



Purpose - Passion - Pride

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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

December 2016

Superintendent's News

On my desk I have many sticky notes. Written on them are bible verses, inspirational quotes, and a comment about me being the "best dad ever." My children write these notes for me and they help me keep a positive attitude at work.

One of these notes says, "Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder." The looming budget crisis in Kansas makes it difficult for this superintendent to focus on anything other than money. We have some really great things happening here in USD 350, so let me start this article with the positives.

SJH recently celebrated its first state cross country championship in a generation. Congratulations to Coach Delp and Coach Smith and the boys on a great season. We are proud of you!

Leah and Tyler Alpers have initiated an effort to recruit producers to donate beef to our school cafeteria. Students get the benefit of locally raised, quality beef for school lunches; the school district will benefit from reduced costs; and producers may receive a tax benefit for their donation. Anyone may donate to the Education Foundation to help with processing costs. In addition, Stafford County Flour Mills is donating flour needed for school lunches.



This Farm-to-School program will do more than just help the bottom line. This will help our students understand the connection between our local farms and what is served for lunch. For more information on the program, see our website or contact the district office.

Volunteers from the SJH Kay and Kayette clubs are serving as "Big Tiger" mentors for some of our elementary students. Each week, the Big Tiger mentors meet with their paired student to talk about how things are going. This provides one more person in a student's life that he or she can talk to and look up to. This program is beneficial for our young students as well as those serving as mentors.

I won't wade too deep into any discussion of the recent election but on the positive side, it looks like the people of Kansas have elected legislators that will be more supportive of public education than the last

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group. On the negative side, it might not matter how supportive they are because the budget is such a disaster.

The Kansas budget for the 2017 fiscal year was developed with the assumption that Kansas would end the year with \$6 million in the bank. Revenue has come in well under what was expected for the first four months of the year. At this point, the governor and newly-elected legislature must work to fill a \$350 million hole in this year's budget to end the year in the black.

The budget situation in Kansas is dire. We all know that times are tough for some areas of our economy, especially in our part of the state. But this problem reaches well beyond a simple downturn in the economy. Reserve funds have been spent down and the transportation fund has been raided to the point that dozens of road projects are now on hold. This state has a fundamental budget problem and it is affecting public education in Kansas.

After years of flat funding, I have a real concern that we will see funding cuts in the very near future. Your board of education has worked hard to make adjustments and be more efficient. Further funding cuts will be very detrimental to the education we provide to students in the St. John-Hudson community. This is not a political statement; it is simply the way it is.

With the unusually warm weather this fall, it's easy to forget that hazardous winter weather may be right around the corner. When adverse weather makes it necessary to close or delay school, every effort will be made to make this decision by 5:00 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 or check our website if you need more information about the messaging system.

Cold weather also brings concerns about outdoor recess. Being active and getting exercise is an important part of the school day. Students should always come to school with proper clothing to be outside for recess. School policy guidelines state that we keep kids indoors for recess if the wind chill temperature is 15 degrees or lower or if there is significant moisture. Keep in mind that these are guidelines and common sense will always prevail. A note from a doctor or a daily parental note is generally required if a child needs to stay inside because of health reasons.

On behalf of the Board of Education and staff of USD 350, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season. 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



JH/HS News

The past month has been busy in the junior high and high school. Fall sports recently completed their season. The highlight of the season was our boys cross country team, who brought home the school's 4th state cross country championship and first in 41 years. Individually, A.J. Miller and Triston Long each received individual medals for placing 17th and 19th. On the girls side, Shayla Garcia qualified as an individual runner.

Additionally, we had several individuals named to the All Central Prairie League Team. Bailey Burns was named 2nd team in volleyball. Dorian Berisha (1st team kicker), Troy Devine (2nd team defensive lineman), Jorge Calleros (honorable mention defensive back), Eddy Ibarra (honorable mention punter), and Alexis Valenzuela (honorable mention receiver) received honors in football.



Several students have been honored in the music department. Taylor Clark was named to the SWKMEA District Honor Band, while Erin Crissman, Bree Meyer, and Olivia Falk were all named to the District Honor Choir. Several of our junior high students were also named to the SWKMEA Middle School District Honor Choir, including Jessica Owens, Darby Smith, Payton Meyer, Kaylynn Claussen, Hailey Robertson, and Trinidad Garcia. What a great group of individuals we have representing our school!

As a school, one of our goals is to expose students to various postsecondary opportunities. This month, our sophomore class had the opportunity to tour Wichita State University and Wichita Technical College. Our junior class attended the Career Expo in Hutchinson, where they had an opportunity to interact with various colleges, technical schools, and employers. Other similar trips are planned for other grade levels in the future. These are great opportunities for our students to explore opportunities that are available after high school.

These are just some of the great things going on in our school. To stay up to date with some of the other happenings, I encourage you to like us on Facebook (St. John-Hudson Tigers USD 350) or follow us on Twitter (@stjohntigers).

