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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

October 2018

Superintendent's News

This time of year you can just feel the change in the air. Trucks are busy hauling corn to the elevator, the days are getting shorter and it just feels like football weather. We've seen a few changes here in our school this fall as well.

We have a new audio/video production class. These students are learning to create professional quality video productions. They are currently working on a public service announcement to discourage distracted driving. You can find their videos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by searching for St. John AV Productions. Our robotics program continues to improve. We will be hosting a competition scrimmage this fall and a full competition after the Christmas break. The district has added a parents-as-teachers program that will start after the first of the year and we have implemented new curriculum resources for the English Language Arts in the upper grades.

One area where we need to see change is the rate at which our citizens vote. In the recent primary election, less than 30% of registered Kansas voters cast a ballot. Stafford County voters did a bit better at 42%, but that is still not a very good turnout. If you think your vote does not matter, consider that the race for the Republican nominee for governor was decided by 350 votes.

Regardless of your party affiliation or stance on political issues, it's important that take time to vote in the November 6th general election. Check your registration and keep in mind that the deadline to register is October 16th.

Speaking of politics, one issue that is at the forefront is the idea of getting more money to the classroom. Current state law contains a policy goal to spend 65% of state education money for instruction. No rational person would argue against the idea of school district expenditures going toward educating kids; that is our purpose. However, the word "instruction" in this context is very narrowly defined and cannot be the only metric by which we judge school efficiency.

Replacing carpet in a classroom does not count as an expense for instruction. Paying to heat a classroom does not count as money to the classroom. The SafeDefend system we recently installed to help protect kids in the classroom also does not count as an expense for instruction. A salary paid to a counselor to work with kids, the cost of transporting kids to school, expenses to feed kids lunch, and costs to train teachers to be better in the classroom are all examples of things that do not count as "money to the classroom."

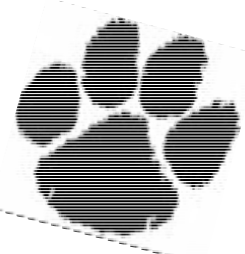
Those of you that have your own business understand that there are some expenses that are necessary but might not directly increase your profit. Paying the utility bill or installing a security system might not help you make more money; but things like this are important and are considered a cost of doing business.

The bottom line is that every single dollar we spend in this district is used to provide an education for kids in some way. Some of those dollars have a direct impact on learning in a classroom. Other expenses have an indirect effect on kids and would be considered a necessary cost of doing business.

This notion that not enough money gets to the classrooms in Kansas is just not grounded in facts. The reality is that Kansas schools spend less for non-instructional expenses than most other states in the nation. Kansas schools are quite efficient; a fact confirmed by Dr. Lori Taylor when she completed a study at the request of the legislature. Her study found that Kansas schools are among the most efficient in the country. We should always strive to do better, but as far as getting money to the classroom, the facts show that Kansas schools are already doing a pretty darn good job.

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 meyeri@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 class that turns in the most box tops EACH MONTH gets a treat of pops! Tops for Pops!



The winning class for the year gets to cover their teacher in silly string!



Every 10 box tops turned in puts you in a drawing for a SUMMER FUN mystery bag. Winner will be selected on the last day of school during the awards assembly.



St. John High School Musical
CAROUSEL

St. John students will present their fall musical through special arrangement with R and H Theatricals: www.rnh.com. – **CAROUSEL** --with music by Richard Rodgers, book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, is based on Ferenc Molnar's play "Liliom" as adapted by Benjamin F. Glazer, **Friday and Saturday evenings, November 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, November 11, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** The musical was very recently showing on Broadway in New York. It closed on September 16. Wendy Hacker asked for special permission for St. John High School to present *Carousel*, assuring the company that the size and location of our high school are not likely to compete with any other productions in Kansas or surrounding areas. They finally agreed and gave us the rights to do the play.

