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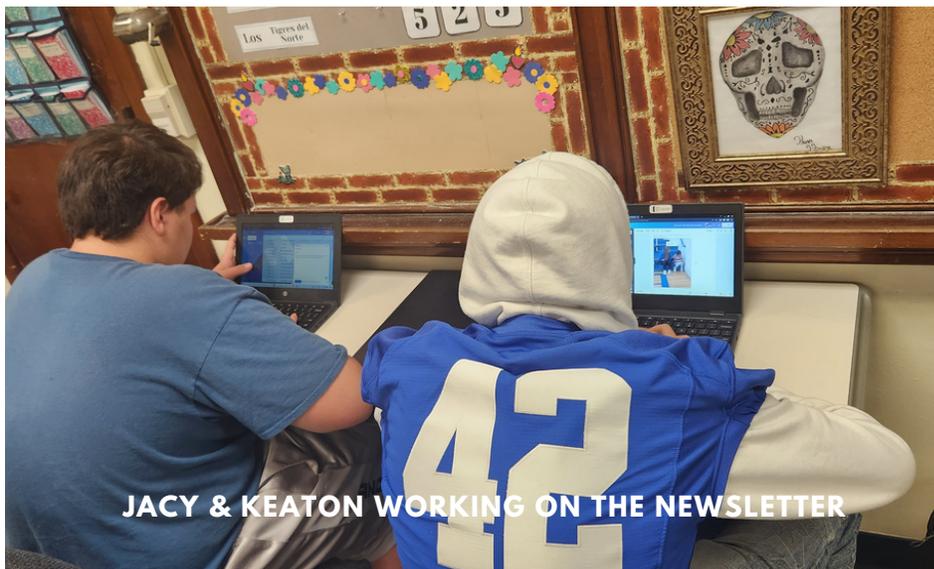
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JACY & KEATON WORKING ON THE NEWSLETTER

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

It is somewhat ironic that election day happens in the same month as Thanksgiving. Well I should say “election ad season” as opposed to election day. As a proud American, I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the democratic process. The political ads on the other hand, I could do without. Ads from both sides promote fear of the other side and do not really promote an attitude of thanksgiving.

Even though we have some challenges in the world right now, it is important to recognize what we are thankful for. Personally, I am grateful for a community that is supportive of its schools, a great group of students and families to work with, and an excellent staff that works with purpose in the best interest of students. Being grateful or thankful does not mean we are complacent and stagnant. We can be thankful but still strive for positive changes. It is important that we recognize the need for continual improvement.

Our district is in the final year of a 5-year accreditation cycle. School district staff will report to the state department of education about the improvement efforts during the cycle. A state committee will review our data and make a determination about our accreditation status this spring.

As part of the school district improvement process, we want to get input from all stakeholders about how our school district is performing. We ask that all parents, patrons, and employees take 15-20 minutes to complete an online survey. The survey can be found at this web address: <https://forms.gle/1yax5LGb43R5jq88>.

