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USD 350 St. John-Hudson Newsletter

October 2016

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

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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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Official enrollment numbers for USD 350 were submitted to the state recently. The number of students enrolled in Preschool through 12th grade is up slightly from last year to 361. Enrollment over the past twelve years has declined significantly. However, over the past eight years, the average class size has remained pretty steady around 24 students per class.

SJH has 108 students in high school which puts us in the 2A classification for activities and athletics. The senior class is the largest class in the district and the 8th grade class is the smallest. While we expect district enrollment numbers to remain fairly steady, we will likely see a large drop in high school numbers next year.

The ongoing battle about public education funding in Kansas continues. The court case involves two parts: equity and adequacy. The question of whether schools are funded equitably was settled last spring. The current question is whether school funding is adequate or not.

Recently the KS Supreme Court heard arguments from the state and school districts about the adequacy of school funding. While this is an important question to answer, at this point it almost seems irrelevant for two reasons.

First, the state has no money available. There is a chance that state agencies will need to cut budgets during this fiscal year. Adding any funding for public schools this year would require even deeper cuts for other state agencies. This might not be feasible.

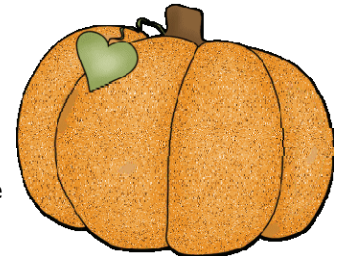
Second is the fact that the block grant system of funding is set to expire at the end of this year. The legislature must create a new funding formula for next year. Education leaders across the state have been working on this for about a year now. This fall, the governor announced that he would like input on the creation of a new funding formula. Kansans have until Nov. 30 to email StudentsFirst@ks.gov to share their thoughts about school funding.

Seeing what we have going on in our classrooms with students is much more enjoyable for me than following legislative happenings or worrying about school finance. Here are a few things going on. We've added a few new classes to our schedule in high school. Robotics, creative writing, and current events are three new electives that we have available at SJH. At the elementary level, staff and students are focused on character development with the Character Counts program.

Ms. Friesen's PE students participated in the bike safety week recently. We would like to thank the following individuals for helping out: Rodney Fox, Nick Lauffer, Norman Cooper, Bill Clausing, Ken Hacker and Officers Story and Brown for helping with the bike inspections and registrations; Will & Jonelle Hudson, Cindy & Jason Crockett, Becky Reed, Rodney Fox, Norman Cooper and Officer Story for helping with the bike rodeo; and Chief Saylor for presenting to the students about bicycle safety and escorting the students around town.

Tyler and Leah Alpers are working with USD 350 in an effort to develop a beef donation program for the school district. This program will be a way for the school district to save costs and provide students with locally sourced food for school lunches. It also provides a mechanism for farmers and ranchers to give tax deductible donations to the school district. Keep an eye out for further information on this program.




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.





MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 BREAKFAST	4 BREAKFAST	5 BREAKFAST	6 BREAKFAST	7 BREAKFAST
Pancake on a Stick Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Pop tart Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Mixed Fruit Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Sausage Pizza Lettuce Salad Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Sliced Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
10 BREAKFAST	11 BREAKFAST	12 BREAKFAST	13 BREAKFAST	14 BREAKFAST
Breakfast Bites Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk
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Corndog Tater Wedges Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Peas Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Peas Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk
17 BREAKFAST	18 BREAKFAST	19 BREAKFAST	20 BREAKFAST	21 BREAKFAST
NO SCHOOL !!!	Pancake on a stick Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Pop Tart Mixed Fruit Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk
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2	3 7:00pm K-4 Elem Music Program (Aud.) 6:00pm JV FB at Pretty Prairie	4 4:00pm HS VB @ Kinsley w/LaCrosse	5 International Walk to School Day (PreK-6th Grade) 10:30am CPL Meeting	6 4:00pm JH/HS XC @ Sterling 4:30p-6:30pm JH VBI FB @ Kinsley	7 7:00pm HS FB @ Canton -Galva Regional Tennis-TBD	8 9:00am JH VB @ Kinsley CPL Varsity Tournament Regional Tennis-TBD																																											
9	10 7:00pm BOE Meeting	11 4:00pm HS VB @ Ness City w/Central Plains	12 School Picture Day	13 9:30am Class Leadership @ St. John 4:00pm HS XC CPL @ Cold-water 4:30p-6:30pm JH VBI FB (H) vs Ellinwood	14 END OF 1st QTR State Tennis-TBD 7:00pm HS FB (H) vs Goessel Homecoming	15 State Tennis- TBD 9:00am HS VB CPL @ Kinsley Homecoming Dance 9:00pm-11:30pm																																											
16	17 NO SCHOOL-Staff Development/Work Day Play Rehearsal-TBD	18 7:00pm 5th-8th Grade-Music Program (Auditorium) Play Rehearsal-TBD	19 PSAT/NMSQT	20 7:00pm HS Fall Concert (Auditorium) Play Rehearsal-TBD	21 7:00pm HS FB @ Central Plains	22 ACT Exam Regional XC-TBD Sub State VB- TBD																																											
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Small Kitchen Appliance Indulgences