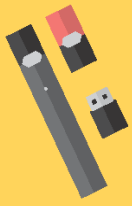
Auditions were held on September 10. They consisted of asking the students who wished to audition to sing a very simple song and read just a few lines. Based on those auditions the play was cast. We also have many people involved in choruses, crews for set work and costumes, and so on. By the way, the casting door to be in choruses and crews is still open. Anyone who missed telling Mrs. Hacker he or she would like to participate, come on ahead and see her! We have a special call out to our male students. We always need more boys. More girls are also welcome.

Some of the songs people may recognize are the following: *You'll Never Walk Alone, If I Loved you, This was a Real Nice Clambake, Blow High Blow Low, June is Bustin' Our All Over, etc.*

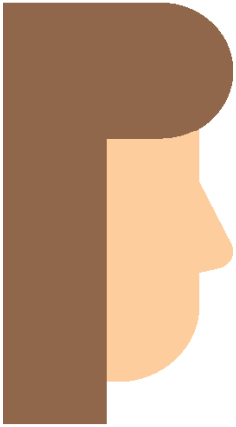
The story line follows a young man who runs a carousel at a local fair, Billy Bigelow, who falls in love with a very shy, yet loyal, young lady named Julie Jordan. They marry and are going to raise a daughter. Wanting to make sure his family is well taken care of, brash young Bigelow makes a mistake about how to get money to do that. That mistake does indeed end up changing all their lives. Lots of love and growing among them and the rest of the cast tell a story of learning to grow up, be strong, and develop character as one goes through life.

The show will, of course, take place on the stage of the St. John High School Auditorium on the days and times mentioned in the first paragraph. In the November school newsletter there will be a list of characters and crew members. We certainly hope you will make time to come see the young performers do their best to entertain you. November 8, 9,

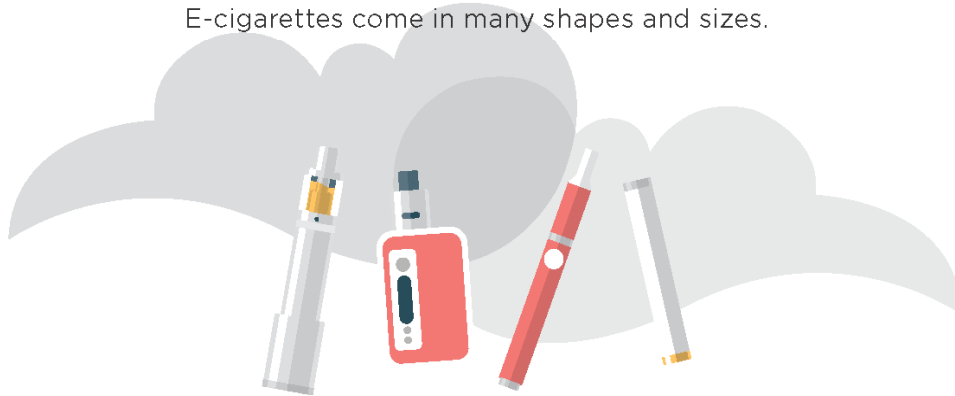




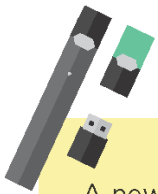
E-CIGARETTES SHAPED LIKE USB FLASH DRIVES: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS, EDUCATORS, AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS



Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery-powered devices that can deliver nicotine and flavorings to the user in the form of an aerosol. E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes.



WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?



A new e-cigarette shaped like a **USB** flash drive is being used by students in schools.



Nicotine is highly addictive and can **harm brain development**, which continues until about age 25.



The use of any tobacco product — including e-cigarettes—is **unsafe** for young people.



Parents, educators, & health care providers can help prevent and reduce the use of all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, by young people.

>> **Learn HOW** in this fact sheet.

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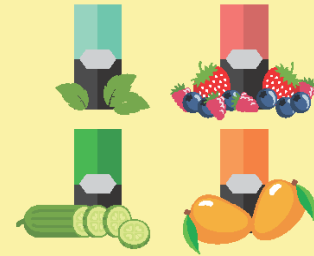
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AN INCREASINGLY POPULAR E-CIGARETTE DEVICE, CALLED JUUL, IS SHAPED LIKE A USB FLASH DRIVE.



