



Purpose - Passion - Pride

U.S.D. #350 St. John- Hudson

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February 2016

Superintendent's Corner

Recently, the Lion's Club hosted the 48th annual Mid-Winter Classic basketball tournament at SJH. This is a great community event that brings a lot of people into our school and is a good fundraiser for the Lion's Club. It takes a lot of community volunteers to make it work and they deserve appreciation. I'd like to express thanks to Rick Hunley and all of the Lions Club volunteers for their efforts to put together such a great event. Even though the Tigers did not finish with the championship, the tournament was a success.

Ordinary citizens doing extraordinary work: that's how to describe our local board of education. These seven individuals are our friends and neighbors who are creating a future for every child in our community. In the Board room hangs a poster that says "Vision: the best way to see the future is to create it." This is what they do for the kids in our district; they create the future for our students.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members make. They spend many hours preparing to make decisions, participating in meetings and attending school activities and events. They are held accountable for the decisions they make, and do all of this as volunteers.

The month of January has marked the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month. This gives us a chance to say "thank you" to those who serve our community as Board of Education members. USD 350 board members are: Chad Fisher (president), Barb Alpers (vice president), Carl Behr, Darin Brummer, Vance Fisher, Derek Foote, and Debby Waddle.

The 2016 Kansas legislative session has begun. One of the most pressing issues they must deal with is the budget. Since the majority of the school district's operational budget is provided by the state general fund, the financial health of Kansas is of serious concern for USD 350.



The governor did not mention this in his recent state of the state address, but there is a fundamental problem with the state's budget. Expenses are outpacing revenues and cash reserves are dwindling. This is not an editorial comment; it is a statement of fact. How this problem will be fixed is a question for our legislators.

It's been promised that state aid for K-12 education will not be cut during this budget year or the next. However, flat funding makes it difficult to cover annual cost increases. In addition, these state funding concerns are compounded by our own local struggles. It is probably not news to readers that grain and oil prices are low. This is tough on individuals and businesses in our community. It also has a dramatic influence on property values and the district's tax base.

The board and staff are continually looking to improve our schools. Some examples of potential improvements include adding robotics classes, a housing project for our construction classes, updating elementary reading materials, and a one-to-one computer initiative for high school students. Serious questions about the state's ability to fund public education, combined with the tough local economy, make it difficult to make decisions about these and other initiatives to move our school district forward.

Times are tough for our school budget much like it is for others in the community. Things will be tricky as we plan for next year. But as the poster in our board room says, we must continue have the vision to create the future for our students.

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 meyer.j@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





FCCLA ANNUAL

HEART COOKIE SALE

Delivery - FEB 12th



**Cookies \$1 each or
\$11.00 a dozen**



**Pre-orders by Feb 5th
thru Mrs. Patterson**

Call SJH 620-549-3277 or

Email: pattersons@usd350.com



Soup Supper

Volunteer/Food Donation List

It is Soup Supper time and we need your help. The Soup Supper will be on Friday, February 12th, 2016 during the home basketball game against Victoria. We need workers and food donations. We have attached both the food donation list and workers schedule. Whatever you can do, will be APPRECIATED!!!!!!!. If you can let us know by responding to this post or contacting any of the board members: LaDona Garcia, Alisa Fisher, Amy McVey, Jill Burbank, Mandy Sanders, or Rachel Burns. We need to know by January 30th, so we can make plans. Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BOOSTER CLUB SOUP SUPPER FOOD DONATIONS

Friday, Feb. 12, 2016
St. John vs. Victoria

* Please deliver food to school before 4:00 PM. THX!
(Non-refrigerated items can be placed in the first science room in the JH hall.)

SOUPS		CAKES	
CHILI	Roasters	Angel Food Cake	
1		1	
2		2	
3			
4			
		Chocolate Sheet Cake	
CHILI	Crockpot	1	
1		2	
2		3	
3		4	
4			
5			
6		1	
7		2	
8		3	
		4	
		5	
CHICKEN NOODLE		Other Cake	
	Roaster		
1			
2			
3			
CHICKEN NOODLE		PIES	
	Crockpot	Cherry Pie	
1			
2		1	Apple Pie
		2	
VEGETABLE SOUP		Peach Pie	
	Roaster		Chocolate pie
1		1	
VEGETABLE SOUP		Coconut Cream Pie	
	Crockpot		Pumpkin Pie
1		1	
2		2	
		3	
POTATO SOUP		Pecan Pie	
	Roaster		Cherry Cheesecake
1		1	
2		2	
		3	
POTATO SOUP		Misc. Cheesecakes	
	Crockpot		Other
1		1	
2		2	
		3	
		4	

