



**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 Newsletter**

**November 2019**

## **Notes from the Superintendent**

*Josh Meyer*

When my family moved to St. John seven years ago, it was a struggle to find a place to live. There was not much available and we bought what many of you know as the Copeland house. At one point in history, this house was very nice and well kept. However, in the year 2012, it was very dated and in need of some renovations.

We did not buy the house for what it was at the time. We wanted it because we were able to visualize what it could be. We saw past its current state and saw the potential. We have put a lot of time and work into the house. There is still more to do, but we are getting closer to making it into the home we want.

The situation with our house is much like our jobs as educators. We know that kids do not all start off with the same ability. Not everyone has a supportive family structure and many others live in poverty. It is important that we know and understand the challenges and obstacles that kids face. Compassion is necessary.

As a school staff, we've been challenging ourselves to have that compassion, but also to see past students' difficulties and be able to visualize their potential. Whether a student lives in poverty, has experienced abuse, or has a learning disability, the situation is much like my house. We must be able to see what is possible; to believe in students' potential and ability to become something great regardless of their circumstances.

On November 11th at 9:00 AM, we will be having an all-school Veteran's Day assembly. There will be musical performances and recognition of the veterans in our community. The public is welcome to attend the program in the main gym. The public entrance is on the north side of the main building near the high school office. Please help us spread the word to all of the veterans in our community.

The general election for school board and city positions is coming up on November 5th. Advanced voting is available at the Stafford County Courthouse through November 4th at noon. USD 350 has four positions up for election. Each position has only one candidate that has filed to run. The candidates are Derek Foote (position 1), Raymond Long (position 2), Darin Brummer (position 3), and Debby Waddle (position 7). City council and mayor positions are up for election as well. These local elections are very important and have a direct impact on what happens in our local communities. Please take the time to vote.

I want to remind parents that the school doors do not open until 7:30 AM each day. We do not have staff on hand to supervise before that.

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**Superintendent Cont.**

Students dropped off before that time must wait outside for the doors to be unlocked. This becomes a concern as the weather gets colder, so please do not send students to school before 7:30 AM.

Breakfast is served beginning at 7:30 AM each school day. Students need to arrive before 7:45 in order to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Students in grades 7 and up have a grab-and-go option for breakfast. The grab-and-go kiosk is set up from 7:45-8:00 AM.

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

## PAT (Parents as Teachers)

By Johnna Stanford, PAT Teacher, [stanfordj@usd350.com](mailto:stanfordj@usd350.com)



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realize their  
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are healthy, safe and ready to  
learn.**

- > They're healthier.
- > They score higher on kindergarten readiness tests.
- > They're better problem solvers.
- > They're more advanced in language and social development.

### How does it work?

Since this is *your* child and *your* family, you set the agenda for each personal visit. Your personal parent educator is there to provide well-researched information to help you make good parenting decisions ... and to provide concrete support for you in times of need.

Group connections also link you to other parents so you can learn and support each other, and grow together as parents.

Regular screenings will make sure your child is healthy, safe and developing on track.

Need more help or a special resource? Your parent educator will make the introduction and connect you.

**Enroll today!**

### Together on each visit, we'll:

- > Look at *your* child's development and talk about the parenting challenges you face right now.
- > Think about family dynamics impacting your child's development, your parenting values and decisions.
- > Build strong protective factors to keep you, your child and your family healthy, strong and resilient.

**Contact Johnna Stanford for more information**  
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# Musical: Into The Woods



St. John High School Fall Musical, 2019

**Friday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 17, 2:00 p.m.**

**St. John High School Auditorium**

This fall, the high school musical is **INTO THE WOODS**, rights for production granted by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 10019; Music and Lyrics by **Stephen Sondheim**; Book by **James Lapine**; Originally Directed on Broadway by **James Lapine**. This is a musical play which is difficult to produce. It is a story about fairy tales, some of which will be very familiar to the audience from lifetime reading....parts of which will be a bit unfamiliar in their story lines! Attempting to produce this play in this small high school is a challenge, but the students are working very hard and the audience will hopefully find the stories, though a bit, as said above, unfamiliar, fun and fascinating! Costuming and stage design are challenging. We certainly hope you will be able to come to one or more performances and see the students take on a different experience than they have ever been involved in! Following is a list of the characters which are portrayed by the students:

