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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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USD 350 St. John-Hudson 2019-20 Back-to-school Newsletter

August 2019

Notes from the Superintendent

Josh Meyer-Superintendent
We are excited to be gearing up for the start of another school year. We hope that this newsletter will keep district patrons and families informed about our district and communicate important information about the start of the school year.

The structure of this year's school calendar is very similar to last year. One exception is that we have changed the early dismissal days to late start days. There are only three of these days on the calendar, but parents should take note of this

change. The calendar can be found on our website and printed copies will be available at enrollment or in the offices. You can also download the Google calendar to your smartphone or other device.

You'll notice a few changes around the campus this year. One noticeable change for elementary parents will be the traffic flow for student pickup and drop-off. The street outside the elementary office has changed to a one-way street and a pickup / drop-off lane has been added. Find more information about this on page 6 of

this newsletter. The old kitchen freezer and storage building has been removed and rebuilt. This building has been in disrepair for some time. The library carpet was replaced this summer along with some other flooring in the main building.

The gym floors have been needing refinished for quite some time. The main gym was refinished in 2005 and it has been well over twenty years since the old gym floor was refinished. This is something that should be done every ten years or so. Both gyms have been repainted and refinished

Student Enrollment - August 7th

Student registration will be held in the cafeteria from 12:00 noon until 7:00 pm on Wed, Aug. 7th. Please enter the doors on the north side of the building.

Enrollment packets will be mailed to all families. This helps us streamline the enrollment process for everyone. Families with new students may pick up a packet at enrollment or in the district office before Aug. 7th.

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 DCF, or 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. 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.

School Contact Information

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Josh Meyer Principal / Supt.
Marla Irvine Secretary / Board Treas.

ST. JOHN JR/SR HIGH (620) 549-3277



Blain White Principal
Stephanie Smith Jennifer Fischer Jr/Sr High Secretaries

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this summer. One major capital improvement item that most people never see is the new boilers. The boilers for the main building were operating past their predicted useful life. The old boilers have been removed and the new ones will be installed in the coming weeks.

We have implemented a new student information system this year called PowerSchool. This is the system we use for grades, attendance, and other student records. There will also be a new and improved automated messaging system. Parents should look for more information about PowerSchool as the school year begins.

You will also see some new teachers and other staff in the buildings this year (more on page 4). One position we have been unable to fill is high school Spanish. We will be utilizing an online learning format for our foreign language classes this year. While not ideal, it is our best option at this point.

The board of education recently voted to keep Chad Fisher as president and Derek Foote as vice president through January. State law changed the date of board elections so new board members take over in January. So from this point forward, board officers will be elected in January. There is an election coming up in November for boards of education. Darin Brummer, Derek Foote, and Debby Waddle have all filed to run for their current positions and are all unopposed. Chad Fisher did not file to run again and Raymond Long has filed to run for his position. He is also running unopposed.

The Board meets regularly on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the basement of the library (6:00pm during the winter months). Board meeting agendas and minutes can be found on the district website or can be requested from the district office. Board member names are listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Our staff always stays focused on our mission to “ensure that students will find their purpose and become successful, lifelong learners and positive contributors in a changing world.” 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 feel free to contact me.

Josh Meyer-Superintendent / Elementary Principal

LIFE After-School Program

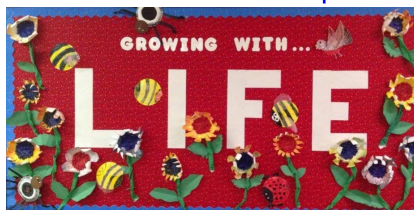
The L.I.F.E. After-School Program is available to all students (K– 4th grade) enrolled in USD 350. Enrollment in the program is only \$20 per month. The program runs every day immediately after school until 5:10 pm. We provide a snack, an academic lesson and a variety of other fun, age-appropriate activities. The elementary program is on an enrollment basis and has a low monthly 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. This service is also located in the library. Students may come in as needed for tutoring.

