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#### **SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Jack D. Moles**



Early in November I had the opportunity of a lifetime to go on an educational trip to China. Earlier in the summer I was notified that I had been selected as a delegate in the "2011 Chinese Bridge for American Schools" delegation. This trip is funded by Hanban International and The College Board. The purpose of the delegation is to promote the teaching of Chinese and Chinese culture in the United States. I was especially interested in this trip as I am looking at ways in which we might offer another possibility in a foreign language. Currently we offer Spanish, mainly at the high school level. We have offered German via distance learning, but the teacher who provided instruction retired at the end of last school year. I have always believed that for our area that Spanish was the preferable language to teach. Following Spanish, however, Chinese is important to me as it is, along with English, the language for foreign trade.

My trip got off on a bad start as my connecting flight from Minneapolis to Chicago experienced mechanical difficulties. I missed the group flight to Beijing, but was re-scheduled to make the flight the next evening. Two ladies had mechanical difficulties in Boston, so I was able to team up with someone else. Flying into a country where you do not know the language under the promise of "someone will meet you at the airport" did not provide me with a lot of confidence. Thankfully someone was waiting for us. The main problem with missing the first day of the trip is that was the day that the group of over 300 delegates was scheduled to tour the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square. The ladies and I made a pact that we

would not leave China without seeing the Great Wall. Some of the highlights of my trip:

Forming friendships within my group (Tianjin 2), a group of about 30 administrators, curriculum specialists, and Board of Education members, almost all of them from the Chicago area. The only other delegate in my group not from the Chicago area was from southern Illinois.

An outstanding lecture by Professor Zhao Zhongjian, one of China's leading experts on comparative education, on the history of Chinese education since World War II. I know it is quite strange to have a lecture be one of my highlights, but this man provided a very interesting view of how China has made conscious changes to its educational system as it has undergone radical changes both culturally and economically. Chinese leaders knew they had to adapt their educational system to help the country reach specific goals.

An opportunity to visit two high schools, a middle school, and an elementary school. Our group had the opportunity to go into classrooms and watch teaching. We also were allowed to visit with small groups of students and teachers. I found the students to be remarkably like our students—very polite, but also able to laugh and enjoy school.

The chance to talk in small groups with Principals to see how their schools operate and to ask more in-depth questions that would provide viewpoints to things we did not see on our visits.

Great group meals. We always sat at large round tables, with food being served family-style on a lazy Susan in the middle of the table. You would simply turn the lazy Susan to bring around the desired food. I love Chinese food, but of course it is heavily Americanized. Our food was voided of American influence and was outstanding. A Superintendent from the Chicago area and I made an agreement that we would only use chop sticks with our meals. We both struggled to master the chop sticks, but I am proud to report that neither of us starved.

Several unique shopping experiences. We visited an old outdoor market in Tianjin (a city MUCH smaller than Beijing—"it only has 12,000,000 people"), offering us the chance to purchase low cost gifts for home. The most unique shopping, though, was in the Silk Market in Beijing. This is in a five story building. The top floor was very classy, with several high quality jewelry stores. The bottom four floors, though, was like nothing I had ever experienced before. There were probably 100-200 shops per floor, all manned by young, very aggressive clerks. They would actually grab people by the arm and pull them into the small specialty shops. We had been told that it was possible to "bargain" with these clerks. One item I bought was quoted at 600 yuan (approximately \$100 U.S.), but I was able to bargain down to 50 yuan (about \$9). It was quite comical to hear the shopping experiences of the delegates. I also visited a jade factory, cloisonné factory, and a silk museum, each of which offered unique shopping opportunities.

I was able to visit one of the Ming Tombs, a wonderful historical opportunity. Of course, the Ming Dynasty is well known for Ming Pottery, but the stories of the Ming emperors that were shared by our tour guide were very interesting.

The highlight of my trip, though, was my visit to the Great Wall. One of the ladies who missed the original flight and I broke off from the main group to go to the Wall. It is one of the most awe inspiring sites I have ever seen, ranking with Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon. This site, though, is more amazing as it was built entirely by humans. We visited the Mutianyu section of the wall, which offers a ski lift to take visitors significantly up, thus eliminating quite a bit of walking. It still requires the visitor to climb steps. The Great Wall is a site I never expected to see in my lifetime.

