



Purpose - Passion - Pride

USD 350 St. John-Hudson *Newsletter*

September 2016

Notes from the Superintendent

It is always a great time of year when we see the kids back in our classrooms. This is when we are reminded about our purpose in all of the work we do here. Student success is our purpose and the driving force of all of our decisions here in the St. John-Hudson school district.

Each year is a bit different than the last, but we always find areas in need of improvement. It is sometimes frustrating when things are not exactly as we want them. Mark Twain reminds us that "continuous improvement is better than delayed perfection." It is this ideal of continuous improvement that helps us have passion for what we do.

Our schools have always had excellent support from parents and community members. The turnout at our annual Tiger Pride Night is evidence of this.

The school district's budget has been approved by the board and submitted to state and county officials. The primary difficulty with this budget is the continued decline in property values. The district's assessed property valuation has decreased by 25% over the past two years.

Reduced property values affect our budget in one of two ways: increased mill levy or a reduction in the expenses. This year, the result is a little of both.

The mill levy is one-tenth of a mill higher than last year's. The mill levy was somewhat held in check because we will receive additional state aid for our reduced property values. The district has also implemented some cost saving measures to get through these difficult budget times.

Nearly 80% of the district's operational cost is tied up in people. So cutting expenses of any significant amount usually requires changes in personnel. For this year, we have eliminated one second grade teaching position and one administrative position. The teaching position was absorbed by combining two classes into one for this year. The administrative position was absorbed by combining the superintendent and elementary principal duties.

To complicate budget matters, state funding of education has remained flat for many years. Over the past six years, operating aid to school districts in Kansas has increased by 1%. When you consider that inflation over that same time is nearly 9%, it is easy to see why school districts are forced to cut expenses, raise local property taxes, or do some of both.

This summer, a storm took down one of the light

poles at the football field. After much discussion, the board determined that the best course of action would be to replace all four of the light poles at this time. They are scheduled to be replaced in the coming weeks.

Part of the cost is covered by insurance and the remainder will be paid from our capital outlay budget.

This is a significant cost that we were not anticipating at this time, so it was a difficult decision to move forward. But the system will have a full 25 year warranty and is an investment that will last for many years beyond that.

While we do not have official figures yet, preliminary enrollment numbers are nearly unchanged from last year. The enrollment for the high school will likely keep our activities at the 2A level for this year. The average class size is 24 in Kindergarten through 12th grade. This average has ranged from 23 to 25 over the past 6 years or so.

I'm looking forward to a great school year. 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. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with *Purpose, Passion, and Pride*.

Josh Meyer – USD 350 Superintendent



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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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Booster Club Needs Help

Currently there are only TWO board members, and one would like to get off due to work requirements. They really need at least five, but six or seven is even better.




The board does all the planning/prep/setup for the BBQ, soup supper, HS sports banquet as well as selling Tiger apparel. Since there are only two on the board currently, they are behind on sports program ads, booster memberships, and spirit ap-

parel and the tailgate BBQ is around the corner. THEY NEED HELP and people who are here around SJ/Hudson. If you are willing to help run this organization that offers Tiger spirit apparel and does fundraising to raise money to help feed our athletes, or provide equipment, etc., please contact Amy McVey or Rachel Burns.

Parents of younger (JH and early HS) students: your help is needed to lead this organization.



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USD # 350		August & September			2016		MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY				
			25	26				
			BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Muffin Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk				
			LUNCH Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pears Cookie Fresh Fruit Milk				
29	30	31	1	2				
BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Breakfast Bites Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Applesauce Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST French Toast Sticks Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Breakfast Bar Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk				
LUNCH Corn Dog Tater Wedges Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garden Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Peas Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	LUNCH Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Mixed Fruit Cookie Milk				
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BREAKFAST NO SCHOOL !!!	BREAKFAST Pancake on a Stick Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Biscuits & Gravy Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Breakfast Pizza Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Muffin Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk				
LUNCH LABOR DAY!!	LUNCH Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Peas Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	LUNCH Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Italian Pasta Bake Green Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	LUNCH Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk				
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BREAKFAST NO SCHOOL !!!	BREAKFAST Breakfast Bites Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Breakfast Burrito Applesauce Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST French Toast Sticks Peaches Orange Juice Cereal Milk	BREAKFAST Breakfast Bar Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk				
LUNCH This Institution is an equal opportunity provider	LUNCH Huntington Chicken Garden Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Hot Roll Fruit Fruit Milk	LUNCH Turkey & Cheese Sub Lettuce & Tomato Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	LUNCH Hamburger on a Bun French fries Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk				
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LUNCH Taco Soup Relish Plate Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Tortilla Chips Milk	LUNCH Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	LUNCH Cowboy Cavatini Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	LUNCH Hamburger Gravy Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	LUNCH Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk				

ST. JOHN BOOSTER CLUB

2016-2017



The St. John Booster Club is starting its annual membership drive and we invite you to join us. Booster Club contributes to all high school athletic programs through member donations and by sponsoring several fundraising events throughout the school year including the hamburger feed during football and the soup supper during basketball. We also sell Tiger merchandise at home games. While the board members of Booster Club do most of the planning, it is also very important to have members help with some of these activities. Please consider helping!

If you would like to be a Booster Club member, please complete the following membership form and return with payment by **AUGUST 10th** to:



St. John Booster Club, P. O. Box 32, St. John, KS 67576

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Last year's ad was OK Please use info on attached card/letterhead

FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

_____ **\$25—Big Blue Membership**

_____ **\$40—Tiger Paw Membership**

- 2 hamburger feed tickets,
- 2 soup supper tickets

_____ **\$75—Tiger Power Membership**

- 4 hamburger feed tickets,
- 4 soup supper tickets

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

_____ **\$ 50—Tiger**

- Business card size ad in fall and winter programs

_____ **\$175—Blue & White**

- Business card size ad in fall and winter programs
- 4 Hamburger Feed tickets
- 4 Soup Supper tickets
- 2 t-shirt vouchers

_____ **\$400—Gold**

- 1/4 page size ad in fall and winter programs
- 4 Hamburger Feed tickets
- 4 Soup Supper tickets
- 2 t-shirt vouchers
- 4 All Sports Banquet tickets

If you wish to donate more for either Family or Business memberships, please mark the package you want then indicate in the blank below what your additional donation is:

\$ _____

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