



Purpose - Passion - Pride

# USD 350 St. John-Hudson Back-to-school Newsletter

August 2014

**ST. JOHN-HUDSON  
SCHOOLS, USD 350**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
*Our mission is to ensure that students will find their purpose and become successful, lifelong learners and positive contributors in a changing world.*

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## Notes from the Superintendent

It is that time again to start thinking about sending the kids back to school. There are only a few weeks of summer vacation remaining. Students will return to school on August 21st.

My personal mission is to ensure that our schools serve the community with purpose, passion, and pride. Our purpose is to meet the needs of every student, every day. Students will always be our focus.

Our passion comes from our purpose. It is easy to get excited every day about improving and preparing students for success.

By working to improve others and ourselves, we develop and build on our sense of pride. We will all have our chance to celebrate Tiger pride on August 29th for the first TIGER PRIDE NIGHT.

The Board of Education has elected Chad Fisher as president and Barb Alpers as vice president for the 2014-15 school year. The remaining board members are listed on this page.

The Board established its regular meeting dates on the second Monday of the month. This is a change from the past

practice of holding meetings on the first Monday.

You will notice some drastic differences in the school building this year. Bathrooms are being renovated and some offices have been combined. You will find more information about these improvements in the following pages.

We are looking forward to a great school year full of *purpose, passion, and pride*. If you ever have questions or concerns or would just like to visit, please contact my office at 549-3564 or you can reach me by email at [meyerj@usd350.com](mailto:meyerj@usd350.com).

## Student Enrollment - August 7 Noon-7:00pm - NEW LOCATION

Most of you are used to enrollment being in the old gym, but this year enrollment will be in the cafeteria near the big gym. Enrollment is from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm on Thurs, Aug. 7th. Please enter the doors on the north side of the building. If you are unable to enroll students on this day, please enroll in the appropriate school office as soon as possible after this date.

Proof of identity must be provided for students enrolling in a school district for the first time. Proof of identity can be a birth certificate, a copy of a court order placing a child in the custody of SRS, a certified transcript or similar pupil records from another school district where the student was previously enrolled.

A doctor's physical is required for students who

are enrolling for the first time in the state of Kansas. Students who were previously enrolled at USD 350 or another school do not need to have an additional physical exam. You should contact the Health Department or your doctor if an exam is required.

To enroll in kindergarten, a student must be 5 years old on or before Aug 31st. If a student has attended Kindergarten in another state, the child can be enrolled in Kansas regardless of age. To enroll in first grade, students must be 6 years old on or before Aug 31st OR have completed an accredited Kindergarten program. These age limits are established by state law and the school district has no flexibility to adjust these requirements.

*SJH StuCo will be selling ice cream at enrollment!*

## School Contact Information

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(620) 549-3518



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Jr/Sr High Secretaries

## Building Renovations

It has been quite a busy summer with building renovations. Some pictures are included here that show the work in progress. The work is not completed yet, which is obvious in these pictures. But it helps give you an idea of what the finished product will be.

All restrooms in the main K-12 building are being renovated. All restrooms will have new tile finishes and new fixtures and will be handicap accessible.

The district and elementary offices are now combined into one single office in another area of the building (see p. 6).

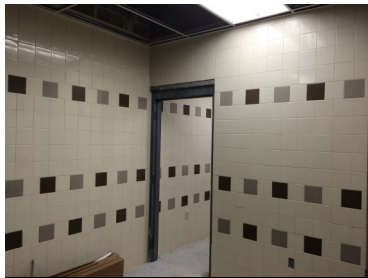
This will help us be more efficient with our office personnel and keep our building more secure. All visitors will need to enter the office to gain access to the building during the school day.

The area where the old district office was will now become a new boys' restroom on the main floor in the high school area near the auditorium.

The annual fire inspection brought up a few issues that needed attention. The old fire alarm system has now been replaced with a low-voltage system with



Boys' restroom near the big gym. New tile, fixtures, & epoxy floor.



New tile in the elementary restrooms at the east end of the building.

battery backup. The wall dividing the old school library was not up to code and this area is being renovated as well.

Work on the HVAC system at the library will begin very soon. New A/C equipment and high efficiency boilers will be installed in the coming weeks. The old equipment was original with the building and is well beyond the typical useable lifespan.

The contractors have been hard at work all summer in order to be ready for students to return to an improved building in August.



