



Purpose - Passion - Pride

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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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USD 350 St. John-Hudson

District Newsletter

December 2014

Notes from the Superintendent

Recently, many teachers have asked students in their classrooms what they are thankful for. During this season, this activity is as much a part of our classrooms as drawing a turkey on a child's handprint.

A central theme in our mission and vision for our school district is that everyone will be growing and improving. It is important to get better every day. However, we must be careful to ensure that this attitude of improvement not keep our focus only on the negatives. One way we do this is by being thankful; by living in the moment, celebrating the positives, and being thankful for what we have.

I am thankful to be a part of such a great school district staff. We have a committed group of educators who continually focus on what is best for kids. We have great kids, engaged families, and a supportive community. I am grateful to be a part of this community and school district.

Another thing I am thankful for is the absence of political ads on my television. Perhaps now that the election is over, we can confront the reality of the fiscal situation in Kansas. Last July, legislators expected to end this fiscal year with a balance of \$29 million in the state's general fund. This was bad enough considering that state law requires the ending balance to be about \$450 million.

However, these budget estimates have recently been revised and the situation is much worse than previously thought. Current estimates are that the state budget will have a shortfall of \$279 million by July. The state cannot end the year with a negative balance so this means that \$279 million must be cut from this year's budget.

Since K-12 education makes up about half of the state's general fund budget, it is difficult to see how legislators can fix the budget situation without cutting school funding. In his campaign, the governor told voters he would not cut public education this year. We will see if this promise holds true in the coming months. This will be an important issue for the governor and legislators to address in the upcoming session.

Winter weather is upon us. When adverse weather makes it necessary to close or delay school, every effort will be made to make this decision by 5:45 am on a school day. When school is cancelled, all school activities and practices will also be cancelled or postponed. School may be delayed by two hours if it is anticipated that driving conditions will improve. If school is delayed, there will be no morning preschool. Once students are in the building, school will be dismissed early only in extreme cases.

School closing/delay information will be sent to parents and staff via the school messaging system, school website, social media feeds, and on major TV stations. Please contact the school office if you need more information about the messaging system or check the district website for additional information.



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Winter weather also presents us with a challenge for outdoor recess. Recess is an important part of the school day for students. To make sure parents and school staff have a common knowledge regarding recess, St. John Elementary will use the following guideline regarding recess during the winter months: recess will be outdoors unless the projected wind chill is 15 degrees or below or there is significant falling moisture. Recess will also be indoors if there is a significant amount of snow on the ground.

Parents should keep this in mind when sending children to school each day. We encourage students to wear a winter coat, gloves, a stocking hat, warm socks, and shoes/boots to school each day. Other than certain exceptions, like a medical issue, all students are expected to go outdoors for recess so proper attire is a must. Parents should contact the elementary office with questions about this.

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

SECRET SANTA 2014

How to Become Santa in One Easy Step

Have you ever envied those millionaires or movie stars who could bestow huge, generous gifts on the deserving people out there, somewhere? Have you wished you could be an anonymous Santa bringing joy to kids on Christmas morning? Do you just love that red suit and jolly old elf personality?

Well, perhaps your belly is more like jelly than you'd wish. Perhaps you wouldn't care to be on a snowy, slippery rooftop and are just plain afraid of tight, dark spaces like chimneys. And, who knows where to find flying reindeer these days?

Perhaps you know there are plenty of kids out there who also have wishes- -kids who look at the glittering store windows and dream of gaily wrapped packages underneath their very own trees. These are certainly the very kids who see their classmates come to school in new jeans and hear about THEIR Christmas trees surrounded by packages. In fact there are about 40 such children in Stafford County- -kids whose Christmas will be rather bleak this year.