Use of JUUL is sometimes called "JUULing."

JUUL's nicotine liquid refills are called "pods." JUUL is available in several flavors such as Cool Cucumber, Fruit Medley, Mango, and Mint.



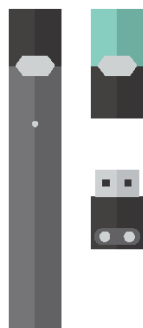
All JUUL e-cigarettes have a high level of nicotine. According to the manufacturer, a single JUUL pod contains as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.



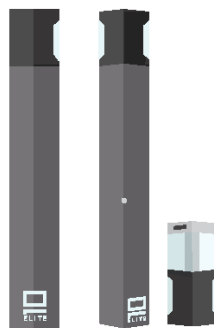
JUUL became available for sale in the United States in 2015. As of December 2017, JUUL is the top-selling e-cigarette brand in the United States.

News outlets and social media sites report widespread use of JUUL by students in schools, including in classrooms and bathrooms.

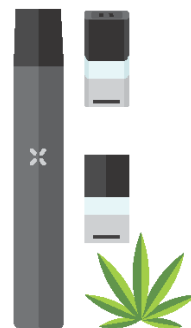
Other devices are becoming available that look like USB flash drives. Examples include the MarkTen Elite, a nicotine delivery device, and the PAX Era, a marijuana delivery device that looks like JUUL.



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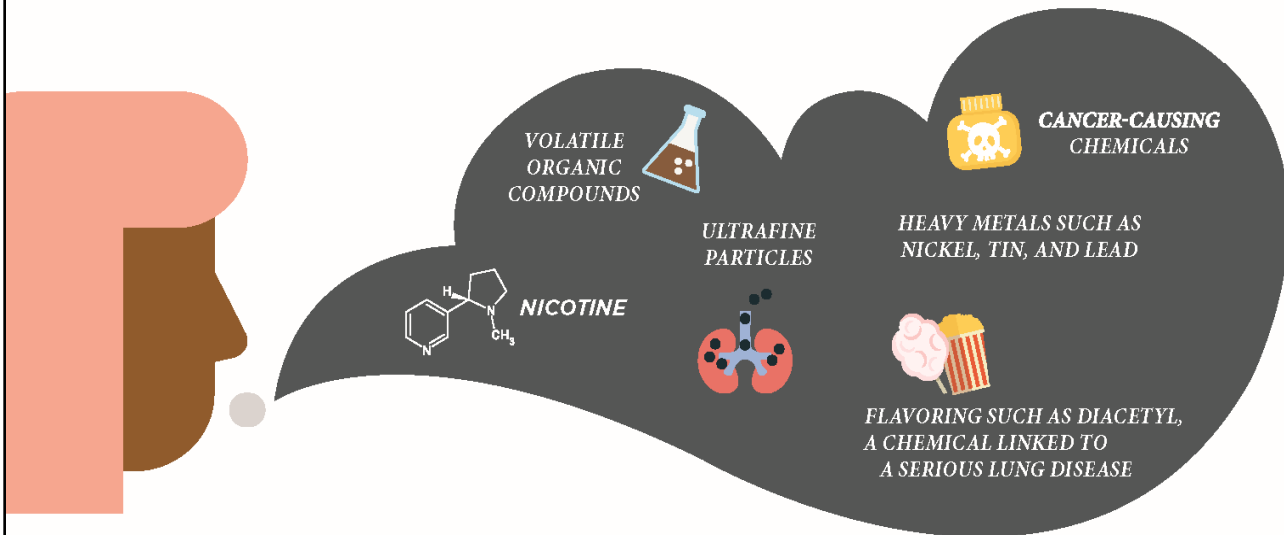
MarkTen Elite