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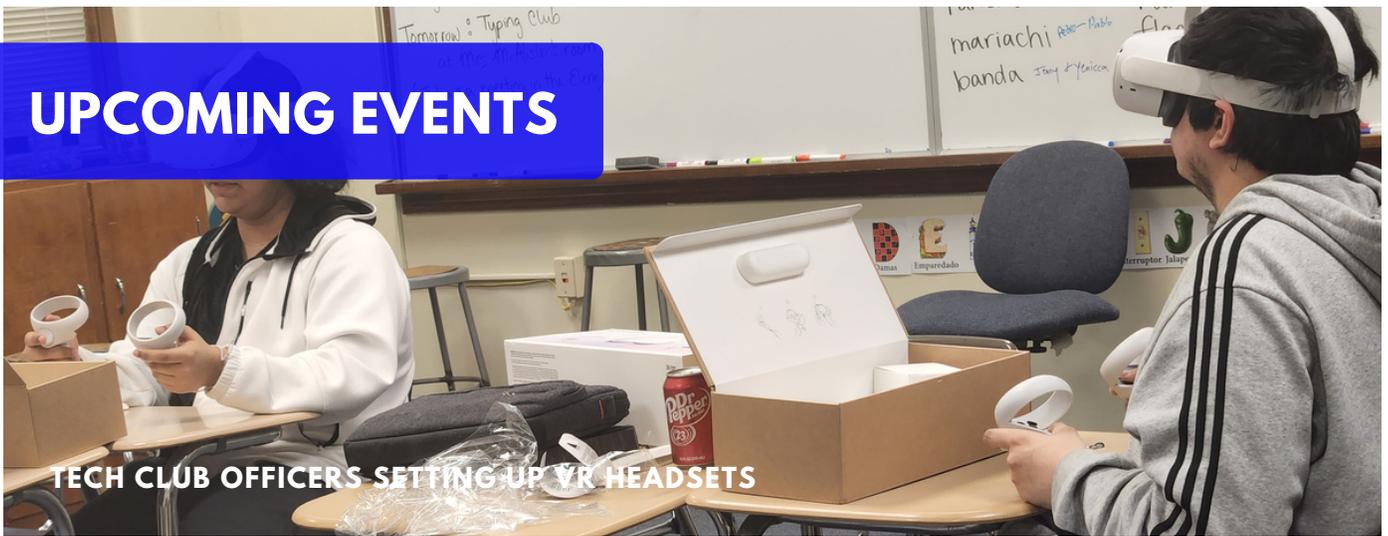
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UPCOMING EVENTS



TECH CLUB OFFICERS SETTING UP VR HEADSETS

TRASH TO TRENDS COMPETITION

Nov 1st @ 9:15 am - 2:30 pm
Runway Show starts at 2pm, Awards at 2:15 pm

9TH GRADE PRE-ACT

Nov 2nd

SWKMEA CHOIR CONCERT / HONOR BAND

Nov 5th

EARLY RELEASE

Nov 9th @ 1:15 pm

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

Nov 11th @ 8:15 am Coffee, @ 9am Assembly

HS MUSICAL - SOUTH PACIFIC

Nov 11th @ 7 pm

HS MUSICAL - SOUTH PACIFIC

Nov 13 @ 2 pm

PICTURE RE-TAKES

Nov 15th

COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS DUE

Nov 18th Fundraiser for Sophomore Class

YODER MEATS ORDERS DUE

Nov 18th Fundraiser for PTO

NO SCHOOL / THANKSGIVING BREAK

Wednesday Nov 23rd

NO SCHOOL / THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thursday Nov 24th

NO SCHOOL / THANKSGIVING BREAK

Friday Nov 25th

HS SCHOLARS BOWL INVITATIONAL

Nov 28th @ 4:15 pm

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE - STUCO

Nov 28th - Dec 2nd

KINDER - 3RD MUSIC CONCERT

Nov 29th @ 7 pm

WINTER SPORTS PICTURES

Nov 29th

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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There is a link to this survey on our website and social media feeds as well. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Last spring, the board of education began work on a strategic plan for the district. We held two community meetings to gather input from staff, parents, and patrons. One of the primary themes that emerged from those meetings was the need for updates to our facilities. Concerns expressed were those inherent with older buildings as well as ensuring the safety of our students.

With that in mind, the board has contracted with Wiens and Company out of Hutchinson to do a full-scale assessment of our school district facilities. They will evaluate the current state of our buildings, identify needs, and explore potential solutions with budget estimates. The process will involve work with a committee of staff, parents, and patrons over the next few months. The committee will work to prioritize those needs and potential long-term and short-term solutions. It will then be up to the board of education and the community to decide how to proceed to address these identified needs.

I'd like to remind parents that they have access to the PowerSchool portal to keep track of student grades, attendance, and meal account balances. This portal also allows parents to configure preferences for the automated messaging system. This includes phone, email, and text messages. Unless preferences are changed by parents, they will receive a call, email, and text message for all automated messages. Log in to your PowerSchool portal if you would like to change those preferences or contact the school office for assistance.