**Narrator: CLAYTON HUSTON; Cinderella: BREE MEYER; Jack: RILEY McCANDLESS; Jack's Mother: DARBY SMITH; Baker: TREVOR TANNER; Baker's Wife: ERIN CRISSMAN; Cinderella's Stepmother: DAYTON LONG; Florinda (Stepsister): KAYLYNN CLAUSSEN; Lucinda (Stepsister): KAYLA BLASI; Little Red Riding Hood: PAYTON MEYER; Witch: MACKENZIE HACKER; Cinderella's Mother: JESSICA OWENS; Mysterious Man: JON LYON; Wolf: A.J. MILLER; Granny: EMMA KOELSCH; Rapunzel: ADDI WARD; Rapunzel's Prince: CADEN McCANDLESS; Cinderella's Prince: TREY FISHER; Steward: DYLAN REED; Giant's Voice: BREANNA CLARK; Snow White: CARISMA HANEY; Sleeping Beauty: BREANNA CLARK; Wood Nymphs (Chorus and Grips), URIEL CALLEROS, BREANNA CLARK, PRESTON DUNN, EDWIN FERNANDEZ, CARISMA HANEY, LUIS HOLGUIN, KIMBRA DOWLING, KARIM HERRERA, ANGEL JOHNSON, ANTHONY JOHNSON.**

**Technical Crews: Student Director, AMERICA FERNANDEZ; Stage Manager, MAKAYLA MEYER; Technical Accompanist, DAMIAN RIOS.** Other backstage technicians (sound and light booth, make-up and hair, costumes, props, set construction, and publicity) will be listed fully in the program.

**The Director is WENDY HACKER; and Producer is JANE BENNINGTON.**

**We certainly hope to see you in the audience at one or more of our productions. It will be fun!**

(As a side note, we still need help! If you are interested in helping "behind the scenes"—see Wendy Hacker ASAP! or contact her through the school (620-549-3277), or by her school email: [HackerW@usd350.com](mailto:HackerW@usd350.com)

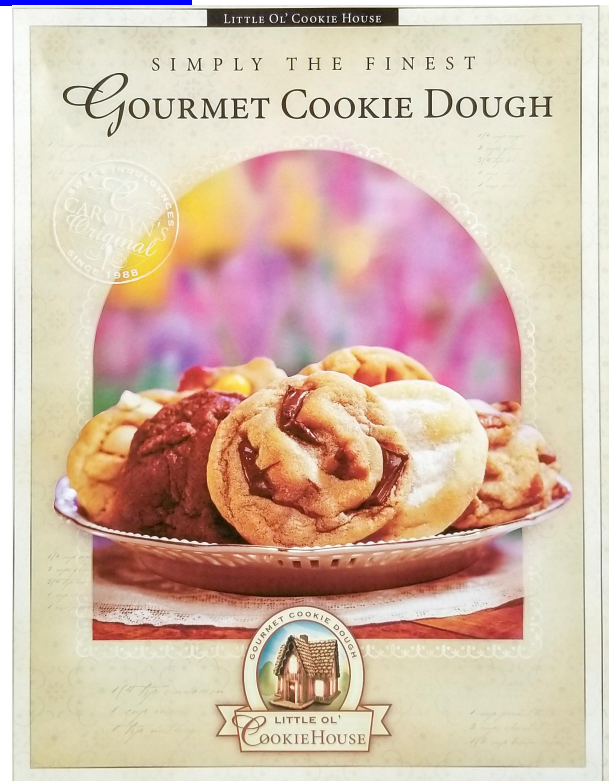
## Junior Cookie Dough Sales

St. John junior class began their fundraiser this past Tuesday and will conclude it Monday, Nov. 18. Each year, the class sells Little 'Ol Cookie House frozen cookie dough, locally made in Little River, Kansas, to help pay for prom and graduation.

Usually only available in tubs of frozen dough, the company has added frozen pre-portioned cookies to its repertoire this year. The 3 lb tubs are \$16 each and the 3 dozen pre-portioned cookies are \$17 per order. Available flavors in both choices include chocolate chip pecan, heath bar, peanut butter & chocolate, white chocolate macadamia nut, chocolate chip, M&M, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, sugar, triple chocolate, and snickerdoodle.

These will be delivered just in time to make the perfect snack for the holidays.

As always, the class accepts tax-deductible donations. If you're ready to order or donate, contact class sponsor Mrs. McAlister at [mcalisterj@usd350.com](mailto:mcalisterj@usd350.com).



## SHOW: Students Helping Out Warriors

By ISAC MATA



Police Chief Adams. Photo courtesy of Dick Smith

City of St. John Police Chief Allen Adams joined the military right after he graduated from St. John High School. He served in both the US Coast Guard and the Army National Guard. He originally worked interdiction narcotics and search and rescue with the Coast Guard. In the Army, he deployed as a tanker then infantry before becoming a flight crew chief on Black Hawk helicopters. His total military service was 14 years. When asked about how many tours of duty he completed and what countries he's been to, he responded: "Between the military and private contracting, I've completed 4 tours and I've been to Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Romania, Cuba, and Germany." Adams clarified that a tour in the Army can last 12 months.