New office area for elementary and district offices.



## Substitute Positions

We are always looking for great people to substitute teach in our classrooms. Substitute teachers earn \$95 per day and can find some work on most school days.

Substitute teachers must be licensed. However, it is not required have a bachelor's degree. Anyone with 60 or more college credit hours may apply for a license with the KS State Dept of Education. USD 350 can help with the licensing process.

We also need quality people to work as substitute bus drivers and custodians.

Contact the district office at 549-3564 to inquire or apply.

## Meal Prices

The cost for meals for the 2014-15 school year are listed below. Extra milk will cost 50 cents.



### Breakfast:

Grades K-12 ..... \$1.70  
Adult/Guest..... \$2.05

### Lunch

Grades K-4 ..... \$2.40  
Grades 5-12 ..... \$2.60  
Adult/Guest..... \$3.40

\*Free/reduced price lunch applications will be available at enrollment or can be found on our website. Contact the office with questions.

## Fee Schedules

### Textbook Fees:

Kindergarten ..... \$35  
Grades 1-6 ..... \$50  
Grades 7-12 ..... \$55

### Other Fees:

Instrument Rental ..... \$35  
Yearbook ..... \$40  
Special Projects Grades 9-12 ..... Cost of materials  
LIFE After-School Program ..... \$10/mo for 3+ days/wk  
\$5/mo for 1-2 days/wk

### All Sports Ticket

Grades K-12..... \$30  
Adults ..... \$45  
Family ..... \$130

## Tiger Pride Night - Sports Scrimmages & All-School Open House

The first TIGER PRIDE NIGHT will be held on Friday, August 29th. All parents and patrons are invited to attend. This will be a chance for the community to visit the schools, meet school staff, and be introduced to the fall sports teams.

We will start off at the school with an open house at 5:00pm. Families can visit with their child's teacher and tour the school building. Each school building will have an informational meeting for parents at 5:30 for the elementary and 6:00 for the high school. Kindergarten orientation will be held in the classrooms at 6:00.

After the open house, there will be a program at the football field. All kids in grades preschool through

6th grade are invited to race in the Tiger Sprints. The band and cheerleaders will perform and the fall sports teams will be introduced.



Following the team introductions, the scrimmages will begin at approximately 7:30. The Booster Club will provide watermelon at the shelter house at Brown Park. The full schedule for Tiger Pride Night is available on page 5 of this newsletter.

We are a proud school community. Tiger Pride Night is all about building that St. John Tiger pride and celebrating the start of a new school year. Please join us on Aug 29th!

## Be a Tiger Booster!

St. John Booster Club is planning another fun-filled year of activities for TIGER FANS. Booster Club supports our athletic programs through financial donations and promotes school spirit with fun activities for the school and community. We hope to encourage athletes, coaches, students, teachers, parents, and the community to be involved with the happenings of our school in order to help our school and community remain vibrant and keep that "TIGER PRIDE" going strong!

The Booster Club has begun its annual membership drive. We have sent letters to local businesses inviting them to join Booster Club by purchasing a business ad in the Fall and Winter Sports Programs which Booster Club provides free of charge for Tiger fans at home games. If you are a business



owner and would like to purchase an ad, but have not been contacted by us, please call Lorelei Nelson at 620-549-6447 for more information.

We will also have a booth at enrollment on Aug. 7th for families or individuals who would like to join and have their name(s) printed in the Tiger Boosters section of the Fall/Winter Sports Programs. Those who do not attend enrollment may contact Lorelei (or any of the Booster Club board members listed below). Members may volunteer to help with events such as the BBQ in football season or the soup supper in basketball season. Other events that need volunteers include fan wear booths, sports banquets, and various other special events throughout the school year.

It is possible to join Booster Club at any time during the school year; however, the deadline for the Tiger Boosters list in the Fall Sports programs is Aug. 30. So, come on out for our Booster Club activities and join the Tigers to show pride in our school and community.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Annual Watermelon Feed, Aug 29 at TIGER PRIDE NIGHT.

BBQ--Fall Fundraiser, Sept 12, 5:30 p.m. at the home Tiger Football game vs. Otis-Bison, BBQ pork, baked beans, potato salad, and home baked cookies (More details to come in the Sept Newsletter.)