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



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

by Angela Petersen, Elementary Principal

October flew by here at the elementary! It was filled with lots of special activities and hands-on learning. We enjoyed a healthy start to our morning on 10/5 for Walk to School Wednesday. Later that week, we got to learn about the amazing amount of money raised for our district at the Youth Creations Art Auction and each class is now brainstorming on how they will spend their portion of the proceeds. The following week was Fire Prevention Week and our students learned about keeping themselves safe in a crisis situation from our St. John Emergency Responders.

The week of October 17th, students learned ways to prevent bullying in our schools throughout Bee-Themed Anti-Bullying Spirit Week. We were then blown away by our turnout at Parent Teacher Conferences on the 24th and 25th, celebrating an attendance rate of 96%! Finally, we sent things out with a bang during our Costume Parade around the square on the 31st. Huge thanks to everyone who came to watch and hand out candy!

Each grade level has things that they are proud of and looking forward to. SIXTH grade students are bragging about their 100% conference attendance rate. FIFTH graders are excited that they know how to add and subtract decimals. They are also applying useful study skills and are becoming masters of their chromebooks. All of those students are excited about their upcoming Field Trip to Hutchinson where they will visit Stratica and The Cosmosphere.

FOURTH grade students are applying maximum brain power to mastering long division which means they're looking forward to some upcoming holiday breaks. THIRD graders are rocking their multiplication facts thanks to a new tool they're using called "Times Tales." If you see a third grader, have them show you how it works! This group is looking forward to completing their collaborative tiger poster that will be shown off for the rest of the school to see.



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Students in SECOND grade explored spooky bones! They were able to turn drawings of the bones in their hands into x-rays using FACS class cooking oil. They are on display in the windows of their classroom. They are excited for more upcoming science experiments studying states of matter using CANDY! Kids in FIRST grade are extremely proud of their good attendance for the month of October. They are earning attendance points and will celebrate soon. They are looking forward to seeing how many of their students can develop an attitude of gratitude! They have a lot to be thankful for and want to share their gratitude with others!

KINDERGARTENERS are working hard on letters, sounds, and sight words. There is a LOT of learning happening in those classrooms. They are looking forward to their nutrition unit and learning about the different food groups just in time to apply that knowledge to Thanksgiving dinner! Finally, our PRESCHOOL students have enjoyed learning about different animals throughout the month of October. They had a blast dressing up in costumes and parading around the school and square. They are excited for Thanksgiving and will be completing a preschool "Thankful Turkey" with families this month! They are thankful for each one of their friends and look forward to celebrating with a thankful feast in November!



The month of November is going to be jam packed with learning and fun but we are hoping to also find some time to slow down and thank the important people in our lives for all that they do to support our journeys. We encourage all families to participate in our Gratitude Checklist Activity. We also want you to know how grateful we are for all that you do to make St. John-Hudson Elementary an amazing place to be!

KINDER ACTIVITIES

By Jacy Willinger-Jasper

Kindergarten went to sing at Kenwood, Courthouse and Bank followed by Halloween party and costume parade.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

7TH GRADE TRIP TO MUSEUM

By *Jacy Willinger-Jasper*, *Pictures from Oceans of Kansas*

Mr. Jon Bauer's 7th Grade History class took a trip a couple of weeks ago to a museum called the Sternberg museum in Hays Kansas and the class had a great time. They had good things to say about there experience, they learned so much more about history.