When asked if he had any problems during his time in the Army, he said that he had no major problems other than typical on-duty assignments. "Pretty much everyday was an adventure. When you are on downtime, you try to find things to enjoy time together and bond with the other soldiers," Adams states. Recently, Adams was employed through an outside-military-service as a dog handler in the Middle East looking for roadside bombs.

In addition to his time in the military, Adams has served 20 years on police forces, including a K-9 unit and 18 years as a DARE officer. While serving as a school resource officer at Valley Center, Adams created the program SHOW (Students Helping Out Warriors). "It's a school activity that the students will do honoring military veterans." In addition to helping past and present veterans, it will promote patriotism and share information about the armed services. Adams shared that there are several other Kansas schools that have the program and that it will be an extracurricular program at St. John. The culminating event for the program is a trip to Wichita to assist veterans there and enjoy a game of Bingo.





Contact class sponsor Mrs. Kinnamon if you're interested and need someone to show you a catalog, [kinnamont@usd350.com](mailto:kinnamont@usd350.com).

Online store: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>

Group #: **990017246** (Enter this so sophomores get the profit.)

- Online orders: you pay shipping and sales tax; orders shipped directly to you
- Ordering directly from a sophomore: they pay sales tax and shipping from our profit, orders shipped here and sophomores deliver to you
- As always, donations are 100% profit so we'll never turn those down.

## Sophomore Candle Sales

St. John super sophomores kicked off their Yankee Candle fundraiser Monday and will end face-to-face sales Nov. 5. However, online sales can continue until Jan. 5, and the sophomores will still get approximately 30% of the profit.

Most items are usually close to what you'd pay in a store, but the sophomores get the profit (for prom and graduation expenses) instead of a store.

# SJH FCCLA POWDER PUFF FOOD BANK BOWL 2019

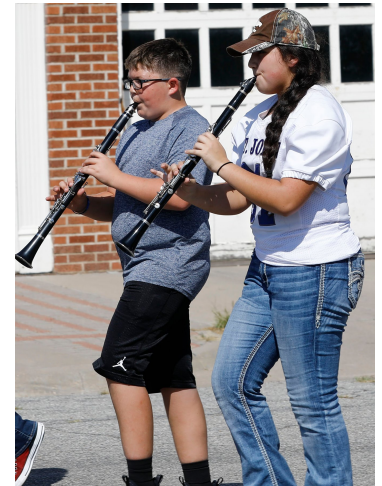
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH — BLIDE FIELD

7:00 P.M. — CROWNING 6:45 P.M.

**Admission:**  
Non-perishable  
food items to be  
donated to the  
Stafford Co.  
Food Bank



**HOT CHOCOLATE  
& WATER FOR  
SALE IN  
CONCESSIONS \$1**



Left: Junior class float.

Above: Freshmen clarinet players Conner Gillespie and Jade Portillo. Photos courtesy of Dick Smith.

# Homecoming Parade

By **ARLENA MILLER & MRS. MCALISTER**

The week of September 23-27 was Homecoming 2019. STUCO chose the themes this year: Scrabble Day (favorite letter); Pajama Day (dress for comfort); Team Shirt (support those Wildcats!); Dress-up (show respect for the best); and Western Day (rodeo wear).

This year was also the first time in a long while that the school had a homecoming parade. The parade lined up at the NAPA parking lot and proceeded down 4th Street, around the north side of the square and ended on the east side of the square. Among the lineup were the city and county first responders--police, fire, and EMS; Golden Belt Telephone; the high school marching band; and the candidates. The senior candidates Trevor Tanner and Whitney Brummer were driven by STUCO sponsor Mr. Manderino. Next came the senior candidates Austin Woolf and Dayton Long, driven by SAFE sponsor Mrs. Patterson. The final senior candidates were driven by history teacher Mr. Bauer, Trey Fisher and Erin Crissman.

Each class was required to have a float that showed the Tigers winning over the Macksville Mustangs. The Juniors won the class competition with their float "The Giddy-up" which featured a candy-filled pinata, confetti cannon, and Edwin Fernandez's live goat. The Freshmen float featured hay bales while the Sophomore float added musical instruments followed by a live horse ridden by Darby Smith. The final class float was the Senior's "Toaster Strudel Gang" float

featuring a wooden corral with a masked mustang corralled inside.

At the conclusion of the parade on the east side of the square, the high school band was joined by the junior high band to play several pieces of pep music while the cheerleaders encouraged the crowd to cheer along. Then, the high school football coach, Mr. Hall, spoke a few encouraging words before the high school football team shared their usual game-opening team chant. Also enjoying the parade and pep rally were students pre-K through 12th grade, school office personnel, and members of the community. This year's parade was a huge success!

Below: Senior class float.

Photo courtesy of Dick Smith.





