie Hofmeyer - Head VB Coach  
Minerva Van Ginkel - Fr. VB Coach



### JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL

The JH Volleyball Team will be bused to Boyden for practice. The first practice will be held after school on Wednesday, August 24. Practice usually ends by 5:30PM. A shuttle bus will run to Hull after practice. You will need black volleyball shorts, kneepads, and black socks for games.

Heather Mesman	Coach
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**Boyden-Hull Community School District  
Fiscal Year 2017 Estimated Taxation Rates & Taxes**

	Tax Rate FY 2017	Tax Rate FY 2016	Tax Rate FY 2015
General	\$10.41406	\$10.054248	\$10.71148
Management	\$1.16877	\$1.59138	\$.96954
Voted Physical Plant/Equip	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$1.34
Reg. Physical Plant/Equip	\$.33	\$.33	\$.33
Debt Service	\$0.90358	\$1.01291	\$1.05045
Total	\$14.15641	\$14.32853	\$14.40147

**TAXATION RATES**

The overall taxation rate for the upcoming school year will be \$14.156 / \$1,000 of valuation of residential property. This will be the sixth year in a row that the overall property tax rate has decreased. As we have done in the past and continue to for in the present and future, is to be good stewards of the District's money and to levy for only what we need.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTION**

Parents/guardians considering open enrollment for their child(ren) into another school district in Iowa need to be aware of the following deadlines for filing the required paperwork.

- March 1, 2016 -was the last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2016-17 school year.
- September 1, 2016 is the deadline for incoming kindergarten students only.
- Enrollment deadlines for the 2017-18 school year are March 1, 2017 for regular open enrollment requests and September 1, 2017 for incoming kindergarteners.

Applications received after these deadlines will not be approved unless the reason for late filing qualifies for "good cause." There are a number of state-approved reasons that qualify for "good cause," including moving to a new district and change in the parents' marital status.

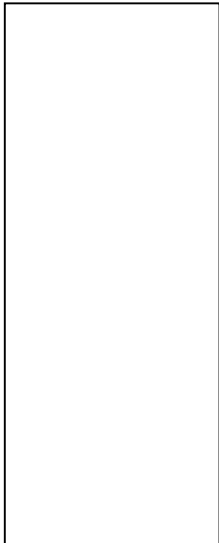
Transportation assistance may be available for parents/guardians of open enrolled students who meet the eligibility guidelines. This may be actual transportation or a cash stipend at the resident district's discretion.

Families also need to know that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility.

Contact the Superintendent's Office if you have questions or need an open enrollment form.

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