Information about LIFE will be available at enrollment.

Julie Fox, LIFE 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. Preschool students attend class for a half day Monday through Thursday in the morning or the afternoon. Preschool will be in session on some Fridays in order to meet state time requirements. The first day of preschool is Aug. 22nd.

Our preschool is operated jointly by USD 350 and the special education cooperative in Pratt. Students must go through the screening process to be eligible to attend preschool. The next screening in St. John will be Fri, Aug 23rd at the Church of Christ 9:00-noon. Call 620-549-3504 to make an appointment.

For the most part, children must also be toilet trained before attending preschool. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the elementary office. We look forward to seeing you at enrollment.

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.

Coverage is provided by **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.

In order to keep premium costs down, the policy has a \$250 deductible for the current school year.

From the Nurse's Office

Lisa Cornwell, RN, HCLC-C

BRING SIGNED MEDICATION FORMS TO ENROLLMENT: If your child takes medication daily at school, forms must be updated yearly. Please bring medication form signed by your physician to enrollment.

EPI Pens-If a student is carrying an epi pen, a form is needed in the health office with information on where the epi pen is kept. A second epi pen is needed in health office in case student forgets to pack the pen.

GLUCAGON-Diabetics need to bring glucagon to be kept in the school health office along with a signed medication form for it and other instructions for diabetic care.

INHALERS-Please bring physician signed forms for inhalers with instructions. Students may carry their inhalers if it is written on their medication form.

SIGN OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION FORMS AT ENROLLMENT: Stop by the nurse's table and sign over the counter medication forms for Tylenol, Advil, benadryl, cough drops, etc.

Students in 7-12th grade are allowed to keep Tylenol and Advil in their backpack if they have a signed form on file.

Bring proof of new IMMUNIZATIONS to enrollment: All students must meet state of Kansas immunization requirements to attend school.

All students must have immunization record on file in the health office. If your child has received new immunizations during the past year, please bring a copy of their immunization record for me to copy. **If you have lost your immunization records,** student will have to visit with the Stafford County Health Department and bring a note to enrollment with plans to recover the records or their re-immunization schedule. **CHECK OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE "ENROLLMENT" HEADING FOR INFORMATION ON IMMUNIZATIONS**



NEW IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED:

Kindergarten/First Grade: Hepatitis A

7th grade & 11th Grade: Meningococcal I dose

Pre-school, Kindergarten and new students 8 years old and younger please bring a completed health assessment form to enrollment.

Fall Sports Information

***Parent Meeting, Thursday, August 15th
6:30 pm in the main 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, 2019). Athletes must have a state-approved physical form turned into the office before they may participate.**

Practices begin August 19th

6th grade students may participate in junior high sports if participation numbers allow. Girls may participate in volleyball and all may participate in cross country. State law does not allow 6th graders to play football. Information about sign-up will be available at enrollment.

Preliminary Budget Information

After years of ongoing court battles, the legislature has come up with what seems to be a workable solution for school funding for the next few years. The Supreme Court agreed that the current funding formula provides adequate and equitable funding in Kansas. On average, schools in Kansas will see a 6.5% increase in base funding this year. The increases will be about 3% for the next three years, and will be tied to the consumer price index after that.

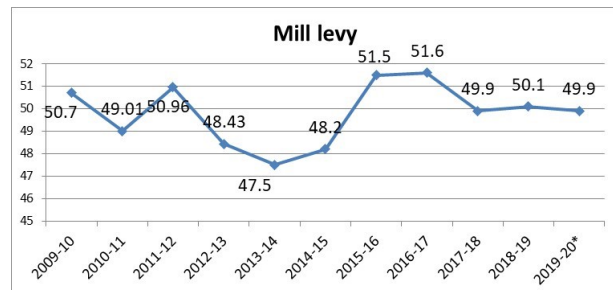
Here in USD 350, we will only see an increase of about 4.7% this year because our enrolment has declined over the past few years. This is still a significant increase in funding that will help us catch up from other years of funding that did not keep up with inflation. Increased funding has helped the district improve pay for employees and update our classroom resources like textbooks and technology.

