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Owasso FFA Chapter Newsletter

2020-2021 OWASSO FFA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Google Calendar link is available on our chapter website: www.owassoffa.org

Students/Parents,

We are extremely excited and hopefully optimistic about the upcoming school year. While we are all anxiously awaiting a return to the world we knew pre-Covid, we as Ag teachers have never looked forward to working with your children more. This newsletter is designed to bring you all up to speed on what FFA activities will look like to the best of our knowledge, keeping in mind that these are subject to change at any given point. We believe that is important for our families to remain positive as we press on. One of our favorite quotes is one by Charles Swindoll that references the impact of attitude on life. Swindoll states, "Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think, say or do. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. Swindoll finishes the quote with this powerful line for us all to think on. He says, "I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it."

LIVESTOCK SHOWS/PURCHASING OF NEW LIVESTOCK ANIMALS

We are grateful that the district has allowed us to proceed with livestock shows following Owasso Public School policies and procedures for OPS student activities. These guidelines will include social distancing as well as the wearing of masks. All of these protocols will be discussed with students/parents in further detail in the weeks to come. The three school shows that we go to this time of year are still a go at this point: Tri-County Livestock Show (Aug 21-22), Tulsa County Fall Livestock Show (Sept 3-4), and the Tulsa State Fair (Sept 29-Oct 5). We believe at this point and time that we will be participating in these shows. It is important to keep in mind that our preparation for success does not change, but that an event could be cancelled at any point. **Regarding the purchasing of new livestock animals, we believe that this will still happen. This year's new livestock exhibitor meetings will be held (virtually). Sheep/Cattle Meeting will be on Tue Aug 25 6:00-7:00pm. New Hog Exhibitor Meeting will held on Tue Sept 1 6:00-7:00pm. Google Meet links for these meeting will be available on student Google Classroom Streams.**

FALL MEAT SALES FUNDRAISER

Aug 24-Sept 8 @ 3:30pm (Online Purchase ONLY)

Our Fall & Spring Chapter Meat Sales Fundraisers have always been and will continue to be an essential part of our program. These two fundraising activities help provide the financial means through which our program is able to hold FFA activities for the school year. Due to COVID, we felt like this was the best platform to proceed with this important activity. A digital fundraising form will be provided for students to share with potential customers via email, social media, or to print off as a handout. This form will give customers the information needed to walk them through the process of ordering meat products online. Customers will be required to type in a student's name to receive credit for the sale. Students will be involved in the delivery of the product. We are still working through the details on that. More information will be coming on Monday August 24th (First day of our Fall Meat Sales Fundraiser). A Fall Meat Sales Flyer will be made available to all students on their Google Classroom Stream. This flyer complete with QR code and Fall Meat Sales Website link can be shared via email, social media, or can be downloaded and posted in breakrooms at places of works. All meat products will be paid for online. Sale starts Monday Aug 24 @ 8:00am and ends Tue Sept 8 @ 3:00pm. Delivery by students will take place on Sept 21-22.

OWASSO JR. LEADERSHIP CONTEST

Sept 22 (Virtually)

We have every intent of continuing our Owasso FFA Jr. Leadership Contest. This year's contest will be held virtually. More details coming soon.

Look forward to seeing you soon,

Mr. Turner & Mr. Holloway