### 2014-15 BOOSTER CLUB BOARD:

**Jill Burbank, Rachel Burns, Cindy Crockett, Eloise Doran, Misty Fisher, Amy McVey, Lorelei Nelson, Misty Newell, and Lori Wycoff**

## Parent / Teacher Organization

The PTO is looking to add members to the organization. Volunteers are always needed to help out with fundraising and school programs. Jamie Lauffer is the PTO president and meetings are held at the Library on the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm. If you are interested in being a part of the PTO, contact Mrs. Lauffer, the elementary office, or just show up to a regular meeting.

Community members are able to support students and schools through the PTO by purchasing Dillons Certificates and/or Dillons Gift Cards from either local bank or the city office. PTO funds are used to purchase items requested by teachers to support student and classroom activities.

# Library News

## PARENT ACCESS TO ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

Parents of kindergarten through sixth grade students will receive a note from the classroom teacher explaining the HomeConnect program. Parents of 7th—12th graders, be sure you register for access to Renaissance Learning to see what your child is accomplishing through the Accelerated Reader program. Forms are available at the library or go to <https://hosted41.renlearn.com/201725> to register.

### AR BOOKFINDER

Browse this website to see whether or not a book has a test at the AR BookFinder site:

<http://www.arbookfind.com/>

## CARD CATALOG AVAILABLE FROM HOME

Need to know if our library has the book or materials you are looking for from the comfort of your home? Go to the school website, [www.usd350.com](http://www.usd350.com). Choose the library tab at the top of the page then “Web links” on the left side of the page. You will find a variety of help websites there.

VISIT THE INTERNET CAFÉ AND ENJOY A CAPPUCCINO FOR ONLY \$1.00! Flavors of the Month: **English Toffee** Also French Vanilla and Fat Free French Vanilla . Don't forget hot chocolate, tea, and coffee are also available.

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Did you know the **library community room** is available for public use? Have your next club meeting, card party or family get-together at the library! Give us a call or drop by to schedule your next event. 549-3227 or [ilgml@usd350.com](mailto:ilgml@usd350.com)

## RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL

Tenemos un colección de libros de rotacion  
La revista People en Español  
Tenemos libros biligues y en Español  
Nuestro catalogo esta disponible en Español  
Tenemos materiales para aprender la idioma Ingles

### Parents Right-To-Know, Title I Annual Notification for St. John Elementary School, 2014 - 2015

Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's/children's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.

Professional qualifications include: *Whether or not the teacher has met Kansas licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas being taught; The baccalaureate degree and any other graduate certification or degree and the field of discipline of both; If services are provided by paraprofessionals, their qualifications; If the teacher is teaching under an emergency or professional waiver.*

All teachers at St. John Elementary meet the above criteria. Each one is licensed for the grade levels and subject areas being taught. Each one has a baccalaureate degree and none are teaching under an emergency or provisional waiver. The paraprofessional(s), who work under the direction of the Title I and classroom teachers, meet required qualifications for the position.

### Parent-School Compacts

Schools receiving Title I funds are required to make a Parent-School Compact or Learning Agreement available. This Learning Agreement is provided to parents at enrollment. If you choose to complete one for your child/children, contact your child's teacher.

### Title I Schools Identified for Improvement

SJ Elementary met the No Child Left Behind standards regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2013-14 school year and has not been identified for improvement. AYP is based on the scores from the Kansas Reading Assessments and the Kansas Math Assessments.

### Assessment Scores

Parents have the right to access their child's assessment scores at any time throughout the year. To request assessment scores, please contact the elementary school office.

*If you have questions or would like to request further information, please feel free to contact Travis Olive at 620-549-3518.*





# Tiger Pride Night 2014



## Friday, August 29th

### **5:00-6:30 - All-School Open House**

*Tour the school / Meet the school staff*

*See the newly renovated areas*

*6:00 - Jr/Sr High Parent Meeting*

*5:30 - Elementary Parent Meeting*

*6:00 - Kindergarten Orientation*

**Free Prize Drawing**

**Sign up in the classrooms!**

### **6:35 - Tiger Sprints and Assembly (FB Field)**

Tiger Sprints (Grades PK-6th)

National Anthem / Fight Song

Welcome from Administration and BOE

New Staff Introductions

Tiger Cheerleaders

Recognition of Race Winners

Prize Drawings

Team Introductions

**Booster Club  
Watermelon Feed**

### **7:30 - HS Football and JH Volleyball Scrimmages**

### **8:15 - JH Football and HS Volleyball Scrimmages**

#### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment and all unions or professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning USD 350's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, and Americans with Disability Act of 1990 is directed to contact the coordinator(s) who has been designated to coordinate the educational institution's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing these laws.

Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX (sex) and Section 504 (disability) should be referred to:

TITLE IX COORDINATOR & SECTION 504 COORDINATOR  
Josh Meyer, Superintendent  
505 N. Broadway  
St. John, KS 67576  
620-549-3564

Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 ADA complaints may also be filed with the Regional Office for Civil Rights. Address correspondence to:

U.S. Department of Education, Region VII  
Office for Civil Rights  
10220 N. Executive Hills Blvd.

## Staff Changes at USD 350

We will see some new people in the halls of the St. John-Hudson schools this year. Mac Knight is our new band director and music teacher. He grew up in Manhattan and has been teaching at Eudora High School. He is looking to build on a great tradition of a quality Tiger music program.

Shantel Fairchild is our new preschool teacher. She replaces Mrs. Allen who retired last year. Shantel is a FHSU graduate and grew up in Larned.

Kristen Knight is a native of Stafford County and is returning home. She will be working as an instructional aide in our elementary school. Most recently, she taught elementary music in Eudora and is married to our new band director.

Kristel Meyer will be the new instructional aide in the elementary school. For the past two years she has been working as a 5th/ 6th grade paraeducator with the special education co-op in our school.

Laura Delgadillo is our new custodian that will serve the elementary areas. She lives in Stafford and previously worked at Kenwood.

We are excited to have these new staff members on the USD 350 team. Please make our new staff feel welcome in our school system. I know they will do a great job for our kids.

## New Office Location

The district and elementary school offices have been combined in a new office area at the south east end of the campus. There is a new entrance at the corner of **5th and Monroe** just north of the library. Anyone entering the school must enter into the office to check in. This helps us ensure a safe and secure building for our students. Combining the offices also helps us use personnel more efficiently and reduces costs to the district. The phone numbers and mailing address will remain the same.

The only two public entrances during the school day will now be this new one at 5th & Monroe for the Elementary and District offices and the one at the North end near the main gym for the Jr/ Sr High office. All other entrances will be locked.

Pick-up and drop-off locations will remain unchanged. Parents and buses will use the same areas as in past years to drop students off at school and to pick them up at the end of the day.

## LIFE After-School Program

The L.I.F.E. After-School Program is available to all students (Kdg—6th grade) enrolled in USD 350. L.I.F.E. is divided into two elementary programs: K-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Both take place in the library every day immediately after school...ending at 5:10 p.m. We provide a snack, an academic lesson and a variety of other fun, age-appropriate activities. The elementary program is on an enrollment basis and has a low monthly enrollment fee. Parents/guardians may choose to send their student five days a week or pick the days that best meet their needs.

On a non-enrollment, no cost basis, we also have tutors available to assist any K-12 student with their school work. Tutors are available for one hour each day after school. Students may come in as needed for tutoring.

Stop by and see us at our table during enrollment on August 7th! We will be glad to answer any questions or enroll your student(s).

Laura Davis, Program Director

<https://www.facebook.com/Usd350LifeAfterSchoolProgram>



## Early Education at USD 350

It is the goal of USD 350 to provide preschool for all children starting at age 3. To accommodate all preschool students, the 3-year-olds will only attend twice per week from 8:00am-11:00am. One class will attend on Mon/Weds and the other will be Tues/Thurs.

The classes for 4- and 5-year-olds will operate Monday through Thursday in the morning and afternoon.

Further information will be available at enrollment on August 7th. Students must go through the screening process to be eligible to attend preschool. Children must also be toilet trained before attending.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the elementary office. We look forward to seeing you at enrollment.

## 7-12 Parent Orientation

Friday evening August 29th USD 350 will be getting together for "Tiger Pride Night" at the school and Brown Park to walk through the school and talk with staff members. That evening fall activity scrimmages will be taking place.

At 6:00PM in the auditorium parents with students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend a short meeting to meet new staff members, go over daily classes and schedules, discuss school events, school expectations and the student handbook. I encourage you to mark this date and time on your calendars.

I will be reminding parents at enrollment on August 7th about the meeting and if anyone has questions prior to that please feel free to call me at the school starting August 1st.