Our school district budget is controlled by state funding, local taxes (property values and mill levy), and student enrollment. Property values in the district have increased by about 2% overall. The effect of this is that the overall mill levy will drop just a bit. Last year's mill levy was 50.1 and this year, when the budget is finalized, the mill levy is anticipated to be down to about 49.9 (see the graph below for a historical look).

While we don't have the final draft completed yet, it is anticipated that the final budget will be published in the St. John News and a hearing held on August 12th at the regular board meeting.

In addition to the school mill levy, the district also collects taxes on behalf of the recreation commission. Their budget has been published but has not been approved by the recreation commission at the time of this printing. This additional levy will likely be the same as it has been for several years at 3.7 mills.

You may contact the district office if you need more information about the district's budget, or you can find it on our website.



New Faces at USD 350

Our district is nothing without the people that work in our schools. Each year we have a few new additions to our team; here is a look at the new faces at USD 350 this year.

Alysha Dickson is one of our new 7-12 math teachers. She comes to us with 13 years of teaching experience in Wamego, Haven, and most recently Stafford where she was taught elementary music and junior high math.

Meagan Feril is our other new 7-12 math teacher. She has been teaching secondary math in Macksville for the past 17 years. Mrs. Feril already lives here in St. John.

Michelle Christiansen will be replacing Denise Miller in the Kindergarten building. She is coming to us from Ellinwood where she has been teaching Kindergarten. Mrs. Christiansen and her husband live in Hudson.

Jennifer Fischer will be one of the new faces in the Jr/Sr High office. Stephanie Smith will be taking over Mrs. Burgan's duties and Mrs. Fischer will be moving into Mrs. Smith's role.

Robert Hall is the new head HS football coach. Coach Hall is a teacher and coach in Stafford and is looking forward to helping us improve our football program. He's already been hard at work with the boys this summer.

Justin Nusser is the new assistant junior high football coach. Mr. Nusser is teaching adaptive PE this year for the special education co-op and will be working in several different school districts.

Many of you already know Danton Hilton as our new recreation director. He will be helping coach

football with Coach Hall and will be the assistant HS boys' basketball coach this year.

Kylie Moritz will be working part time with our special education co-op this year. She will be helping the younger students with speech. She has been working for Sunflower Diversified Services in Great Bend.

While Kim Volker is not a new face around here, she will be moving into a new full-time counseling role with USD 350. She has been working for both Stafford and St. John districts, but will now only be working with us here in St. John.

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. They will do a great job for our students.



Substitute Positions

We are always looking for great substitute teachers for our classrooms. Substitute teachers earn \$100 per day and can find some work on most school days.

Substitute teachers must be licensed. However, it is not required to 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. We can help with the licensing process.

We also need quality people to work as substitute bus drivers, custodians, and classroom aides. Contact the district office at 549-3564 to inquire or apply.

Meal Prices

The cost for meals for the 2019-20 school year are listed below. Extra milk will cost 50 cents.



Breakfast:

Grades K-12	\$2.00
Adult/Guest	\$2.25

Lunch

Grades K-4	\$2.70
Grades 5-12	\$2.90
Adult/Guest	\$3.75

*Free/reduced price lunch applications will be in the enrollment packet and can be found on our website. Contact the office with questions.

Fee Schedules

Textbook Fees:

Kindergarten	\$35
Grades 1-12	\$50

Technology Fee

Grades K-6	\$5
Grades 7-8	\$20
Grades 9-12	\$50

Other Fees:

Instrument Rental	\$35
Yearbook	\$40
LIFE After-School Program	\$20/mo for 3+ days/wk \$10/mo for 1-2 days/wk

All Sports Ticket

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

Jr/Sr High School News

Blain White—Principal

Throughout the summer the building has been buzzing with students and staff attending camps, clinics, practices, weight lifting, driver’s education, free lunches and various other activities. As the summer comes to an end, we will soon be greeting those students as they come through the doors for another school year. I know that this is going to be an outstanding year and I can’t wait to see the exciting things that our students and staff achieve during the 2019-2020 school year.