And, in spite of not being a millionaire or rich movie star, you can brighten their holidays with a donation to Stafford County Secret Santa Fund. It doesn't matter that you are not rich or famous (or able to command reindeer). **Your help is --** in spite of the fact that your wheat crop was rather poorly or you didn't get a Christmas bonus from old Scrooge-- **urgently needed.**

Santa's Secret Helpers --armed with sizes and wish lists- -use YOUR donation to buy new outfits, socks, and underwear for these 40-some kids. They then wrap and deliver the packages in time for Christmas. Why, Ol' Saint Nick couldn't be prouder! If you want to be a Santa you can make a donation to Secret Santa Fund. Just bring it (or mail it) to Ms. Marla Irvine at the St. John Elementary School office. (She is, in fact, one of Santa's elves- -but tries to keep it a secret.) **One hundred percent of donated funds benefit children in Stafford County.**

If you do decide to give to these kids this Christmas, you and "Mama in her kerchief" will both sleep well this long winter's night.

If you have questions, please contact Andrea Saylor-Siefkes siefkes@usd350.com.

USD #350		DECEMBER			2014 MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1	BREAKFAST	2	BREAKFAST	3	BREAKFAST	4	BREAKFAST	5	BREAKFAST
Breakfast Bites Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Pop tart Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Burrito Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		French Toast Sticks Pears Fruit Juice Blend Cereal Milk		Breakfast Bar Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk		Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Sliced Peaches Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk		Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Seasoned Peas Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk		Hamburger Gravy Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Sloppy Joe/Bun Tater Wedges Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	
8	BREAKFAST	9	BREAKFAST	10	BREAKFAST	11	BREAKFAST	12	BREAKFAST
Pancake on Stick Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Flat Bread Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Pears Fruit Juice Blend Cereal Milk		Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Orange Juice Cereal Milk	
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
Chicken Tetrizzini Garden Salad Corn Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Taco Soup Relish Plate Sliced Peas Fresh Fruit Tortilla Chips Cookie Milk		Huntington Chicken Tossed Salad Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Hamburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	
15	BREAKFAST	16	BREAKFAST	17	BREAKFAST	18	BREAKFAST	19	BREAKFAST
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Corn Dog Garden Salad Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk		Chili Relish Plate Sliced Peas Fresh Fruit Cinnamon Roll Crackers Milk		Chicken Quesadilla Corn Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk		Christmas Ham Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Sliced Peaches Cherry Crisp Hot Roll Milk		Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Applesauce Milk	
22	BREAKFAST	23	BREAKFAST	24	BREAKFAST	25	BREAKFAST	26	BREAKFAST
NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!	
LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH		LUNCH	
NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		CHRISTMAS EVE!!!		MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!		USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer	
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NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!		NO SCHOOL !!	

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3:00PM HS BB/Cheer Pictures <i>4:00pm HS Quiz Bowl (H)</i> 5:45pm JH BB (H) vs Stafford	2 7:30pm JH Band and Choir concert	3 10:30pm CPL League Meeting	4 4:00pm JH BB @ Victoria <i>9:30am Class Leadership @ Ellinwood</i>	5 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Sky line	6 KMEA District HS @ Dodge City
	STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE					
7	8 TBD-HS BB Keady Classic @ Larned <i>7:00pm BOE Mtg</i>	9 TBD-HS BB Keady Classic @ Larned	10 1:20pm School Dismissal <i>Staff Development</i>	11 5:45pm JH BB (H) vs Hoisington TBD-HS BB Keady Classic @ Larned	12 TBD-HS BB Keady Classic @ Larned	13 ACT Exam TBD-HS BB Keady Classic @ Larned
	KAY CITIZENSHIP WEEK					
14	15 4:00pm JH BB @ Ellinwood SECRET SANTA TREE RIBON SALE	16 4:00pm HS BB @ Clatlin	17 3:00pm JH BB/Cheer Pictures	18 7:30pm HS Band and Choir Concert	19 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Cunningham	20 <i>End of 1st Semester</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
NO BASKETBALL PRACTICES						
28	29	30	31			
NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK						
NO BB PRACTICE						

November						
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January						
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SJHS FCCLA Food Bank Bowl 2014

