



Purpose - Passion - Pride

# USD 350 ST. JOHN-HUDSON NEWSLETTER

September 2018

## Superintendent's News

I know how much most of our students enjoy their summer break. Our district office staff and maintenance crew work through the summer. We have important work to do before school is in session to get ready for the upcoming year, but I sure miss seeing the kids, our real purpose. I'm always happy to see the students back in our buildings.

Preliminary enrollment numbers show that we are up by about 10 students district-wide. Our largest class is 30 students and the smallest is 17. We average around 24 students per grade. There are 94 students in high school which will put us in the IA division for sports and activities.

The fall sports seasons are well under way. Because of the recent low numbers in football participation, our district met with representatives from the Stafford school district last spring about cooperating for football. Both districts determined that each would be okay for this season, but might look at combining teams in the future if necessary. This year, our high school football team is starting the season with 16 players and the junior high team has 15 and might be adding a few more. Ideally we will try to field our own teams in future years, but both districts remain open to cooperation.

We've tried to publicize this, but it's important for our patrons to know about our new school safety system called SafeDefend, so I bring it up again. This was installed and staff was trained in August. This system does two things. First it provides immediate notification to all staff and law enforcement of a threat and the exact location of that threat in the building. Second, it provides tools and materials for staff members to keep students safe. More information about SafeDefend and is available on our website or in the school offices.

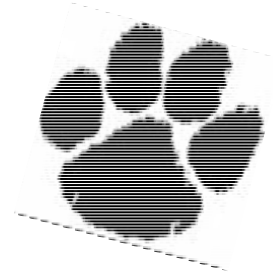
Also in regard to school safety, state regulations have changed how we conduct our emergency preparedness drills. In prior years, state law required monthly fire drills and three tornado drills for the year. The new law requires sixteen total emergency drills. They include nine "crisis" drills, four fire drills, and three tornado drills. A couple examples of a crisis drill might be a lock-down drill or a mock evacuation for a gas leak. Some might think this sixteen drills is a bit excessive, but it is what's required of us. It is, however, important for us to be prepared for any emergency.

I am sure that many of you are aware of the water issue that is threatening our local economy. Many areas of the state have a lack of water and wells are running dry. In our area, this is not the case. Lack of water is not the problem; it is simply a lack of water getting to Quivira National Wildlife Refuge when they think they need it.

Many people have been working hard on this issue for many years to find a solution. If you think this does not affect you because you are not a farmer, you are wrong. This will have an impact on our entire community and our school district. Everyone that lives in our community should take time to understand this issue and communicate with government representatives at the state and federal level.

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



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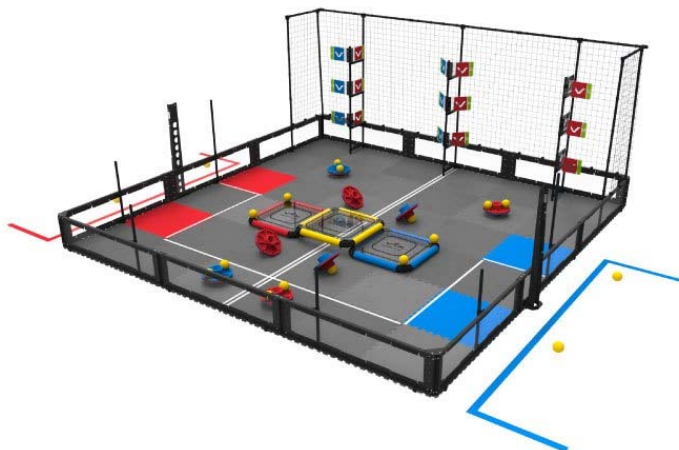
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## Robotics to Host Two Meets in St. John

The robotics program at St. Joh High School is beginning its third year. Students participate in the VEX Robotics challenge which changes this year. This year's challenge is "Turning Point." VEX Robotics Competition Turning Point is played on a 12'x12' square field (pictured). Two (2) Alliances – one (1) "red" and one (1) "blue" – composed of two (2) Teams each, compete in matches consisting of a fifteen (15) second Autonomous Period, followed by a one minute and forty-five second (1:45) Driver Controlled Period. In the VEX Robotics Competition teams of students are tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom **STEM concepts** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) are put to the test as students learn lifelong skills in **teamwork, leadership, communications**, and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels and culminate at the VEX Robotics World Championship each April!

The St. John High Robotics team will be hosting two meets in St. John this year. Mark your calendars for a couple of FUN Saturday mornings! Our first meet will be held on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> and the second on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for both meets will be the same. The January meet, however, will be open to more teams. The November meet will have 24 teams and the January meet will have 36. Robotics events are very fast paced and fun to watch. Spectators would have the best experience watching between 10 and noon. The event is "come and go" with new rounds starting every 5 minutes.



The schedule for both November 17 and January 26 follows:

### St. John High School Main Gym

- 7:30 am Doors open, Check-in begins, Inspections begin
- 9:30 am Drivers' meeting
- 10:00 am Qualification rounds begin **\*\***(This is when spectators should arrive.)**\*\***
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Qualification rounds resume
- 1:30 pm Alliance Selection for Elimination Rounds
- 2:00 pm Elimination Rounds begin
- 3:00 pm Elimination Rounds end
- 3:00 pm Awards
- 4:00 pm Event closed

### If we can run ahead of schedule, we


**will!** If all qualification rounds can be run before lunch, we will do so. Elimination Rounds will run after lunch.

Hosting these events is a great opportunity for our school and community. The robotics team and Mrs. Sayler-Siefkes need A LOT of volunteers and help to make these events a success. Please, contact Mrs. Sayler-Siefkes ([siefkes@usd350.com](mailto:siefkes@usd350.com)) if you are willing to help in any of the following ways:

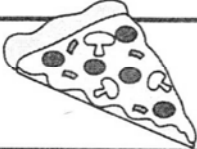
- Set up the arenas the Friday evening before the event (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Host or help with concessions
- Be a field "re-setter" (You will be trained prior to the event.)
- Be a visiting team host or hostess
- Tear down the arenas directly after the event ends on Saturday

To find out more about robotics competitions visit [vexrobotics.com](http://vexrobotics.com). The robotics team thanks you – in advance - for your support and assistance.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

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LABOR DAY!!	Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Peas Slice Peas Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Milk	Italian Pasta Bake Green Beans Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk				
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