



**Purpose - Passion - Pride**

**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, life-long learners and positive contributors in a changing world.*

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS**

Recently, I had the opportunity to present to our students at career day about the teaching profession. The day after, we hosted a group of nominees for the Kansas Teacher of the Year. It was interesting to visit with those considering teaching as a career as well as some of the best in the business. One topic of discussion with both groups was the teacher shortage in our state.

We are nearly at a point of crisis with this in Kansas. Teachers are retiring at a faster rate than we are adding them to the profession. Every year, the number of applicants for open teaching positions has grown smaller. I've attended teacher recruiting fairs for many years. This year is by far the worst year for attendance at every university.

To be an effective school, we need great teachers in every classroom. We've been fortunate enough to fill all of our teaching positions, but it is becoming tougher every year. We are blessed to have great teachers here at USD 350. But we know they don't stay forever. We need talented young people to join the teaching profession.

There are programs to help people transition to the teaching profession from another career. The state has also developed ways to get those without a degree or license into the profession. These are helping to address the problem. But none of them address the reasons why young people do not choose teaching as a career.

Why are students not choosing education as their major field of study? I believe the primary factor that keeps people out of the profession is money. Consider that our district has only been able to increase the base salary over the past 8 years by 7%. This is not keeping up with inflation of 12% over that same time period. This is not for lack of trying.

We've been forced to cut our staffing levels by 25% since the 2008-09 school year. Enrollment has declined over that time, but only by 9%. We've reduced our cash balances to uncomfortable levels and raised local taxes to make up for lost state aid. It is frustrating that we still cannot afford to pay our teachers and other employees what they are worth.

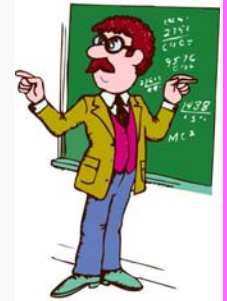
Teaching is a great profession. I would recommend it as a career for my own kids and anyone who wants to make a positive impact on young people. No one should expect to get rich doing it. However, until our legislature puts emphasis back on public education in the form of resources, this problem will only get worse.

We are also blessed with seven caring community leaders that serve on our board of education. Board members are elected to four year terms and elections occur every two years. In 2015 state lawmakers changed the timeframe for school board elections. Now these elections will occur in November of odd years.

Three of the seven board positions are up for election this November. These positions are currently being served by Barb Alpers, Carl Behr, and Vance Fisher. To run for one of the open board positions, candidates must file with the county clerk's office by noon on June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information about USD 350 board of education districts or the election, please contact the district office or see our website.

As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or [meyerj@usd350.com](mailto:meyerj@usd350.com). I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with *Purpose, Passion, and Pride*.

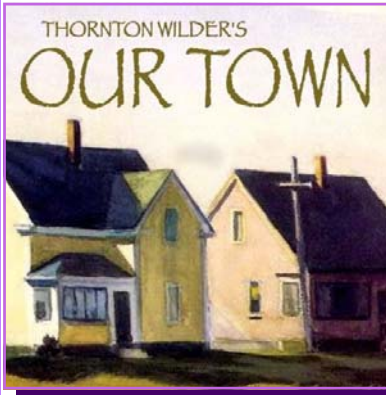
-Josh Meyer – USD 350 Superintendent



# JUNIOR-SENIOR PLAY 2017

## Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN

**O**n Saturday evening, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, April 9, at 2:30, the junior and senior classes of St. John High School will present the classic play, OUR TOWN, in three acts, by its author, Thornton Wilder. Rites to produce have been granted by SAMUEL FRENCH, NEW YORK, SAMUELFRENCH.COM. It is a classic play with classic characters. This is the fourth time our drama department has presented this play. In 1993 the Stage Manager was played by Mariah Tanner; the role was carried by Tabra Alpers in 2000; Lyle Jones performed the same role in 2007; and this year, Taylor Clark is our Stage Manager. The play shows two families—parents and children—along with the other memorable characters who, like in all small towns, go through their lives growing and learning, finally realizing those events which make up the lives of



nearly all people as time passes through this world are indeed important every single day as the years go on.