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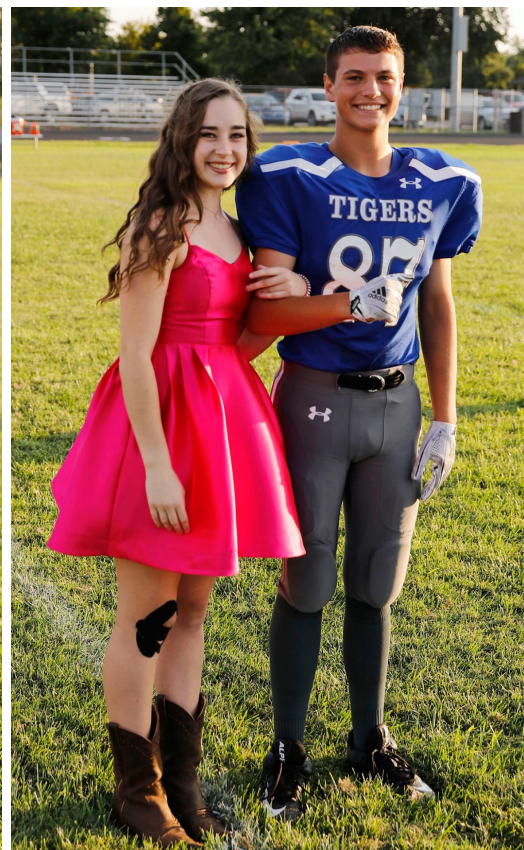
# Homecoming 2019



Queen Erin Crissman & King Trey Fisher.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



Seniors Whitney Brummer & Trevor Tanner.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



Seniors Dayton Long & Austin Woolf.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



Juniors Bam Panyayai & Uriel Calleros.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



Sophomores Payton Meyer & Elijah Delp.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



Freshmen Mackenzie Hacker & Conner Gillespie.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



1st graders Colt Brummer & Kate Hickel.  
Photo courtesy of Dick Smith

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					<b>1 No School</b>	<b>2 State XC-Wamego HS District Choir Auditions</b> MS Band KMEA
3	4 6:00pm Kayette Father/Daughter Dance <i>TBD-Play Rehearsal</i>	5 <i>TBD-Play Rehearsal</i>	6 KAY Regional Conf. @ Holcomb 9th-11th grade ESSDACK Career Expo	7 TBD -Play Rehearsal	8 ACT Registration Deadline for 12/14/19 Exam <i>TBD-Regional FB</i> Prek Friday	9 <b>State VB</b>
10	11 Veteran's Day Program 3:30pm <i>Play Rehearsal</i> 6:00pm BOE Meeting	12 3:30pm <i>Play Rehearsal</i> 7:00pm <i>Play Rehearsal</i>	13 Late Start 10:00 am 8th grade field trip to BCCC 3:30pm <i>Play Rehearsal</i> 6:00pm All League BCCC	14 4:00pm JHBB @ Ols-Bison 6:30pm <i>Play Dress Rehearsal</i>	15 7:00pm All-School Musical <i>TBD-Sectional FB</i>	16 7:00pm All-School Musical
	Buffer Week					
17 2:00pm All-School Musical	18 HSBB Practice Begins <i>FCCLA Christmas Door Decorating Begins</i> 5:45pm JHBB v LaCrosse (H)	19 Picture retakes	20	21 4:00pm JHBB @ Central Plains	22 Sub-State FB	23
24	25 5:45pm JHBB v Macksville (H)	26	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 TBD-State FB
Thanksgiving Vacation						




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NOVEMBER

2019

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1 BREAKFAST</b>
				NO SCHOOL!!
				<b>LUNCH</b>
				NO SCHOOL!!
<b>4 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>5 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>6 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>7 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>8 BREAKFAST</b>
Breakfast Bites Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Corn Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk
<b>11 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>12 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>13 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>14 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>15 BREAKFAST</b>
Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk	<b>NO BREAKFAST LATE START</b>	French Toast Sticks Sliced Pears Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Orange Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Corn Dog Tater Wedges Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk	Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Pilaf Baby Carrots Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk
<b>18 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>19 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>20 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>21 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>22 BREAKFAST</b>
Pancake on a Stick Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Mixed Fruit Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Sliced Pears Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Taco Soup Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Chips Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Sloppy Joe/Bun Tater Tots Baby Carrots Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Sausage Pizza Tossed Salad Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk
<b>25 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>26 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>27 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>28 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>29 BREAKFAST</b>
Breakfast Bites Pears Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	NO SCHOOL!!	NO SCHOOL!!	NO SCHOOL!!
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Ham & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce & Tomatoes Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Turkey & Dressing Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Hot Roll Pumpkin Pie Milk	NO SCHOOL!!	Happy Thanksgiving! 	NO SCHOOL!!

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