



Purpose - Passion - Pride

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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 NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Superintendent's News

Each school year I choose a word to focus my improvement efforts. I got this idea from Jon Gordon's book One Word That Will Change Your Life. I mentioned in our back-to-school newsletter that my word this year is "intentional." Sitting around the Thanksgiving table, I was thinking about how this word applies to being grateful. Being thankful is not a matter of circumstance, it is a matter of choice. We need to be intentional about being grateful.

There are plenty of negatives in our lives: the looming water rights issue, political divisiveness, not enough rain, too much snow, etc. If we choose to dwell on these negatives, we will just become more negative.

We have a lot of positive things going on in our community: a new grocery store and pharmacy, new restaurants in town, and school enrollment has increased by 13 kids over the last two months. If we are intentional about our focus on the good things, we will only be more positive. We must still face those challenges; we cannot ignore them. But it is nearly impossible to be stressed and grateful at the same time.

The thing I am most thankful for are the people around me. We have community events in both St. John and Hudson put on by many volunteers. Key leaders in elected positions or on volunteer boards are working to make things better. We have a great staff in our district who work in the best interest of kids every day. We have our challenges in the community and in our district. But the people are what make our school district and our community great.

Another thing I am thankful for is the supportive families here in our district. A few weeks ago, we held parent-teacher conferences. At the conferences, 92% of our students had a parent that participated. Our typical turnout is around 80%-85%.

Our district has been awarded a grant to implement a Parents as Teachers program. The goal of the Parents as Teachers (PAT) program is to provide parents with child development knowledge and parenting support, provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and increase children's school readiness. The PAT model includes one-on-one home visits, monthly group meetings, developmental screenings, and linkages and connections for families to needed resources.

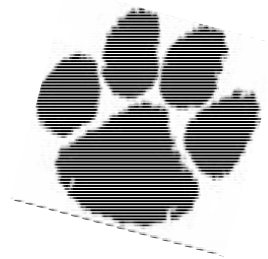
Johnna Stanford is our new PAT director and Carol Siefkes is the PAT educator. The program will officially start after the holiday break. Keep an eye out for more information this month if you would like to participate in the program.

As the year draws to an end, many of you are considering charitable donations. You might consider the USD 350 Educational Foundation for any charitable giving. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides an avenue for patrons, businesses, and organizations to financially support to the mission of St. John-Hudson schools.

Our Foundation really captures the giving spirit of this great community. The Foundation accepts donations to support student scholarships, library funding, and various student and school programs. Donations can be given for a particular purpose or to be used at the discretion of the Foundation board to support our schools. Recently the Foundation provided classroom grants for robotics, pottery wheels for the art department, and a laser engraver for the industrial arts classes. Information about the Foundation can be found on our school district's website.

On behalf of the USD 350 school family, I want to wish you all a happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas. 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 30 Superintendent





The students sat enraptured by the teacher. Destiny, a high school student (whom also happens to be my daughter) came in to share her knowledge of ball python snakes and crested geckos. The students filed in and a look of awe filled the room. When Destiny started talking, all students sat quietly. The first group of students stayed perfectly still and engaged for an hour and ten minutes. The second group of students was the same way. They sat for over an hour. Barely a peep escaped from their lips. The students were fascinated. They learned about the food snakes and geckos enjoyed. They also learned about behaviors and habitats of these animals. Several of the students changed their minds about what they're asking for from Santa! I think we might have a few parents who will be concerned about this choice. It was a great day of learning in my classroom. I will bring Destiny back to discuss more about these animals as not all students were able to attend. One student, who had to stay home because of an illness, cried because he was not able to see the animals. ~ Brenna Talbot



2018 Fall High School Athletics DVD ORDER FORM

Mrs. Kinnamon's Media Technology class (formerly IHT) is taking orders for DVDs of the 2018 Fall sports. The cost is \$.30 per DVD which will cover IHT's costs for the DVDs, ink, and DVD sleeve. Payment is required with order.

Please write the desired quantity below. **Return with payment by Jan. 11, 2019** to Tara Kinnamon.