SJHS Culinary Essentials students had a chance to enjoy some of the foods of the Kansas State Fair by using the deep fryer method. Deep Fried Oreos and Italian Breaded Mozzarella Sticks were fun to make and eat. Other appliances used and demonstrated were the Ice Cream Freezer, Blender, Crepe Maker, Waffle Iron, and Electric Skillet. Recipes such as Banana Split Ice Cream, Strawberry Sherbet, Banana Chocolate Mousse Crepes, Nutty Chocolate Chip Waffles, Zesty Beef Fajitas, and Country Fried Chicken Tenderloins, were also a hit during the unit. Most students agreed that purchasing and using the small appliances would be a must depending on the size of your kitchen and the limit of personal funds available. Students also had to figure the cost of their recipe and also realized it was cheaper to make the foods at home rather than at a restaurant or other venue such as the state fair.



Trey Fisher and Erin Crissman give a thumbs up to Deep Fried Oreos dusted with powdered sugar on their Ode to State Fair food. The math calculated that they could have sold these for \$5 like the state fair does and make approximately \$90 in about an hour of time. Mrs. Patterson thought that they would receive a blue ribbon if they were judged.



Baylee Schrag shows off her artistic side when plating her Chocolate Cream Filled Nutty Crepes.

St. John High School Fall Musical, 2016

The Sound of Music

The fall musical will be presented by the students on Friday evening, November 11, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday evening, November 12, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 2:00 p.m., in the St. John High School Auditorium. This year we have returned to our directing beginnings. In April of 1994 we presented *The Sound of Music*, and this fall we will present it again, due to the gracious granting of rights from Rodgers and Hammerstein Theatricals, 601 West 26th Street, Suite 312, New York, NY 10001, Tel.800/400.8160, Fax 212/268.1245,

www.rnh.com. Richard Rodgers wrote the music for this classic musical, accompanied by his partner, Oscar Hammerstein II, who wrote the lyrics to the songs. The book was written by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp. Orchestrations were composed by Robert Russell Bennett, with choral arrangements by Trude Rittmann. The part of Maria



von Trapp was played on Broadway by the legendary Mary Martin, while the movie musical so many of us have enjoyed had Julie Andrews in the same part. The version we are presenting is the Broadway version, which is slightly different than the movie. In the movie they had a real abbey, a real man-

sion, a real mountain, etc., etc. to work with. On the stage we do the best we can to portray the story.

We have just begun to cast the play. By the time you read this article, the cast will be known. Mrs. Kinnamon and her students need advance time to prepare the U.S.D. 350 newsletter for October.

The songs you have loved for over 50 years will be there, plus our own young actors and singers trying their best to entertain you. We sincerely hope you will honor us with your presence during at least one performance, if not one or two more.

Wendy Hacker is the director; Jane Bennington produces. The names of the cast and crews will be added to the article for the November newsletter.

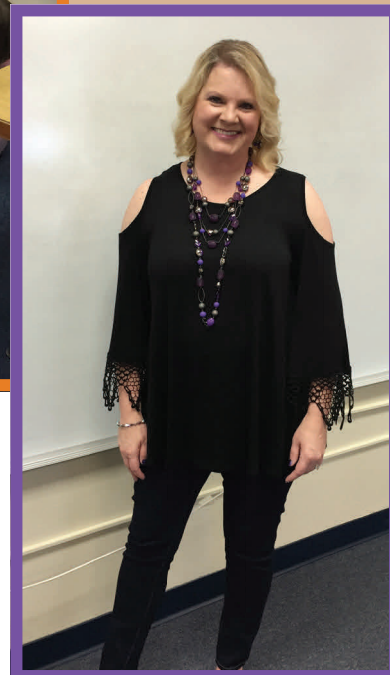


Author Kim Vogel Sawyer Presents to Students

On Friday, September 2nd, author and speaker Kim Vogel Sawyer presented to creative writing and college English students in Mrs. Emery's class. Sawyer shared about her interest in becoming a writer from a young age and how that dream took shape, leading to the 40 books she has published to date. She also spoke with students about the process she goes through in composing a novel and some of the dos and don'ts she's learned along the way.

The presentation was followed by a small group question and answer time for the creative writing students who will be composing their own novels throughout the course of the year as one of their projects for the class.

After presenting to the high school students, Sawyer made her way over to the grade school where she read to Mr. Emery's third grade class. Prior to becoming a full time writer, Sawyer was an elementary teacher, so she was quite at home among the younger grades, and the students were excited about getting to meet and ask questions of an author in person.



Elementary Music Program

“Positive”



October 3, 2016

7:00 PM

Auditorium

Everyone is welcome to attend

OCTOBER REMINDERS

- Oct. 12 School pictures
- Oct. 14 End of 1st Nine Weeks
- Oct. 17 NO SCHOOL (Staff Development)
- Oct. 22 SubState VB @ St. John
Regional XC @ Meade
- Oct. 24 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 27 Senior Night: HS FB vs Little River
- Oct. 28 NO SCHOOL

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