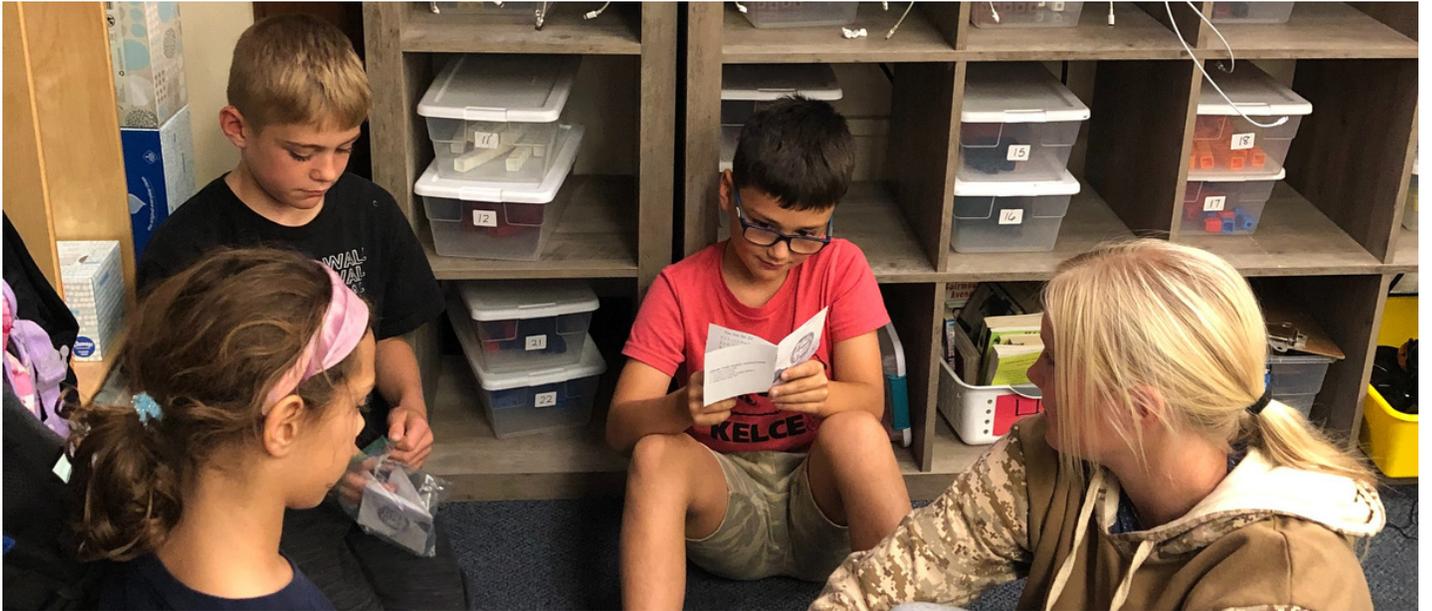


9TH HEALTH READS & WORKS WITH 3RD GRADERS

By Keaton Burns

9th grade Health read and worked on multiplication facts with Mrs.Foote's 3rd grade class.







SCHOLARS BOWL AT MACKSVILLE

By Jacy Willinger-Jasper

Phenomenal job scholars bowl competing at macksville October 20th. You guys and girls got second and these are the people from our school that competed Maylin Sanders, Tanner Mawhirter, Cora Martin, Rafael Gonzalez, Cody Newdigger.

WOODWORK IN SHOP CLASS

Some kids have been doing night stands and some others have been doing some other projects of there own choice



KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL BANK TRIP

by Jacy Willinger-Jasper

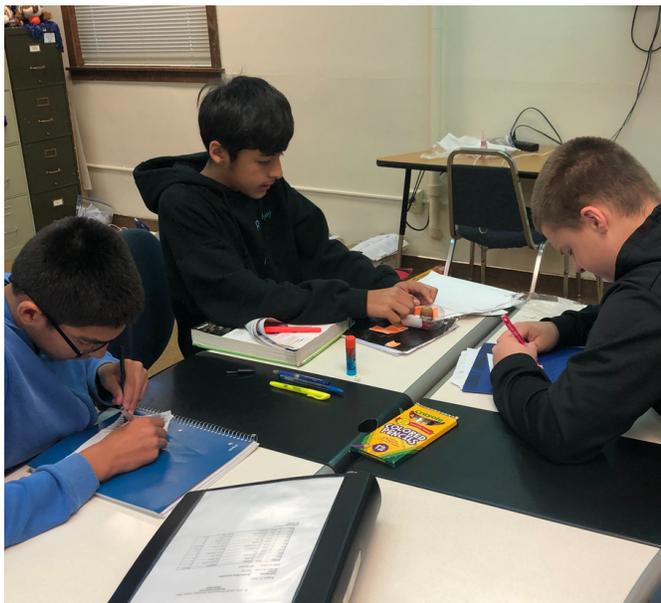
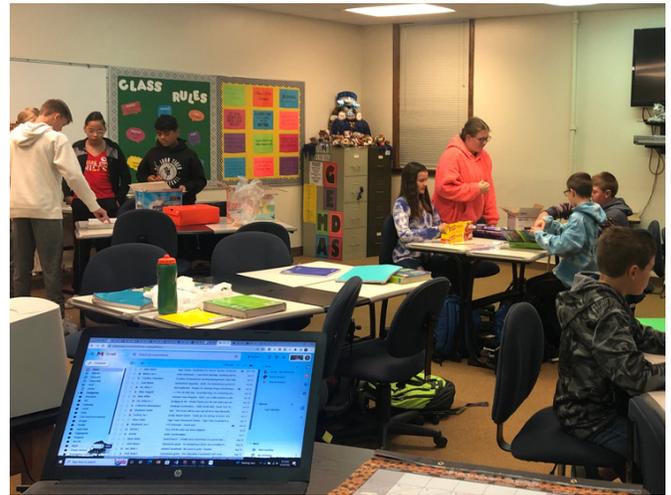
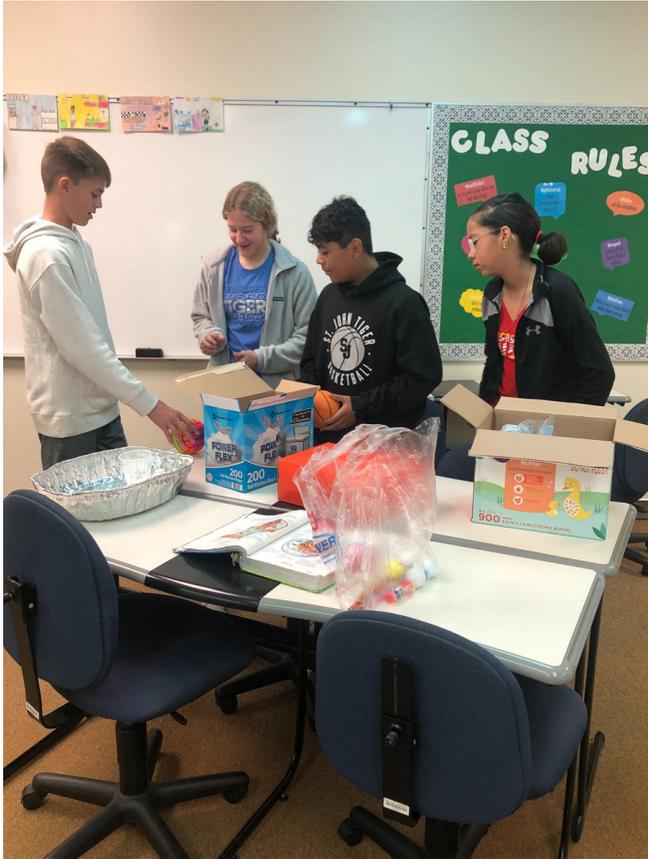
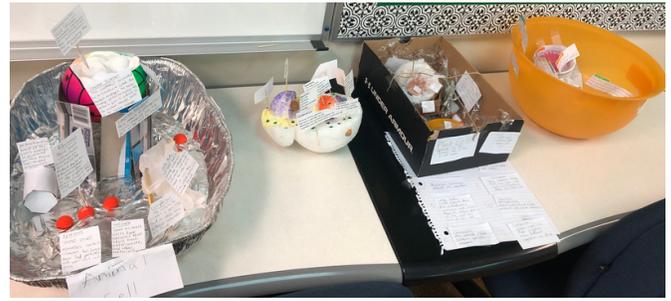
The Kindergarten class took a fun trip to our great school bank and they learned some things about the bank. They even opened bank accounts



LIFE SCIENCE CLASS

By Jacy Willinger-Jasper

Mrs. Witt's 7th grade Life Science classroom worked on cell models by only using materials found around the house.





STUCO CONFERENCE

By Mrs. Feril

Members of the high school student council (STUCO) went to Plainville on September 28th to a regional conference. While there they got to network with over 300 other student council members and got to hear an inspirational message from the amazing Tei Street.