This year we will continue to focus on the Individual Plans of Study (IPS) for students. This process will help students explore potential career and college options to help them make

more informed decisions as they transition into the college/career stage of their lives. The data that the school collects from the IPS will help determine courses that we may need to offer so that we can continue to meet the needs of the school and community. Another focus for the year will be character development and social emotional learning. These are ongoing goals that we will continue to focus on each year.

One of the exciting things that we are looking forward to with the Junior High students is the implementation of a self-directed learning opportunity that we will call “Genius Time” or “Genius Hour”. During this time, students will get to research and learn about a topic that is their passion. This will allow students to apply their academic skills to projects that interest them. Genius Hour truly embodies the Purpose, Passion and Pride. There will be more information on this later.

I look forward to seeing everyone at enrollment and getting this school year off to a great start.

As always, it's a GREAT day to be a TIGER!

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!

Don't forget to pickup your Tiger Gear! We will have the fan wear store open August 7 and will close at midnight on the 28th.

The Booster Club has begun its annual membership drive. We will be sending 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. Individuals and families are invited to become active or non-active members and have their names printed in the programs. If you are a business owner and would like to purchase an ad or become a member, please contact Kristel Meyer at meyerk@usd350.com.

Members may volunteer to help with events such as the BBQ in football season or the athletic banquets. 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. 24th. So, come on out for our Booster Club activities and join the Tigers to show pride in our school and community.

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. Kristen Knight is the PTO president and meetings are held at the Library on the second Monday of the month at 5:30pm. If you are interested in being a part of the PTO, contact Mrs. Knight, the elementary office, or just show up to a regular meeting.

PTO puts on a carnival every other year and they help our school by purchasing items requested by teachers to support student and classroom activities.

2019-20 BOOSTER CLUB BOARD:

