



Purpose - Passion - Pride

USD 350 ST. JOHN-HUDSON NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Superintendent's News

There are always reasons for us to get worried or angry. Whether it's hurricanes, water rights issues, the town grocery store, or national anthem protests, many things affect our lives. Some things we can control and others we cannot.

Sometimes we can still have an influence on these things we cannot control. Author Stephen Covey talks about the "circle of influence" compared to the "circle of concern." When we focus too much on issues outside of our circle of influence, this causes stress. The goal is to invest our time, effort, and worry on those things we can control, or at least influence.

One thing we do not control is mandates from the state. The KS Department of Education has developed a new system of accreditation. Each year the state determines whether school districts are accredited. In past years, the focus was only on test scores in reading and math. The state is now focused on five primary outcomes. They are: 1) high school graduation rate, 2) success after high school, 3) kindergarten readiness 4) social, emotional, and character, and 5) individual plans of study for every student. I'll be sharing more information about these outcomes throughout the school year. Another item that is out of our control is the outcome of the Supreme Court's school finance case. We are still waiting on a ruling. This ruling has the potential to have a big impact on the upcoming legislative session. I'm certain that one issue that will be discussed is carryover cash balances held by school districts. Some assert that Kansas school districts are holding too much money in reserve that could be spent to educate kids.

There are many reasons why school districts have money in reserve. I cannot answer for other school districts, but for USD 350, our goal is to have about two months' worth of expenses in reserve at the end of the year. This amounts to about 16% of yearly operational expenses. As of July 2017, we are a bit short of that goal at 12% of expenses. We carry over funds in July in order manage cash flow through the year and take care of unexpected expenses that may arise.

One must also consider that we receive 19% of our state aid in June. This is after the school year when most expenses are already paid for the year. Essentially, this money must be held in reserve to start the new school year.

Each year, the official enrollment for school districts is counted on September 20th. This year our K-12 student count is right at 300. This is down about 22 from last year. Most of this was expected and is due to losing a large senior class and bringing in a small Kindergarten class. While it's difficult to predict, the enrollment trend seems to be flat for the foreseeable future. For sports and activities, SJH is classified as a 1A school this year.

Good attendance in school is one of the most important factors in student success. Here are a few facts about school attendance from the national group Attendance Works. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 17 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That is about two days a month and is known as chronic absence. By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

The academic impact of missing that much school is the same whether the absences are excused or unexcused. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating. It is critically important for parents to help us ensure that students get to school every day, ready to learn.

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



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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 Tetrazzini 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 Peaches 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
16	BREAKFAST	17	BREAKFAST	18	BREAKFAST	19	BREAKFAST	20	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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	Pepperoni Pizza Corn Lettuce Salad Peaches Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk		Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Slice Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk						

October 2017

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		4:00pm HS VB @ La Crosse w/Kinsley	7:00 am Health Fair 10:00am FB Scheduling meeting @ Salina International Walk to School Day— PreK-6th	4:00pm JH/HS XC @ Sterling 4:30/6:30pm JH VB/ FB v Ness City (H)	7:00pm HS FB vs Canton-Galva (H)	JH CPL Varsity VB Tournament @ Victoria																																																	
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	NO SCHOOL -Staff Development/Workday 7:00pm BOE Meeting	7:00pm 5th-8th Band/Choir <i>Sophomore's College Field Trip</i>	School Picture Day	4:30/6:30pm JH VB/ FB @ Central Plains	7:00pm HS FB vs Central Plains (H) Senior Night	TBD-Regional XC TBD Sub State VB																																																	
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St. John High School Musical, Fall, 2017

Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 11, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 12, 2:00 p.m.
St. John High School Auditorium

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *OKLAHOMA!*

Just before writing this article to announce the above performances, the director and producer received an email from the offices of R&H Theatricals announcing that any production of this well-known musical will be

“Celebrating the birth of musical theatre by producing *OKLAHOMA!* in its 75th anniversary year!” We are proud to be doing this during such an anniversary.