The characters are performed as follows:

Stage manager—TAYLOR CLARK; Dr. Gibbs—CADE ROBERTS; Mrs. Gibbs—JULIA TAYLOR; George Gibbs—BRADEN WITT; Rebecca Gibbs—MACKENZIE HACKER; Mr. Webb, editor—RYAN WOODWARD; Mrs. Webb—KOURTNEY BROWN; Emily Webb—OLIVIA FALK; Wally Webb—CONNOR GILLESPIE; Joe Crowell, newspaper boy—ALEXIS VALENZUELA; Howie Newsome, the milkman—DEREK HACKER; Professor Willard, lecturer on the town and county—KATRENA BROWN; Simon Stimson, personally troubled choir director—TRISTON LONG; Constable Bill Warren, town law officer—CHASE FISHER; Si Crowell, taking brother's place delivering daily newspaper—EDDY IBARRA; Samantha Craig, coming back to visit her home town—KERISA BROWN; Joe Stoddard, town undertaker—QUINCY SMITH; Mrs. Soames, delightful

character—MIRANDA GARNER; Mr. Morgan, making sodas for town youth-- (Saturday evening) TRISTON LONG and (Sunday afternoon) GREYSON COLLINS; The Minister – (Saturday evening) TANNER WYCOFF and (Sunday afternoon) GREYSON COLLINS; Old Man in the auditorium, rather grouchy—TANNER WYCOFF; “Concerned Woman in the auditorium”—TORRE FISHER; “Artistic Lady in the auditorium”—TARA NELSON; Mrs. Forrest, outspoken to young people—TORRE FISHER; Three Baseball players—JORGE CALLEROS, COLE KINNAMON, LAZAR POPOVIC; Mr. Carter, in the grave—LAZAR POPOVIC; Farmer McCarty, in the grave—JEFF LYON; Dead Woman #1—BAILEY BURNS; Dead Woman #2—DIANA LONG; Assistants to the Stage Manager—TROY DEVINE and EDDY IBARRA; Ernestine—RAMSEY McVEY; Miss Corcoran, teacher—BRIANNA BANKS; Mrs. Slocum (teacher)—ANYELA VALENZUELA; Lizzy—YUKINA INAMURA; Louise—ALEXIS MOSS; Helen—MONICA MONTOYA. Many of these people will also double as choir members, wedding guests, mourners, and people in their graves. Our Student Directors are GREYSON COLLINS, DEREK HACKER, and TORRE FISHER. Sound and light booth crew are BRENDAN McCANDLESS, LUKE MERCER, and JORDON WILLINGER-JAMES.

Spring is a very busy time around school. So many activities are in the mix: basketball, track, honor banquets, golf, music festivals, robotic contests, prom, etc. We do hope you can manage to come see this play. It is difficult, yet important and significant. They are always better with a full and responsive audience. Wendy Hacker directs; Jane Bennington is the producer. Please try to come and see these students perform. The play will be on stage in the auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Saturday, April 8: 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, April 9: 2:30 PM**

# April 2017

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Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Banana Bread Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	
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Corn Dog Tater Tots Celery & Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk		Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomatoes Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk		Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Hamburger/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Pears Fresh Fruit Milk		Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	
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Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomatoes Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk		Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Corn Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk		Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk		This Institution is an equal opportunity provider	
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Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce Salad Relish Plate Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk		Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Huntington Chicken Tossed Salad Broccoli Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	
									

3rd Annual  
**Elementary**  
**CARNIVAL**  
hosted by St. John PTO



**Saturday, April 22nd**

**3:00 pm — 6:00 pm**

**Main Gym & Commons Area**

**Games &  
Prizes**

**Face Painting &  
Photo Booth**

**\$0.25 / ticket**

**Inflatables**

**Concessions**

Cotton Candy	Popcorn
Water	Pop
Pop	Chips

# USD 350 St. John-Hudson



## Community Service Day

Wednesday, April 19  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Work requests available at:  
St. John City Office  
Sandyland Shepherd Center  
Sunflower Senior Center  
USD 350 District Office/High School Office

# USD 350 St. John-Hudson Community Service Day

Wednesday, April 19  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

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## WORK REQUEST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Location of worksite: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of work to be completed:

Tools/Supplies Needed:

**Please return to school office by April 7**

**\*In the event of inclement weather, we will work to find a makeup date**

**School Use Only**

L/S Teacher in Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

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