



Purpose - Passion - Pride

U.S.D. #350 St. John– Hudson

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Superintendent's Corner

What does it mean for students to be college and career ready? If I were to ask community members whether or not all students should go to college, most would say no. We typically think of a “college” education as obtaining a 4-year university degree. If I rephrase that question to ask whether all students should get some sort of education or training after high school, more would probably respond in the positive.

Consider that in the 1970’s, 28% of the jobs in the U.S. required more than a high school diploma. By the year 2020, this rises to 64%. That number will be even higher in Kansas where it is expected that over 71% of the jobs will require education beyond high school.

Now, we all know people who have been very successful without a formal education. One can be very successful without a degree or certificate. However, our mission is to prepare kids to be successful in their adult lives. We want them to have the best chance for success. If 71% of the jobs will require some post-secondary education, we must prepare SJHS graduates for that world.

So, how are we doing with that? We know that 88% of SJHS students in the class of 2007 enrolled in post-secondary institutions and 46% of the class completed a certificate or degree program. These figures are better than the state average, but the completion rate is short of the 71% target in the year 2020. To improve, we focus on a few things: career exploration, providing new and different course options, and requiring a plan of study for each student in high school.

Another way we ensure students are prepared for success is to ensure they have access to quality technology tools. Our students are digital natives. They are growing up with technology in their hands and have never known a time when the internet did not exist. In recent years, we have added more technology resources our schools, but we are still not where we need to be. School staff is currently pursuing the possibility of getting a computer or device in every student’s hands.



We understand that blindly throwing money into technology purchases will not prepare kids for success. Also, we know that the teacher in the classroom is the most important factor for student learning. But our teachers also believe that we need more devices available for our students at USD 350. We hope to expand our use of technology next school year.

Our biggest barrier to accomplishing this is money and it seems unlikely that school finances will improve in the immediate future.

Recently, Governor Brownback presented a plan to correct this year’s \$280 million budget deficit. Many state agencies will see cuts and money will be transferred from the state highway fund and other areas to make this work. This year, for now, there is no plan to cut state aid to schools. While this is good news for our local school district budget, the budget gap in Kansas expected to be well over \$600 million during next fiscal year. Unless things improve or change, it is tough to imagine a situation where school funding will not be reduced in the coming years.

Our legislators have some tough work ahead. If there are no changes in revenue, state expenses will need to be cut by about 10% in the next year. Without substantial changes to the revenue structure or dramatic economic growth, core services like education will likely see significant cuts.

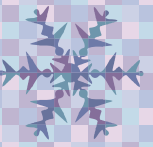
On behalf of the Board of Education and staff of USD 350, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very happy holiday season. As always, if you’d like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with Purpose, Passion, and Pride.

-Josh Meyer – USD 350 Superintendent

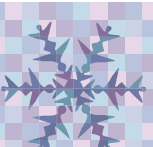
HOLIDAY EVENTS KEEP SJH FCCLA & FACS CLASSES WORKING LIKE BUSY ELVES!

Tis' the season for giving, baking, and celebrating and that's what's been happening in the FACS classes and FCCLA chapter. Students baked fifteen dozen cookies for the Ida Long Goodman Friends of the Library Open House, sold ribbons and worked a Baked Potato Bar concessions for the Secret Santa fund. A total of \$525 dollars was raised and will be donated to the Secret Santa Fund.





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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

December							February						
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28	29	30	31										

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Prm Parents BB Tourney	Begin 2nd Semester 4:30 pm JH BB @ Hutch-Trinity	4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Kinsley	ELEMENTARY ROLLER SKATING GRADES 1-4	9:00am Grades 4-8 Geography Bee 5:45pm JH BB (H) vs Kinsley	4:00pm HS BB (H) vs Ness City- Homecoming ACT Reg. Deadline for 2/7/15 Exam	9:00am JH CPL "B" Team BB Tourney @ Ellinwood HS State Auditions Prm Parents BB Tourney 9:00pm-11:30pm

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Prm Parents BB Tourney	7:00pm BOE Meeting	4:00pm HS BB @ Ellinwood	ELEMENTARY ROLLER SKATING GRADES 1-4	4:00pm JH BB @ LaCrosse	3:00pm Jump Rope for Heart info meeting Grades 1-4	

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development	6:30pm St. John Mid- Winter Classic	ELEMENTARY ROLLER SKATING GRADES 1-4	4:45pm St. John Mid- Winter Classic	4:45pm St. John Mid- Winter Classic	3:00pm St. John Mid- Winter Classic

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	5:45pm JH BB (H) vs Macksville		9:00am Stafford Co. Spelling Bee @ Stafford 12:40pm Organizational Pictures	4:00pm JH BB @ Ness City TBD HS Girls BB Tourney @ BCCC	TBD HS Girls BB Tourney @ BCCC	9:00am JH CPL BB Tourney @ St. John TBD HS Girls BB Tourney @ BCCC

GRADES 1-4 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	1 BREAKFAST	2 BREAKFAST
			NO SCHOOL !!!!	NO SCHOOL !!!!
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
USDA is an Equal Opportunity Provider & Employer			HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	NO SCHOOL !!!!
5 BREAKFAST	6 BREAKFAST	7 BREAKFAST	8 BREAKFAST	9 BREAKFAST
Breakfast Bites Mixed Fruit Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Pop Tart Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Applesauce Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Peaches Fruit Juice Blend Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Strawberries & Bananas Fresh Fruit Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garden Salad Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Tater Wedges Relish Plate Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk	Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pineapple Cookie Fresh Fruit Milk
12 BREAKFAST	13 BREAKFAST	14 BREAKFAST	15 BREAKFAST	16 BREAKFAST
Pancake on a Stick Applesauce Fruit Juice Blend Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Flat Bread Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Chicken Tetrizzini Garden Salad Baby Carrots Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Taco Soup Relish Plate Pineapple Tortilla Chips Fresh Fruit Milk	Hamburger Gravy Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Hamburger/Bun Lettuce & Tomato French Fries Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk
19 BREAKFAST	20 BREAKFAST	21 BREAKFAST	22 BREAKFAST	23 BREAKFAST
NO SCHOOL!!!	Pop Tart Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Mixed Fruit Fruit Juice Blend Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
NO SCHOOL!!!	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Strips Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Pears Fresh Fruit Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Peas Peaches Fresh Fruit Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun Tater Wedges Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk
26 BREAKFAST	27 BREAKFAST	28 BREAKFAST	29 BREAKFAST	30 BREAKFAST
Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Fruit Juice Blend Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Mixed Fruit Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Flat Bread Sliced Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Hot Dog/Bun Tater Tots Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomato Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Cookie Milk	Chili Celery & Carrot Sticks Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Cinnamon Roll Milk	Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Corn Pineapple Cookie Birthday Cake Milk



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POSTAL CUSTOMER

Activities Videos Available on High School Cube



USD #350 is now using High School Cube. This is a free website that allows us to live-stream video of student activities. The site also archives each video so it can be watched at a later date. To view the videos, you must set up an account, but it is free. Our site is:

<http://www.highschoolcube.com/cube/st-john-high-school-st-john-kansas>

Students of all ages are volunteering to help video and/or keep score of events with an iPad. We can video nearly any event...graduation, concerts, etc. There are many possibilities, it's not just for athletics. We are really just getting started with this, but we are excited to make our school events increasingly available to those who are unable to attend.