BOOSTER CLUB SOUP SUPPER WORK SCHEDULE			
Friday, Feb. 12, 2016			
St. John vs. Victoria			
* Please arrive at 2:30 for set up.			
* Begin serving at 5:00. (Non-refrigerated items can be placed in the first science room in the JH hall.)			
PLEASE HELP WHERE NEEDED IF NECESSARY			
SET UP 2:30 - 4:30:	Set up tables, soups, desserts, serving line;		
	get ice, make drinks & fill cups, put up signs, set up cashier table.		
1		9	
2		10	
3		11	
4		12	
5		13	
6		14	
7		15	
SOUP SUPPER			
4:00-6:00			
Cashier:			
Workers:			
1		6	
2		7	
3		8	
4		9	
5		10	
6:00-8:00			
(BUSIEST TIME)			
Cashier:	1		2
Workers:			
1		9	
2		10	
3		11	
4		12	
5		13	
6		14	
7		15	
8		16	
8:00-Cleanup			
Cashier:			
Workers:			
1		7	
2		8	
3		9	
4		10	
5		11	
6		12	

Booster Club SOUP SUPPER

Meal prices (includes soup, dessert, drink)

Adults	\$6
Sr. Citizens	\$4
Students (K-12) ...	\$3

A la carte

Soup \$3 Dessert \$2

**St. John Tigers vs. Victoria Knights &
Squires basketball game**

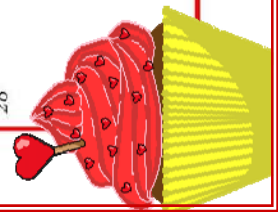
February 12th @ 5:00 pm

Come Enjoy Some Soup & Basketball!!!



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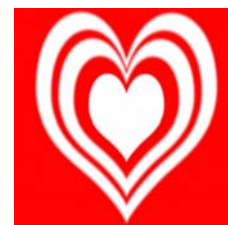
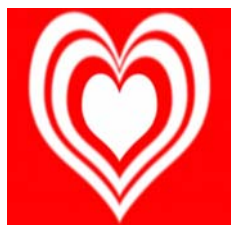
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1 4:00pm JH CPL BB Tourney @ Ellinwood 4:00pm HS CPL Scholar's Bowl @ Victoria	2 4:00pm HS BB @ Norwich	3 10:30am CPL Meeting PROGRESS RE- PORTS	4 4:00pm JH CPL BB Tourney Finals @ Ellinwood	5 4:00pm HS BB @ Claflin Kay Unit Conference @ Kinsley	6 ACT EXAM Regional Piano Festival		
	SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK							
7	8 7:00pm BOE Meeting	9 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs LaCrosse	10 6:30pm Kansas Honors Program	11 6:30pm Kay Mother/Son Banquet	12 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Victoria HOMECOMING	13 State Scholar's Bowl 9:30pm-11:30pm Homecoming		
	FCCLA HEART COOKIE SALES KATETTE HEART SISTER WEEK							
14	15 NO SCHOOL Staff Development	16 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Kiowa County	17	18 7:00PM Kayette Mother/Daughter Banquet	19 4:00pm HS BB @ Macksville	20 State Piano Festival		
	FCCLA WEEK							
21 2:00pm NHS Induc- tion	22	23 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Otis-Bison	24	25 4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Cimarron Winter Sports Senior Night	26	27		
	KMEA WORKSHOP							
28	29 Spring Sports Practi- ces May Begin TBD-Sub-State BB (Girls)	January 2016				March 2016		
		Sun 3	Mon 4	Tue 5	Wed 6	Thu 7	Fri 8	Sat 9
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		31						
		Sun 6	Mon 7	Tue 8	Wed 9	Thu 10	Fri 11	Sat 12
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		27	28	29	30	31		





SJH SAFE team proudly displays the schools SAFE banner with stickers applied by students and staff quoting why they wear their seat belts. Some of the quotes included: “I love my family, I don’t want to die, I want protection, I don’t want a fine or I’m not dumb”.

SJH SAFE team will be continuing to remind the school and community to wear their seat belts and hold their monthly pledges for students with prize drawings until May.





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