My trip began and ended with by far the longest flights I have ever endured. It was about 12 ½ hours going, while only 11 hours coming back. I assume there is some explanation involving a jet stream to explain why there is such a difference in two fairly similar flights, but both were still excruciatingly long.

I have three actions that I am undertaking in relation to my trip. First, I will make a series of photo presentations to classes in our school. I have also had at least one request from an outside group as well. Second, I am working with an elementary school in Tianjin to establish "pen-pal" classrooms with some of our elementary classes. This could take many forms: old-fashioned letters, more modern e-mails, or even video exchanges using the internet, such as Skype. Third, I hope to someday host a visiting teacher from China. Hanban International will help to offset the cost of a visiting teacher, but some expense is incurred by the school district. I am in contact with local administrators to see if there is an interest in their schools.

#### SPORTSMANSHIP

One of the absolute highlights of my educational career took place almost two years ago as Justin Kosmicki and I represented Johnson County Central in receiving the Sportsmanship Trophy at the Boys State Basketball Tournament. I have been part of the judging for this award on several occasions and know the competition involved in winning this prestigious award. It was a recognition of the team, coaches, and all of the supporters in putting great sportsmanship on display. I am still as proud of that award as any award received by one of my schools.

Now, though, the bar has been set for all of us. We need to elevate our efforts in putting good sportsmanship on display. We now have a reputation—AND IT IS A GOOD ONE! Nebraska is often recognized as having "the best fans in college football". My goal is to have Johnson County Central recognized for having "the best fans in Nebraska high school sports". My challenge to every JCC player, coach, student, parent, and patron is to remember what it took for us to win that award last year and to improve on that effort. Treat every visiting player, coach, and fan, as well as every official (yes, them too!) with the utmost respect and we will continue to grow our reputation.

**JCC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER**

Brrr! Where did our nice fall weather go? Our winter sports are just around the corner and our athletes have been preparing hard for their first winter contest.

The first week of December also marks the second round of our MAPS testing at JCC. These tests are a shorter version, consisting of only twenty questions, and are designed to check the student's progress from the previous testing. The students will be able to see their test scores immediately after the completion of each test.

I need to urge students to be diligent about their attendance during this week of testing. It is very important that they are at school to take these tests each day. The testing schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 5 – Language test

- First period – Ninth grade students
- Second period – Twelfth grade students
- Third period – Eleventh grade students
- Fourth period – Tenth grade students

Tuesday, December 6 – Reading test

- First period – Twelfth grade students
- Second period – Eleventh grade students
- Third period – Tenth grade students
- Fourth period – Ninth grade students

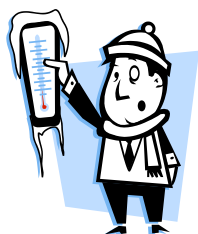
Thursday, December 8 – Science test

- First/Second period – Tenth grade students
- Third/Fourth period – Twelfth grade students
- Fifth/Sixth period – Eleventh grad students
- Seventh/Eighth period – Ninth grade students

Friday, December 9 – Math test

- First period – Eleventh grade students
- Second period – Tenth grade students
- Third period – Ninth grade students
- Fourth period – Twelfth grade students

If you have any questions concerning these tests please feel free to call me at school 402-335-3328. Again I highly recommend that you make sure each of your students is in school for these days so they can complete their MAPS testing.



**JCC MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICH BACON**

With the month of December upon us thoughts often turn to the holidays and spending time with family. But, the month of December also brings with it the rapidly approaching end of the first semester and a month full of games, matches, and holiday concerts. In addition to all these extracurricular activities, the normal everyday work in the classroom continues as well. Students who are able to participate in activities and keep up with their class work need to be commended.