SOPHOMORE FUNDRAISER

By Mrs. Feril

The sophomore class will be doing their annual cookie dough sales from November 1st to November 18th. Contact any sophomore or Mrs. Feril for questions/orders. All proceeds will be used for prom and other class expenses.

STUCO FUNDRAISER

By Mrs. Feril

The student council will be holding their annual food drive from November 28th to December 2nd. Flyers will be sent home soon!



VARSITY SCHOLARS BOWL PLACES 1ST

By Mrs. Spare

Congratulations to the Varsity team! Eli, Brandon, Garrett placed 1st in Otis-Bison tournament on 11/8.



PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

By Cindy Falk

First graders enjoyed a fun trip to P & M Pumpkin Ranch this month. We had lots of things to do and the weather was beautiful. The pig races and jumping pads might have been our favorite activities, but picking pumpkins was a fun treat too. It was a full day of fun and we even had some sleepers on the way home. Thank you to Julie Christie for driving us; Amber Turner, Maribel Tovar & Kallie Ward for going along and our super lunch ladies for preparing our lunches.



KINDERGARTEN ACTIVITY

By Jacy Willinger-Jasper

The Kindergarten class did a computer bingo activity and they had a fun time they learned some parts of the computer and some vocabulary words



GALLERY











never let your
friends feel lonely!
Disturb them
at all times!



IM NOT GOING OUTSIDE



UNTIL TEMPERATURE IS
ABOVE MY AGE.

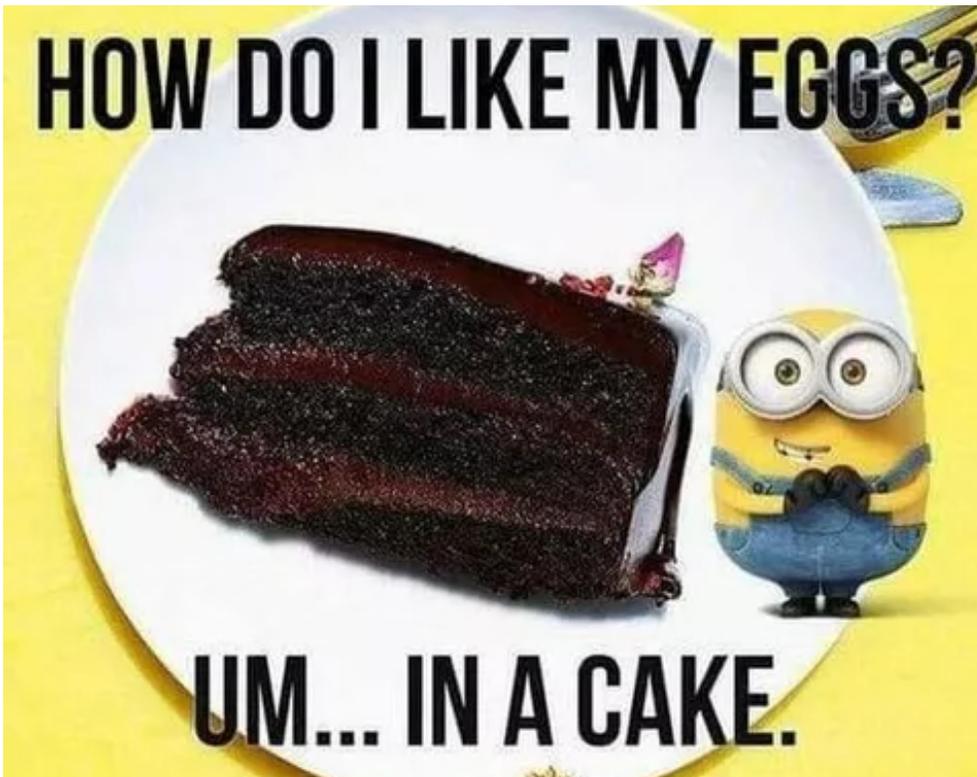


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Help!
I'm in $\$$! I ran over
something $\#$ and now my
time is b . I need a \bullet for
the phone. Do I need
to $:ll$ any of that?