Jill Christie-President

Kristel Meyer-Treasurer

Sarah Delp-Secretary

Sara Fisher, Leah Alpers, Alisa Fisher,

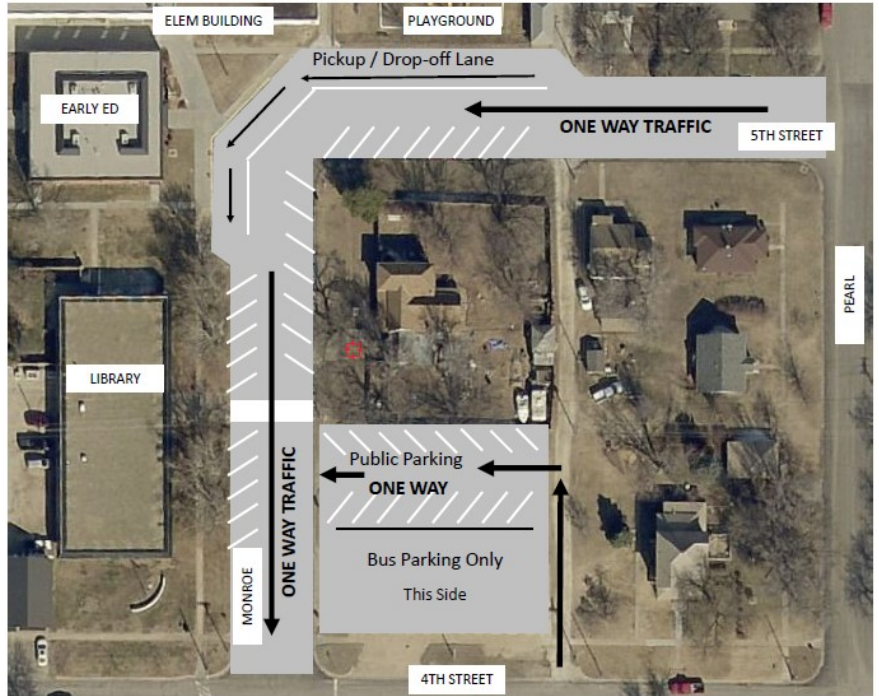
Becky Reed

New One-Way Traffic Flow

The district has worked with the city and a traffic consultant to find a better way to route traffic for pickup and drop-off on the southeast side of the campus. The current angled parking by the playground will be replaced by a pick-up / drop off lane. There will be no parking in this area. The streets will be changed to a one-way flow west on 5th street and south on Monroe street. This will create a safer environment and will also allow for more parking. Angled parking is being added in many areas and a handicap parking stall and ramp will added in front of the library.

The bus parking has been moved to the parking lot near the library. The north half of that lot will still be used for car parking, but the lot will have one-way traffic flow so cars must enter from the alley.

The diagram at the right shows the upcoming changes that will be in place before the start of school.



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. 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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Tiger Pride Night 2019



Tuesday, August 27th

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

Tour the school / Meet the school staff
6:00 - Kindergarten Orientation

Free Prize Drawing

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

Tiger Sprints (Grades PK-6th)
National Anthem / Fight Song
Welcome from Administration
New Staff Introductions
Tiger Cheerleaders
Recognition of Race Winners
Prize Drawings
Team Introductions

Booster Club
Watermelon Feed

PTO Hot
Dog Cookout

7:30 - Fall Sports Scrimmages

Connect with USD 350

You've heard it said that communication, at its best, is still not good enough. We do our best to keep parents and patrons informed, but we can always do better.

We keep updated information posted on our [website](http://www.usd350.com) at www.usd350.com. You can also find information on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. If you need to contact someone at school, it is best to call or email. Facebook and Twitter messages are not checked on a regular basis.

Parents may check student grades, attendance, and other information on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Contact the school office to learn how to log in.



Parents can be notified of events and school closings through our [automated messaging system](#). Contact information can be updated through the parent portal.

The printed [school calendar](#) will be available at enrollment. If you would like a copy, feel free to stop by one of the offices after August 7th to get one. A copy of the calendar can be downloaded (PDF file) on our website. All school events are maintained on a Google Calendar as well. You can download this to your computer or smartphone and have the information at your fingertips.

Please contact one of the offices if you need any help getting connected with us.



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 (gender) 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., Kansas City, MO 64153

Se notifica a los solicitantes de admisión y empleo, estudiantes, padres, empleados, fuentes de remisión de solicitantes de admisión y empleo y todos los sindicatos u organizaciones profesionales que tienen acuerdos negociados o acuerdos profesionales con el distrito que este distrito no discrimina por raza, religión, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad en la admisión o acceso, o tratamiento o empleo en sus programas y actividades. Cualquier persona que tenga preguntas relacionadas con el cumplimiento de USD 350 con las regulaciones que implementan el Título VI, Título IX y la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidad de 1990, se dirige a contactar al coordinador que ha sido designado para coordinar los esfuerzos de la institución educativa para cumplir con las regulaciones que implementan Estas leyes.

Deberá remitirse a las quejas específicas de supuestas discriminaciones bajo el Título IX (género) y la Sección 504 (discapacidad): TÍTULO IX COORDINADOR Y SECCIÓN 504 COORDINADOR, Josh Meyer, Superintendent, 505 N. Broadway, St. John, KS 67576, 620-549-3564.

Título VI, Título IX y Sección 504 Las quejas de la ADA también se pueden presentar ante la Oficina Regional de Derechos Civiles. Dirección de la correspondencia a: Departamento de Educación de los Estados Unidos, Región VII, Oficina de Derechos Civiles, 10220 N. Executive Hills Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64153

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. 15: Fall Sports Parent Meeting

Aug. 19: Fall Sports Practice Begins

Aug. 22: First Day of School

Aug. 27: Tiger Pride Night



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