As the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter approaches, I'd like to recognize the Middle School Students who made the Honor Roll during the first quarter. In order to make the Honor Roll, students can have no grade lower than a B. To make the Honor Roll with Distinction a student can have no more than one B and the rest A's. Students that made the Honor Roll with Distinction are noted in bold print and those that received all A's are noted with an asterisk. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and academic success.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Spencer Dorsey**  
 Mitchell Faris  
 Humberto Gonzalez  
 Aaron Johnson  
 Robert Johnson  
**Edward Li**  
 Nathan Liberty  
**\*Grant Moles**  
 Rudy Pooch  
 Samuel Sterup  
 Austin Valenzuela

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Marissa Borrenpohl  
**\*Schyler DeFreece**  
 Sara Kettelhake  
 Keaton Kleespies  
 Sopha Kongmanyvong  
 Angelica Wellman

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Johann Arellano  
**Armando Cabrales**  
**\*Charla Eggleston**  
**MacKenzie Eltiste**  
 Hollie Gartner  
**\*Nicholas Goracke**  
**\*Sierra McClintock**  
**\*Aleisha McDonald**  
 Madison Moran  
 Tia Parrish  
 Tyllar Roesener  
 Hannah Swanda  
**Olivia Welch**

On November 11, an assembly was held at the middle school honoring local veterans for their service to our great country. The Talmage American Legion Post presented the colors. Tecumseh graduate Jeff Mahoney, class of 2000, addressed the audience about the importance of honoring our veterans and showing proper respect for our flag. The 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes all performed patriotic musical numbers, and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Joseph Bailey played taps. At the conclusion of the program, the veterans and the spouses were treated to dinner in the school cafeteria.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

As we prepare for the upcoming basketball and wrestling seasons, it is an appropriate time to review the goals of our athletic program as they relate to sportsmanship. As an educational institution, our school is committed to teaching our young people to set goals, strive for excellence, and to properly handle whatever adversity they encounter along the way. This aim is the same in the classroom as it is in athletic contests.

The greatest challenge to good sportsmanship is adversity. Anybody can show good sportsmanship when they are winning, but a person's true character comes out when faced with adversity. When things are not going well the easy response is to look for someone to blame or to shift the blame—in particular to the opponents or the officials. When this is done, the focus is moved away from the positive, "to play harder or better," to the negative, "how can we possibly overcome the bad calls." Johnson County Central Schools feels it is essential that our athletes maintain a positive approach to handling adversity. We need the support of our parents and fans, as role models, if we are to accomplish this.

It is not uncommon for fans to become quite vocal at athletic contests and loudly criticize opposing athletes, the officials, or even our own athletes and coaches. This type of abusive behavior is counterproductive to the primary goal of extra-curricular activities. In addition, it creates a very uncomfortable environment for the fans who come out to support their team and wish to enjoy the game. Finally, it can be embarrassing to our school and to the young people who are competing in the contest. We are asking all our fans to keep comments positive and upbeat.

As a school, we hire the game officials for our home contests and approve the officials for our away contests. All the officials that officiate varsity contests are registered with the NSAA and have been deemed competent. They are not perfect, and their interpretation of the action may be different than yours. However, they are an essential part of the game and they are doing the best they can. Let's strive to pay less attention to their performance and more to the skills and hard work of our young athletes.

## **JCC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** **NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL JON ROTHER**

The Elementary in Winter - A few reminders:

Students will need gloves/mittens, warm coats and warm hats as winter sets in because we will still have some recesses outside.

Wearing winter boots when there is snow on the ground, or keeping a pair at school, is a good idea to that your child's feet don't get wet during an outdoor recess.

If your child tends to get chapped lips, send some lip balm to school with your student.

Students should not be in the buildings before 7:30 a.m. unless they are with a school official or have permission.

Students waiting for the shuttle buses may wait in the Elementary auditorium, however they are not to be congregating just inside the doors or roaming the hallways.

Make sure the school has any phone number changes so that you get phone messages for inclement weather.

### **What is Sportsmanship?**

- ...playing fair**
- ...following the rules of the game**
- ...respecting the judgment of referees and officials**
- ...treating opponents with respect**

# COUNSELORS NEWS

## Shelley Moles, High School Counselor

*“Dedicated to encouraging a Journey of excellence Creating lifelong learners and Citizens for tomorrow.”*

### **Second Semester Class Changes:**

High school students who need to make class schedule changes for second semester are encouraged to pick up Drop and Add forms from Mrs. Moles, complete and return them to Mrs. Moles December 12-21! Students will also have the first week after returning to school January 5, 2012 to complete Drop and Add forms for second semester class changes.

### **College Credit Opportunities for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester:**

Seniors and juniors, check out the concurrent-credit or online college class work through PSC, distance learning and online college class work through SCC, Advanced Scholars on-line opportunity for college work through UNL, or dual credit college class work through NCTA.