Mike Burgan, Principal  
St. John Jr/Sr High School

## District Leadership Team / Site Council

The school site councils meet once per quarter. The two site councils make up the district leadership team. The team provides input and direction for school staff and the school board. Last year was our first year as an organized group.

This team has helped develop a mission and vision for the district and provided input on the recent facility improvements.

**We are looking for new members!** If you would like to be part of this team, please contact Josh Meyer at the district office.

Members of the district leadership team are: Jim Doran, Jarod Taylor, Lorelei Nelson, Josh Foote, Leah Alpers, Mitch Minnis, Carolyn Dunn, Tara Kinnamon, Carolyn Dickson, Joel Delp, Lori Wycoff, Jon Bauer, Danny Smith, Mike Burgan, and Travis Olive

### Fall Sports Information

**\*Parent Meeting, Thursday, August 14th 6:30 pm in the big gym.**  
*All students who will be participating in a fall sport should attend with their parents.*

**\*All athletes are required to have a new physical exam completed each school year (after May 1, 2013). Athletes must have a state-approved physical form turned into the office before they may participate.**

**Practices begin August 18th**

**Attention Juniors and Seniors:** BartOnline Classes begin August 18, if you are taking a BartOnline class you need to log in to your account before Aug 18. Classes taken at Barton County begin on Wednesday, August 20.

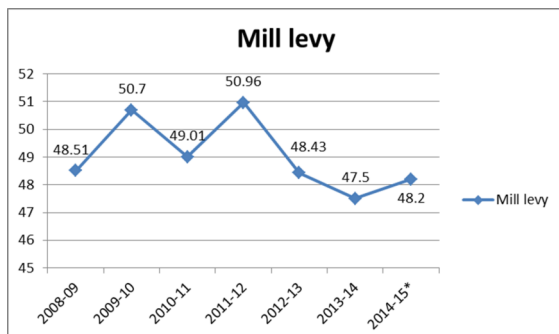
## Student Insurance

The school district provides supplementary accident insurance for students while they are at school or participating in an extra-curricular activity. This is not intended to be the primary insurance coverage for students. It is meant to be secondary coverage and therefore provides limited coverage and benefits that do not cover all medical costs.

We are working with a new company for this insurance coverage. The insurance carrier is now **K&K Insurance**. Information about this insurance coverage can be found on our website and brochures will be available at enrollment. Please contact the school or district office for questions about this supplementary insurance.

## Budget Information

The Board of Education has approved a preliminary budget for the 2014-15 school year. The mill levy this budget is 48.2 mills. This is up slightly from the prior year, but is still lower than the mill levy for the five years before that.



The recent school funding law changes how schools are funded for at-risk students. The total reduction for our general fund budget amounts to about \$30,000. This amount is nearly equal to the dollar amount of our small mill levy increase.

This budget puts us in a position to effectively educate our student population while being efficient with taxpayer dollars. There will be a public hearing about the budget at the board meeting on August 11th at 6:00pm. District patrons can find a lot of information about the budget on our website or by calling the district office.

## From the Nurse's Office

**Students who have health issues should bring all doctor's orders to ENROLLMENT.** This will allow time to get health plans and information to student's teachers before the first day of school.

**All new students and kindergarten students will need to bring a physical to enrollment.** Kansas Law requires that ALL students under nine years of age who are entering a school in Kansas for the first time must provide the results of the child's health assessment (physical) to the school when the student enrolls. The health assessments must have been conducted within the 12 months prior to the student's entering school.

**There are changes in requirements for immunizations for the upcoming school year.** Please check your child's immunizations to ensure they are current. Kindergarten and new students must bring proof of immunizations to enrollment. All students who have updated their immunizations please bring proof of immunization to enrollment.

**Any child needing medication in school** will need a written medication order from their doctor and a written parental consent as required by state law. **Please bring medication orders to enrollment.** All medication must come to school in the original prescription container with the pharmacy label.

If your child needs an **epi pen at school**, please bring a medication order to enrollment.

# ***Back-To-School Newsletter***

## **Mark Your Calendar:**

School calendars can be found on our website and will be available at enrollment

***Aug. 7: Enrollment***

***Aug. 14: Fall Sports Parent Meeting***

***Aug. 18: Fall Sports Practice Begins***

***Aug. 21: First Day of School***

***Aug. 29: Tiger Pride Night***



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