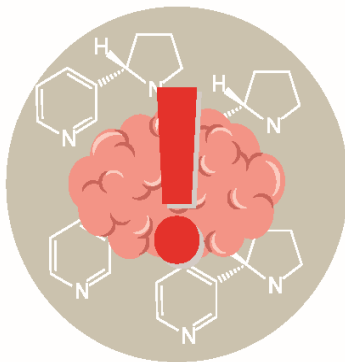
PAX Era

E-CIGARETTE USE IS NOT SAFE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

E-cigarette aerosol is not harmless. It can contain harmful ingredients. However, e-cigarette aerosol generally contains fewer harmful chemicals than smoke from burned tobacco products, like regular cigarettes.



Most e-cigarettes contain ***nicotine***, which is highly addictive and can ***harm brain development***, which continues until about ***age 25***.



YOUNG PEOPLE WHO USE E-CIGARETTES MAY BE MORE LIKELY TO GO ON TO USE REGULAR CIGARETTES.



PARENTS, EDUCATORS, AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CAN HELP PREVENT AND REDUCE THE USE OF E-CIGARETTES BY YOUNG PEOPLE.



PARENTS CAN:

- » Learn about the different shapes and types of e-cigarettes and the risks of all forms of e-cigarette use for young people.
- » Talk to their children about the risks of e-cigarette use among young people. Express firm expectations that their children remain tobacco-free.
- » Set a positive example by being tobacco-free.



EDUCATORS CAN:

- » Learn about the different shapes and types of e-cigarettes and the risks of all forms of e-cigarette use for young people.
- » Develop, implement, and enforce tobacco-free school policies.
- » Reject youth tobacco prevention programs sponsored by the tobacco industry. These programs have been found to be ineffective for preventing youth tobacco use.



PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CAN:

- » Ask about e-cigarettes, including devices shaped like USB flash drives, when screening patients for the use of any tobacco products.
- » Warn patients about the risks of all forms of tobacco product use, including e-cigarettes, for young people.

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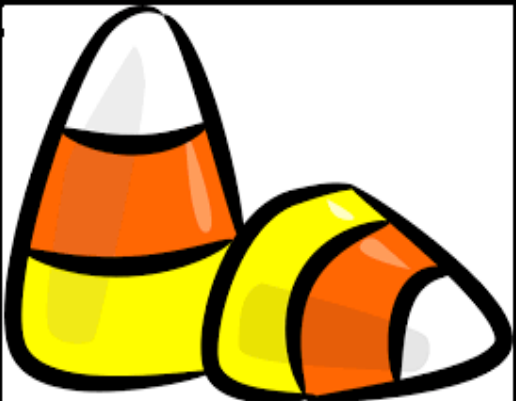




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MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
1	BREAKFAST	2	BREAKFAST	3	BREAKFAST	4	BREAKFAST	5	BREAKFAST
	Breakfast Bites Apple Sauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Sliced Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk		French Toast Sticks Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Bar Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
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	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk		Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Corn Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk		Hamburger Gravy Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce Cookie Fresh Fruit Milk
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	Pancake on a Stick Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Pop Tart Applesauce Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Banana Bread Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk
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	Chicken Tetrizzini Tossed Salad Cooked Broccoli Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun French Fries Relish Plate Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk		Lasagna Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk		Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk
15	BREAKFAST	16	BREAKFAST	17	BREAKFAST	18	BREAKFAST	19	BREAKFAST
	NO SCHOOL!		Breakfast Bites Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Burrito Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		French Toast Sticks Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Bar Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk
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	NO SCHOOL!		Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Sloppy Joe/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk		Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Milk
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	Pancake on a Stick Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Pop Tart Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Pizza Peaches Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Banana Bread Pineapple Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk		NO SCHOOL!
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	Corn Dog Tater Tots Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk		Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Peas Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Spaghetti Tossed Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk		Hamburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk		NO SCHOOL!
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	Breakfast Bites Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk		Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk		Biscuits & Gravy Sliced Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk				
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	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Lettuce Salad Peaches Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk		Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Slice Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Cheese Quesadilla Tossed Salad Peas Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk				

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