The cool, breezy autumn air did not keep the 'girls of fall' away at the SJH FCCLA Powder Puff Food Bank Bowl on November 7th. Following the crowning of Queen Yolanda (Klayton) Rodarmel and King Weegee Ray (Tara) Nelson, the Blue team of seniors and sophomores kicked off to the White team of juniors and freshmen. The Blue Team was quick to score on a pass-run play. Forty minutes of non-stop play ticked by quickly with the Blue team winning 14-12. The crowd was also entertained by the chants and dancing by the boy cheerleaders. Thanks to all that participated, donated and attended the game. SJH FCCLA collected almost 350 items of food and \$70 dollars from hot chocolate sales which was delivered and donated to the Second Mile Food Bank, located at the Methodist Church, St. John.



**Neighborhood Rewards
Program**

St. John Hudson PTO

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



Here's how it works...

- ◆ Purchase a RELOADABLE Dillons Gift Card for \$5 from the St. John District Office or PTO Members.
- ◆ Use at Dillons, Kwik Shop, or any Kroger affiliated store.
- ◆ BEFORE you shop (or have pumped gas). You may load your gift card.
- ◆ Reload up to \$500 at any register or customer service counter.
- ◆ Reload your Dillons gift card with cash, check, debit or credit card.
- ◆ Repeat as often as you would like.

Additional Information...

- ◆ You will still earn fuel points
- ◆ Reloads must be done at Dillons
- ◆ Any merchandise, including gas and prescriptions, at a Dillons or Kroger affiliated store may be purchased with the reloadable gift card.
- ◆ Gift card balances will be printed on the bottom of your receipt.
- ◆ All purchases and reloads support St. John PTO regardless of where the person lives or in what Dillons store the card is used.
- ◆ Purchase cards as gifts for friends, coworkers, grandparents, students at college.

St. John PTO receives 5% of each dollar you reload onto your gift card -at no cost to you!!!



**SPECIAL
MEAL DEAL!**

At Dec. 5th

St. John

Vs. Skyline

Basketball game

\$5.00

Meal includes yummy
**LOADED BAKED POTATOES
& CAKE WITH ICE CREAM!!**

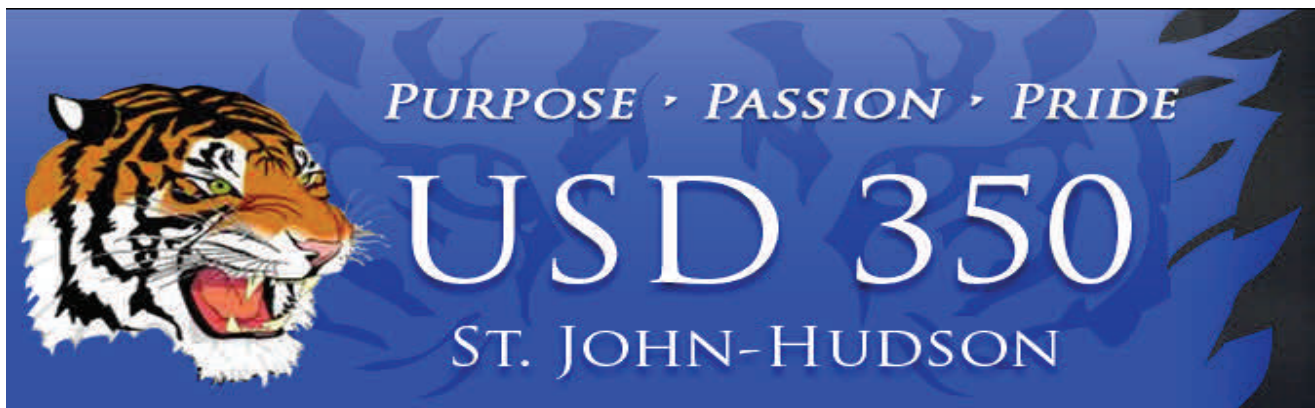
**Also regular concession items for sale.
Proceeds benefit Secret Santa Fund**



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