



**Purpose - Passion - Pride**

# USD #350 St. John-Hudson Newsletter

March 2020

## SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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Before I write my article each month I will usually look back at past years' articles to see if there are things I need bring up during a particular time of year. When I looked back at the article from March 2019, I read the following words:

*"I am sad to see that Representative Greg Lewis resigned his position in the Kansas House of Representatives. Greg is a great man and has been an advocate for public education and the kids in our community, among other things. I admire him for making tough decisions based on what is best for the people he represents. He never got his marching orders from special interest groups or was beholden to any outside interests. That genuine statesmanship seems to be a rarity in our political climate today. Thank you, Rep. Lewis for your service."*

One year after Rep. Lewis resigned from office, he left this mortal world for a better home with the Lord. In this politically charged atmosphere where it seems we are constantly forced to pick one side or the other, Greg exemplified the idea of doing what is right regardless of political aspirations or affiliations. More should follow his example. His service to the state, our community, our school district, and his family is to be admired.

In addition to our typical school activities like sports and music, we have a few new things going on. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade robotics team recently took four teams to Garden City for a competition. All four teams made it to the finals. The team of Juan Ibarra and Maylin Sanders brought home the first place trophy in the overall team driving competition. Earlier in the month, the team competed in Ness City where Frances Duntz and Jace Reyes placed 10<sup>th</sup> and Juan and Maylin were 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are proud of our students and their coach Danny Smith.



Students in grades six and up have the opportunity to participate in a trap shooting club this spring. Allen Adams and Tom Fischer are organizing the club. Students will compete in the Kansas Clay Target League where they shoot locally and submit scores online. The state competition will be held in Sedgwick in June.

Early education is an important focus for our district. Our goal is to ensure that every student who enters Kindergarten is ready to learn. Our district offers free preschool for all students ages 3 and up. All new preschool students MUST attend a screening to be eligible to attend our preschool. The screenings help us identify specific student needs and help us plan for the upcoming school year.



There will be a preschool screening on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00 at the Church of Christ in St. John. Call 620-549-3504 to schedule an appointment. Other screenings are available but this is the only one held in St. John. Contact the elementary office with any questions.

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> also at the Church of Christ. More information about roundup will be coming next month.

Another aspect of preparing students for school is our Parents-As-Teachers program. Johnna Stanford is our PAT director and Carol Siefkes is the PAT educator. They are available to work with families with young children. Please contact the elementary office if you would like more information on the Parents-As-Teachers

program. The PAT office is located in the building just south of the library.



We are grateful to SJN Bank for donating rent for use of this building.

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](mailto: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



The St. John SAFE team wants you to buckle up.  
Enforcement time.



# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Golf/Track Practice Begins	3	4 JH Music Festival 6:30pm All-League BB @ BCCC	5	6	7
8	9 2:30 Dismissal 3:00-9:00 Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:00pm BOE Meeting JH CPL Scholar's Bowl @ Central Plains	10 TBD-Play Rehearsal	11 <b>No School</b>	12 <b>Sub-State Basketball @ Pratt or Dodge (TBD)</b>	13 <b>No School</b>	14 <b>State Basketball @ Dodge-TBD</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 TBD-Play Rehearsal	24 Kay/Kayette 5th & 6th BB Tour TBD-Play Rehearsal	25	26 TBD-Play Rehearsal	27	28 Regional Music - Solo/Sm Ens. @ Larned
29	30 TBD-Play Rehearsal	31 3:00pm FR/SO Track @ Larned 6:30pm CPL Honors Banquet @ Macksville				

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>3 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>4 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>5 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>6 BREAKFAST</b>
Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Sliced Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	NO SCHOOL!!	French Toast Sticks Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Cowboy Cavatini Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Cookie Milk	JH Music Festival	Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk
<b>9 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>10 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>11 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>12 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>13 BREAKFAST</b>
Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Pears Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	NO SCHOOL!!
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
CornDog French Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Italian Pasta Bake Tossed Salad Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Hamburger/Bun Tater Wedges Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	NO SCHOOL!!
<b>16 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>17 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>18 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>19 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>20 BREAKFAST</b>
NO SCOOOL!!!	NO SCHOOL!!	NO SCHOOL!!	NO SCHOOL!!	NO SCHOOL!!
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
SPRING BREAK!!	SPRING BREAK!!	SPRING BREAK!!	SPRING BREAK!!	SPRING BREAK!!
<b>23 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>24 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>25 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>26 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>27 BREAKFAST</b>
Pancake on a Stick Pears Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
Hamburger Gravy Whipped Potatoes Green Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tossed Salad Baby Carrots Peaches Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetable Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Pineapple Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk
<b>30 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>31 BREAKFAST</b>			
Pancake on a Stick Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk			
<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>			
Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Pilaf Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	We are proud to serve Locally Grown Beef and Grain Products!	This institution is an equal equal opportunity Provider and employer	



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

# Come One, Come All To the Presentation of Dreams From the Fall

This fall, the 7th and 8th grade classes embarked on a learning discovery. Aptly named Genius Hour, students brainstormed topics they were interested in. The requirement for the topic was that it was not a topic that was covered in school, but was a topic they were interested in or passionate about. The culmination of these learning hours will be held with presentations from students on **Monday, March 9 from 7-8 PM in the old gym** at the St. John school. Similar to a science fair, attendees may walk around and listen to multiple students' presentations.



100 Minutes of Genius  
20 Percent Time  
20 Percent Project  
Passion Time  
Fed Ex Day  
Montessori Method  
Curiosity Friday  
Google s 20 Percent Time  
Innovation Day  
Google Time  
**Genius Hour by any other name**  
**Is still Student-Directed Passionate Learning**  
An Hour of Wonder  
**Genius Hour**