Only some will understand



That moment when you spell a word so wrong that even auto correct is like, I've got nothing man!



BOYS/GIRLS JH BASKETBALL

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
November 10th	OTIS-BISON	Home	4 pm
November 14th	STERLING	Away	4 pm
November 17th	CENTRAL PLAINS	Home	4 pm

*For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.
Events are subject to change without notice.*

HS MUSICAL

SOUTH PACIFIC: COMING SOON!

By Jane Bennington

The musical this year is SOUTH PACIFIC, by Rodgers and Hammerstein. It is an old classic with lots of beautiful music and fun. We are making an important change in the schedule for the performances. This is important: We will perform the musical in the auditorium on Friday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m., and then again on Sunday afternoon, November 13, at 2:00 p.m.

This is NOT the way it is listed in the school calendar, as we are NOT going to perform on Saturday evening, November 12. It is important that all those wishing to see the musical realize that there will NOT be a Saturday evening performance.

Thank you,
Jane Bennington, Assistant to the Director, Wendy Hacker

PIE 4 PROM IS BACK !

JR CLASS FUNDRAISER

By Jennifer Fischer

The Junior Class is doing the fundraiser Pie 4 Prom again this year to raise money for Prom. Vote for the teacher that you want to see get a pie in the face (\$1 per vote). For every 50 votes they will get a pie in the face. (ex. If Ms. Jenn was to get 100 votes she would get 2 pies in her face). When you vote your name will be put in the drawing of students that will be randomly selected to throw the pies. We will be taking votes in the high school office until December 8th. The pie throwing will take place during LS in the big gym on December 9th.

Pie 4 Prom

JUNIOR CLASS FUNDRAISER



Voting Starts: Oct. 17, 2022

Voting Ends: Dec. 8, 2022

Vote for a chance to pie a teacher or a coach in the face!

The more you vote, the greater your chances!



NOVEMBER FOOD MENU

from USD 350 website, edited by Keaton Burns

Breakfast

Lunch

- NOV 1** Donut, Pineapple, Apple, Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 2** Biscuits & Gravy, Applesauce, Orange/Pineapple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 3** French Toast Sticks, Sliced Pears, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 4** Pumpkin Bread, Mixed Fruit, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 7** Mini Waffles, Pineapple, Orange/Pineapple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 8** Breakfast Pizza, Mixed Fruit, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 9** Breakfast Burrito, Pineapple, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 10** Breakfast Bar, Pears, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 14** Pancake on a stick, Applesauce, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 15** Muffin, Pears, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 16** Biscuits & Gravy, Mixed Fruit, Orange/Pineapple, Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 17** French Toast Sticks, Pineapple, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 18** Pumpkin Bread, Peaches, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 21** Breakfast Bites, Peaches, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 22** Breakfast Bar, Pears, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 23** NO SCHOOL!!
- NOV 24** NO SCHOOL!!
- NOV 25** NO SCHOOL!!
- NOV 28** Pancake on a Stick, Peaches, Grape Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 29** Muffin, Applesauce, Apple Juice, Cereal, Milk
- NOV 30** Biscuits & Gravy, Mixed Fruit, Orange Juice, Cereal, Milk

- Chicken Patty, Potatoes and Gravy, Broccoli, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
- Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Relish Plate, Mixed Fruit, Hot Roll, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- Italian Pasta Bake, Lettuce Salad, Corn, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, French Bread, Milk
- Bar-B-Q-Rib/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pineapple, Cookie, Milk
- Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Fruit, French Bread, Milk
- Salisbury Steak, Potatoes & Gravy, Peas, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, Pears, Cookie, Milk
- Chicken & Noodles, Whipped Potatoes, Broccoli, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
- Taco Salad, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Cheddar Cheese, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Birthday Cake, Milk
- Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
- Cheeseburger/Bun, French Fries, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk
- Pepperoni Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Corn, Sliced Pears, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- Turkey & Dressing, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Roll, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
- Sloppy Joe/ Bun, Tater Wedges, Corn, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk
- Huntington Chicken, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Peaches, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
- NO SCHOOL!!
- NO SCHOOL!!
- NO SCHOOL!!
- Corn Dog, Tater Wedges, Baby Carrots, Applesauce, Fresh Fruit, Milk
- Chicken Strips, Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Fruit, Fresh Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk
- Chicken Fajita, Lettuce & Tomato, Cheddar Cheese, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Fresh Fruit, Cookie, Milk

PTO FUNDRAISER

YODER MEATS SNACK STICKS

St. John-Hudson PTO is selling snack sticks again!