It's a great year to be a Tiger!

~ Travis Olive, 7-12 Principal



USD #350

DECEMBER**2016**

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
						1 BREAKFAST		2 BREAKFAST	
						French Toast Sticks Pears Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk		Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	
						LUNCH		LUNCH	
						Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk		Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomatoes Corn Peaches Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	
5 BREAKFAST	6 BREAKFAST	7 BREAKFAST	8 BREAKFAST	9 BREAKFAST					
Pancake on Stick Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Orange Juice Cereal Milk					
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Chicken Tetraxini Mixed Vegetables Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk	Chili Relish Plate Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Crackers Cinnamon Roll Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomatoes Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk					
12 BREAKFAST	13 BREAKFAST	14 BREAKFAST	15 BREAKFAST	16 BREAKFAST					
Breakfast Bites Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Pop tart Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk					
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Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Pears Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tater Wedges Corn Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Hamburger/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk					
19 BREAKFAST	20 BREAKFAST	21 BREAKFAST	22 BREAKFAST	23 BREAKFAST					
Pancake on Stick Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk	NO SCHOOL !!	NO SCHOOL !!	NO SCHOOL !!					
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH					
Sausage Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk	Turkey & Dressing Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Cherry Crisp Hot Roll Milk	This institution is an equal opportunity provider	NO SCHOOL !!	NO SCHOOL !!					
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DECEMBER 2016

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28	29	30	31			

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	5:45pm JH BB (H) vs Fairfield TBD-HS-BB-@ Larned Keady-Classic	HS BB @ Larned Keady Classic VG-5:00 PM VB-6:30 PM	10:30am CPL Meeting 1:20PM SCHOOL DISMISSAL Staff Development	TBD-HS BB @ Larned Keady Classic	TBD-HS BB @ Larned Keady Classic	ACT Exam TBD-HS BB @ Larned Keady Classic
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5:00pm JH BB @ Ellinwood 6:00pm BOE Meeting	4:00pm HS BB @ Central Plains	9:30am Class Leadership @ Fairfield 3:00pm JH/HS Winter Sports Pictures	7:00pm 5th-8th Winter Concert (Auditorium)	4:00pm HS BB (H) Cunningham	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	7:00pm HS Winter Concert (Auditorium)	END OF 1st SEMESTER				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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4:00pm JH BB @ Victoria

2

4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Skyline

3

SW KMEA HS District Choir and Band @ Dodge City HS

FCCLA Secret Santa Tree Ribbon Sale

NO SCHOOL-CHRISTMAS BREAK

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SJH Kicks off 2016-17 SAFE program

This years S.A.F.E.(Seatbelts are for Everyone) team is focusing on distracted driving. On Tuesday, November 8th, Miss Kansas, Kendall Schoenekase , presented her platform, "Stay Alive, Don't Text and Drive", to SJH 7-12th graders , their teachers and administration. Students viewed video clips, statistics, and other information about the dangers and financial costs texting, and other distracted driving practices that lead to death and injury.

Miss Kansas also entertained the audience with a couple of musical songs that she used in her competition for at Miss Kansas and Miss American pageants. Other attendees in the audience included Stafford High SAFE team, Rep. Greg Lewis, Stafford County EMS & Sheriff, St. John Police, Trooper Jeff Schwave and the Pratt Tribune.



**Stay Alive, Don't
Text and Drive**

By Kendall Schoenekase
Miss Kansas 2016

Supported by the Kansas Department of Transportation

SJHS FCCLA Food Bank Bowl 2016

The cool, breezy autumn air did not keep the 'girls of fall' away from the St. John High School Powder Puff Food Bank Bowl on November 3rd. Following the crowning of Queen, Charity Fisher (Chase) and King, Cody Taylor (Julia), 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. Twenty-minute halves slid by quickly, with the Blue Team winning 14 to 12.

The crowd was also entertained by the chants and dancing from the boy cheerleaders. Thanks to all that participated, donated and attended the game. FCCLA collected 315 items of food and sold \$95 of hot chocolate that was donated to the Second Chance food bank in St. John.



Booster Club Apparel



Available in White or Heather Grey



Hats, Polos and Jewelry will also be available.

Watch for the **TIGER** Spiritwear Table at Basketball games

Booster Club Board Members:

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Sara Fisher | Kristel Meyer | Amelia Romo | Becky Reed | Jill Christie |
| Sarah Delp | Denise Miller | Rachel Burns | Michelle Taylor | Gina Schwein |

Buy a ribbon for our tree!

SJH FCCLA will be selling ribbons to go on the high school Christmas tree for Secret Santa. Each **\$1** donation will help buy an entire outfit for a child in need in our community!

Ribbon Sales will run from Dec. 1st
thru Dec. 16th.

Thank you and Happy Holidays from

St. John High FCCLA

Call Mrs. Patterson at SJH for
more information.



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