HS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

<u>QNTY</u>	<u>GAME</u>
n/a	@Halstead: Burrton, Halstead
_____	Skyllne Tourn: Skyllne, Med Lodge
_____	Skyllne Tourn: Defenders, Pratt, & P. Helghts
_____	@ Haven: Holselngton, Haven
_____	@ Garden Plain: Garden Plain, Med Lodge
_____	@ Stafford: Burrton, Stafford, Macksvllle
_____	@ Macksvllle: Elllnwood, Macksvllle
_____	Holselngton Tourn: CP, Holselngton, Smith Center
_____	Holselngton Tourn: Otis, Phillipsburg
_____	@ Victoria: Victoria, Otis-Bison
_____	GB Tourney: Great Bend, Sallna Central, Hays
n/a	GB Tourney: Hutch, Phillipsburg
_____	@ SJ: Lacrosse, Kinsley
_____	@ SJ: Ness City, Cntrl Plains
_____	CPL Tourney: Ness City, Elllnwood
_____	CPL Tourney: CP, Macksvllle
_____	Regionasl: Chase, Little River, Pretty Pralrle
n/a	SubState:
Total (15 for all)	

Please note that the VB DVDs have multiple matches on them. We won't split these out so if you want only one of the games on the DVD, you'll still get the other match.

HS VARSITY FOOTBALL

<u>QNTY</u>	<u>GAME</u>
_____	Med Lodge
_____	Kinsley
_____	Ness City
_____	Macksvllle
_____	Central Plains
_____	Moundrlage
_____	Little River
_____	Skyllne
_____	Kiowa County
_____	(9 for all)

Total _____

JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

<u>QNTY</u>	<u>GAME</u>
_____	Otis-Bison
_____	Victoria
_____	LaCrosse
_____	Macksvllle
_____	Sunrlae Academy
_____	Ness City
_____	Central Plains

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

Not filmed this year

Name: _____

Contact info to notify you when they are done:

Phone: _____

(If you text, please put cell #.)

Email: _____

OR send home with this student: _____

_____ TOTAL QUANTITY ORDERED

\$ _____ x \$.30 each

\$ _____ SUBTOTAL


\$ _____ x .085 (8.5% sales tax)

\$ _____ TOTAL DUE (Payment due w/ order please)

**(Please make checks payable to
SJH Media Tech.)**

Please note: We will wait until several orders have compiled to make duplicating the DVDs quicker and more efficient so it may be mid-May before orders are completed. Thanks for your patience!! Contact Mrs. Kinnamon with questions: tkinnamon@usd350.com

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 SWKMEA District HS Band & Choir (Grades 9-12) @ Dodge City	
2	3 5:45pm JHBB vs Fairfield (H) <i>Secret Santa Tree</i> <i>Ribbon Sales</i>	4 7:00pm K-3 Music Program HSBB—Keady Classic	5 1:00pm Dismissal Staff Development	6 5:30pm JHBB @ Ellinwood	7 FCCLA Christmas Door Judging <i>PreK Friday</i> HSBB—Keady Classic @ Larned	8 ACT Exam	
9	10 4:00pm JHBB @ Ness City 6:00pm BOE Meeting TBD-Jr/Sr Play Auditions	11 4:00pm HSBB @ Central Plains	12 3:00pm Winter Sports Pictures	13 7:00pm 4-6 Music Program	14 4:00pm HSBB vs Hesston (H)	15	
16	17 7:00pm JH/HS Band & Choir Con- cert	18 4:00pm HSBB vs Kinsley (H)	19	20 End of 2nd 9 quarter 4:00pm HSBB @ Otis-Bison	21 No School Christmas Vaca- tion	22	
23	24	25 KSHSAA No Practice Days	26	27	28	29	
30	31	Christmas Vacation - No School					

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DECEMBER

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MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
3	BREAKFAST	4	BREAKFAST	5	BREAKFAST	6	BREAKFAST	7	BREAKFAST
Pancake on a Stick Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Pop Tart Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Banana Bread Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Baby Carrots Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Sloppy Joe/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk		Lasagna Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk		Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	
10	BREAKFAST	11	BREAKFAST	12	BREAKFAST	13	BREAKFAST	14	BREAKFAST
Breakfast Bites Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Burrito Peaches Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Pears Grape Juice Cereal Milk		French Toast Sticks Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Bar Mixed Fruit Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk	
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
Chicken Tetrizzini Lettuce Salad Corn Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Turkey & Dressing Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Hot Roll Cherry Crisp Hot Roll Milk		Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Sausage Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Pineapple Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	
17	BREAKFAST	18	BREAKFAST	19	BREAKFAST	20	BREAKFAST	21	BREAKFAST
Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Bar Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Sliced Pears Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		NO SCHOOL !!	
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Cowboy Cavatini Lettuce Salad Corn Pineapple French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk		Chili Relish Plate Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Cinnamon Roll Milk		Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk			
24	BREAKFAST	25	BREAKFAST	26	BREAKFAST	27	BREAKFAST	28	BREAKFAST
NO SCHOOL!!		MERRY CHRISTMAS!!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!	

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Happy Holidays!