We are offering **PRE-ORDERS** this year which means **MORE OPTIONS!!**

Each box has 24 individually wrapped sticks

These snacks are great for backpacks, on-the-go snacks, stocking stuffers, and so much more!!

Cost: **\$30 per box**

Deadline: **Friday, November 18th**

Make checks payable to **St. John-Hudson PTO**

If paying by cash, please send the **exact amount**

Return completed forms and payment to the **USD 350 District Office**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Flavors	# of Boxes	Total (\$30/box)
REGULAR STICKS <i>(in order of popularity)</i>		
Old Fashioned Original		
Prairie Fire Jalapeno		
Tasty Teriyaki		
Sizzlin' Bacon		
Zesty BBQ		
Crazy Fire Bacon		
FIT STICKS <i>(meets the Federal nutritional guidelines) (in order of popularity)</i>		
Honey BBQ		
Hickory Smoked		
Sweet & Spicy		
Peppered Original		
Jalapeno Hickory		
Hot Peppered		
TOTAL:		

HELLO FALL !

by Blain White, HS Principal

I thought about starting my monthly article with a joke about fall. Here are some of the jokes I considered using:

- Why do birds fly south for the fall? Because it's quicker than walking!
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch!
- What do you get if you cross a turkey with a ghost? A poultry-geist!

Any my personal favorite:

- Why do skeletons not like to dance? They have no body to dance with!

After careful consideration I decided not to use any of those as ice breakers. You can thank me later.

Recently we had good turnout for Parent/Teacher conferences. If you were not able to come to conferences for your student but would like to visit with the teachers, you can email those teachers or call the school and set up an appointment with them. We have sent out grade cards and other information for those students as well. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Our fall sports seasons have now concluded. The tennis team played hard all year and just missed qualifying for state at the regional meet in Scott City, the football team has continued to improve through the year, the volleyball team was just edged out of qualifying for state and in Cross Country Quade Smith qualified to run at the state meet and placed 13th in the state. I'm proud of the success of these students but I'm more proud of how they represented our school and community with honor and sportsmanship. The conclusion of fall activities means the beginning of winter activities. If a student didn't participate in the fall, but are planning on playing basketball or competing in wrestling,

they need to make sure they have a sports physical on file. Contact the high school office if you have questions.

Just to provide an update on a few projects. Our Residential Carpentry class is continuing to make a lot of progress on the house remodel on Broadway. Mr. Moritz and his students are doing an outstanding job on it and we are excited to see the final product. We have our student run school bank, Tiger Bank, fully functioning now. All students and staff in grades PK-12 can set up an account and receive incentives from SJK Bank of Kansas. Our appreciation goes out to SJK Bank for their financial and human resource investment that they have made in our bank. Also a thank you to Silver Lake Bank for helping us with the system software and general operation procedures.

This month we have some exciting things coming up:

Nov. 3rd – Powder Puff football food bank bowl followed by Iron Man Volleyball. Admission to the football game is a canned good. Proceeds go to the local food bank.

Nov. 5th – HS Choir will travel to Dodge City for SWKMEA for auditions and JH Honor band will be there for SWKMEA District Middle Level Band Clinic & Concert

Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day program at 9:00 a.m. Public is invited to attend. Veterans are invited to come in at 8:15 for baked goods and coffee before the program.

Nov. 11th & 13th – All School musical production of South Pacific. It was originally scheduled for 3 days but that has been changed to Friday and Sunday only. This will be something that you will not want to miss.

Nov. 23rd – 25th – Thanksgiving Break

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