These are the names of the cast as they stand at this writing: **CURLY: Trevor Tanner; AUNT ELLER:**

Taylor Clark; LAUREY: Julia Taylor; WILL PARKER: Braden Witt; ADO ANNIE: Olivia Falk; JUD FRY: Quincy Smith; ALI HAKIM: Chase Fisher; ANDREW CARNES: Riley McCandless; CORD ELAM:

Cashe McVey; IKE SKIDMORE: Trey Fisher; SLIM: Eddy Ibarra; FRED: Trinidad Garcia; GERTIE CUMMINS: Ramsey McVey; ELLEN: Leslie Ramirez (also, understudy for “Laurey”); KATE: Diana Dove-Long; VIVIAN: Shayla Garcia (also, understudy for “Aunt Eller”); VIRGINIA: Bree Meyer; GIRL:

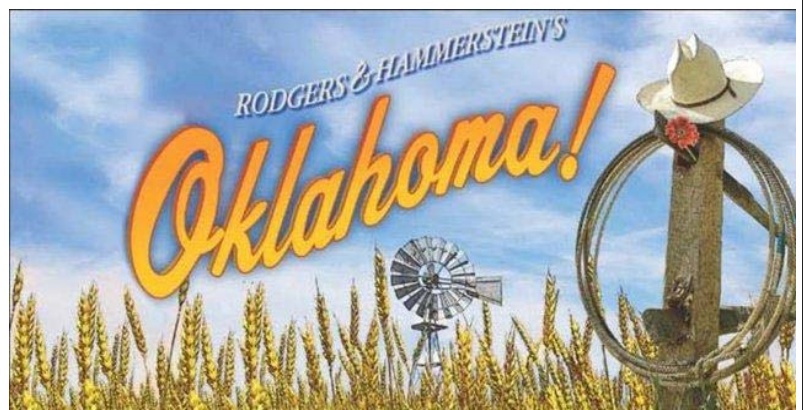
Dayton Long (also, understudy for “Ado Annie”); FARM GIRL: Tara Nelson; JOE: Jeff Lyon; WOMEN/GIRLS CHORUS: Tara Nelson, Alexis Moss, Melissa Williamson, Jackie Rios, Darby Smith, Riley Burbank, Anyela Valenzuela, Torre Fisher, Erin Crissman, Paige Doran. MEN/BOYS CHORUS: Clayton Huston, Trinidad Garcia, Jeff Lyon, Eddy Ibarra, Jonathan Lyon; LITTLE GIRLS: Blayr Doggett, Mackenzie Hacker, August Siefkes, Addi Ward.

Our **STUDENT DIRECTOR** will be Torre Fisher; in the **LIGHT/SOUND BOOTH** will be Jordan Willinger-James, Brianna Banks, and Kyle Burke; the **KEY GRIP:** Cashe McVey; **GRIPS:** Tanner Halling, AJ Miller, Clayton Huston, Eddy Ibarra, Jeff Lyon, and Jaden Reed. There are several others serving on other crews which will include America Fernandez, and Jacquelin Ramirez, and many others from the on-stage cast.

Our **DIRECTOR** is Wendy Hacker, **GUEST ASSISTANT-DIRECTOR:** Kendra Hacker, and **PRODUCER,** Jane Bennington.

Any other details we find as we go through the rehearsal process will be listed in the November School Newsletter and/or the program itself.

Please make plans to attend one or more of these performances. We're gonna have lots of fun!! Hope to see “all ya'll” there!!!



Jr./Sr. High Conferences to Take on New Format

This year, some changes will be made to our parent-teacher conferences. Instead of the traditional teacher-led conferences where parents visit each of their child's teachers and the child is usually not present, we are transitioning to a student-led model. With this set-up, students attend and lead discussions with their parents about a variety of items. These discussions will take place in the classroom of the students' L/S teachers.

Among areas that will be covered are potential career interests identified through Career Cruising, an online self-exploration and planning tool utilized by the school. This can then lead to further discussions between the child and parent such as potential colleges or technical schools offering postsecondary training in this area, opportunities to job shadow, and courses students should be taking during their high school career. Time will also be devoted to discussing grades and items related to classroom performance. I anticipate that this student-led conference will last about 10 to 15 minutes.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

To provide more information on these conferences and reasons for making the change, I will be providing a brief presentation at the top of each hour (3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00) on this evening for anyone interested. After that time, you could head to your student-led conferences to begin discussions with your child.

For these conferences to truly be effective and relevant discussions held, it is important that both the student and parent are in attendance. After the conference is complete, parents will have the opportunity to visit some of their child's teachers if they choose. However, I believe with this new format and discussions already being held between the parent and student about classroom performance, it will not be necessary to visit every teacher.

As the October 23 date draws closer, letters will be sent home with more information about this night. I am looking forward to a new set-up and productive night that will benefit our students. ~ Travis Olive, Principal

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