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USD 350 St. John-Hudson Newsletter

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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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SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

The St. John Lion's Club has hosted the Mid-Winter Classic boys' basketball tournament for the last 52 years. This is a great community event where many community members volunteer their time and talents to make the tournament a success.

With Lion's Club membership being limited, the guys have decided to turn this tournament over to the school next year. We appreciate all of the Lion's Club members and volunteers who have put on a great tournament over the past half century. I want to especially thank Rick Hunley, Vic Martin, Jerry Mattocks, and Mike Christie for leading this effort in recent years.

It has been a struggle for the past few years to get a full slate of 8 teams in the tournament. One reason is that many schools are moving to tournaments that have both boys and girls games during the same week. The lady Tigers play in the Hilltop Classic tournament at Barton Community College. This tournament has also lost teams and will no longer be a viable tournament next year.

This is now a good time to revamp the Mid-Winter Classic into a combined boys and girls tournament. We will continue to host a great mid-season basketball tournament and will be working out the details of the new tournament format in the coming year. Stay tuned for more details.

This time of year it's expected that we will have some challenges with winter weather. Our priority is always the safety of students and staff. However, I also understand that it is a burden on families when school is cancelled or delayed. We do our best to keep school in session and running on time whenever it is safe to do so. If you, as a parent, ever feel that conditions are not safe to send your child to school, the school district will respect your decision to keep your student at home.

January is School Board Recognition Month. I would like to thank each of our board of education members for their incredible service to our community and our public schools. School board members develop policies and make important decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are entrusted by this community with the responsibility of an annual budget of \$5 million, 350 students, and 75 employees.

Please join us as we thank our school board members for volunteering their time, for fulfilling this very important civic responsibility, and for advocating on behalf of every child in our community. The men and women serving the St. John-Hudson school district are: Derek Foote (president), Carl Behr (vice president), Darin Brummer, Vance Fisher, Raymond Long, Shawn Ward, and Debby Waddle.



The Kansas legislative session is under way. Since public education is a large portion of the state's budget, this is a continual topic of discussion in Topeka. One particular topic that is getting a lot of attention is the funding for "at-risk" students. Some are concerned that the state's at-risk dollars are going to help all kids, not just those that are struggling.

In our schools we use at-risk money for reading and math programs, special software, and benchmark testing. Most of the dollars go to hire staff. We have teacher aides that help in the classroom, small groups, or one-on-one. We also employ an adequate number of teachers to keep class sizes low.

Much of the at-risk funding we get helps ALL kids, not just at-risk students. So when one claims that at-risk funding is used to help the general student population, they are correct. However, it does not mean it is bad simply because it is helping every kid be successful. As a simple example, consider a grade with 30 kids where 15 of them are considered at-risk.

One option would be to hire two teachers for this grade and assign the kids that struggle and those that don't equally to the two teachers. Then use at-risk funds to pay 50% of each teachers' salary. These dollars are helping all kids by ensuring that we don't have one teacher with 30 students.

The other option would be to put all of the at-risk students in one class and the rest in another class. Then use at-risk funds to pay 100% of the at-risk teacher's salary and none for the other. This second scenario allows us to report that at-risk funds are spent exclusively on at-risk kids. This might make a Topeka politician happy. However, it does not make sense from an educational perspective to put all of the kids that struggle into one separate class.

The number of at-risk kids served and the dollars spent are equal in both of these scenarios. But the second one will likely have a negative effect on student achievement. At-risk funding is an important part of our school budget and in most school districts is used efficiently to help those that need the most help.

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 30 Superintendent



FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 JHBB CPL Tourney @ Kinsley
2	3 JHBB CPL Tourney @ Kinsley TBD-Play Rehearsal HS CPL Scholar's Bowl @ LaCrosse	4 4:00pm HSBB @ Hoisington Kay conference @ Ellinwood	5	6 JHBB CPL Tourney @ Kinsley TBD-Play Rehearsal	7 4:00pm HSBB v Central Plains (H) PreK Friday	8 ACT Exam 2:00 HSBB @ Ness City (makeup from Jan. 10)
9	10 4:00pm HSBB @ Cimarron	11 4:00pm HSBB v LaCrosse (H)	12	13 6:30pm Kay Mother/Son Banquet TBD-Play Rehearsal	14 Homecoming 4:00pm HSBB v Victoria (H)	15 9:00pm-11:30pm Homecoming Dance
16	17 No School Staff Development TBD-Play Rehearsal 6:00pm BOE Meeting	18 <i>Senior Night</i> 4:00pm HSBB v South Central (H)	19	Kayette Heart Sister Week		22
23 2:00pm NHS Induction	24	25 Kansas ACT	26 8th Grade Career Fair BCCC Kansas Workkeys	27 End of 3rd 9 weeks State KMEA	21 4:00pm HSBB @ Macksville	29 State KMEA
					28 No School Staff dev/Workday State KMEA ACT Registration Deadline for 4/4/20 Exam	
HSBB Regionals @ St. John						

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 BREAKFAST	4 BREAKFAST	5 BREAKFAST	6 BREAKFAST	7 BREAKFAST
Breakfast Bites Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Garden Salad Baby Carrots Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Peas Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
10 BREAKFAST	11 BREAKFAST	12 BREAKFAST	13 BREAKFAST	14 BREAKFAST
Pancake on A Stick Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk
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Lasagna Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
17 BREAKFAST	18 BREAKFAST	19 BREAKFAST	20 BREAKFAST	21 BREAKFAST
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider	Pancake on a Stick Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Mixed Fruit Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
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NO SCHOOL!!!	Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk	Chili Relish Plate Sliced Pears Cinnamon Roll Crackers Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Tossed Salad Green Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Sloppy Joe/Bun French Fries Baby Carrots Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
24 BREAKFAST	25 BREAKFAST	26 BREAKFAST	27 BREAKFAST	28 BREAKFAST
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Huntington Chicken Garden Salad Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Hamburger/Bun Tater Wedges Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk	Cheese Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	NO SCHOOL!!!



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

SJHS postponed games @ Ness City *(from Jan. 10)*

RESCHEDULED to
Sat., February 8, 2020
Games start at 2:00

♥ *Happy* ♥
Valentines Day