A representative from Peru State College will be at JCC to give details and hand out PSC Early Entry forms on Thursday, January 5 at 1:10 p.m. in Mr. Weber's classroom. Concurrent college credit is available for students enrolled in Chemistry, Physics and American Government.

See Mrs. Moles as soon as possible if you are interested in earning college credits through PSC, SCC or UNL while still in high school.

### **Reminder - Nebraska Career Connections:**

Nebraska Career Connections is an online resource for educational, career, and job information. Several state agencies and non-profit organizations including the Dept. of Education, Dept. of Labor, Dept. of Economic Development, EducationQuest, Vocational Rehabilitation, Nebraska 4-H and Nebraska Future Force worked together to create an efficient and effective online resource for all Nebraskans. Students at Johnson County Central have the opportunity to use this valuable resource.

Students at JCC High School who want to “Get Connected” (build a resume, develop a 4 year high school plan, or take an interest survey) should ask Mrs. Moles for the details (password, school access code, survey codes) and then log on to the Nebraska Career Connections website at: [www.nebraskacareerconnections.org](http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org) !

### **FAFSA Reminder to Seniors and their Parents:**

Graduating seniors and their families should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible after January 1 to qualify for need-based scholarships, grants, loans and college work/study.

FAFSA applications may be accessed online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). For assistance, parents and/or students may schedule an appointment with the EducationQuest office in Lincoln (1-800-303-3745) or Omaha (1-8880357-6300). The people at the EducationQuest office will help with the application and also submit the FAFSA application. Appointments should be made as soon as possible.

In order to sign the FAFSA electronically, a Personal Identification Number (PIN) is used. Both parent and student will need a PIN code. To get a PIN, parents and students should visit [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and click on “Apply for PIN”. PIN's may be received by e-mail or regular mail. (PIN numbers are lifetime so students and parents should keep their PIN numbers to use in future applications. If parents already have a PIN number from a previous child's application, they will not need to reapply.)

The federal government uses the FAFSA to determine eligibility for **need based** financial aid including scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study.

### **ASVAB Testing for Juniors – December 7:**

Junior students will be taking the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at Johnson County Central High School.

The ASVAB helps students identify abilities and compare their test performance to other students at their grade level. The ASVAB interpretation is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14.

Students may use ASVAB results to explore careers and to judge academic readiness to pursue advanced education. Results may also be used for military enlistment up to two years after taking the test. ASVAB information is not made available to the Selective Service System.

Seniors who are interested in taking the ASVAB should contact Mrs. Moles to be included in the testing.

### **Cedar Valley Science Symposium at Wartburg College:**

Cedar Valley Science Symposium (CVSS) is a one-day workshop designed to give science-, math-oriented high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to pursue, in depth, specific areas in contemporary science, engineering, and computer science. Each workshop, led by Wartburg College faculty or a team of clinical laboratory scientists from ASCL-IA, consists of 6-12 students and the instructor. Each student participates in only one workshop. Student participants are encouraged to share their experiences and newly gained knowledge with their high school teachers and other students after the Symposium.

To apply, visit [www.wartburg.edu/cvss](http://www.wartburg.edu/cvss). Schedule information and workshop descriptions are also available at this site. All application materials must be received no later than January 2, 2012.

CVSS participants may stay Saturday night in the residence halls with Wartburg science and math students. Some high school seniors may wish to consider competing in the Wartburg College Regents and Presidential Scholarship Programs, one of which is being held Sunday, January 15, 2012. For more information about this program, visit [www.wartburg.edu/finaid/Scholarships.html](http://www.wartburg.edu/finaid/Scholarships.html).

### **Vocal Music-Mr. Doran**

It's hard to believe that Christmas time is upon us! Our students have been rehearsing hard for the seasonal performances. We have 42 total singers in this year's high school choir: 16 Sopranos, 11 Altos, 4 Tenors, & 11 Basses. They can be broken down into the following grade levels: 8 Seniors, 9 Juniors, 13 Sophomores, & 12 Freshmen.

The singers have elected their peers into leadership positions within the choir and this year's officers include: President – Chelsea Borrenpohl, Vice President – Ana Repp, Treasurer – Christine Wellensiek, Secretary – Taylor Dudley, and Reporter – Angela Noudaranouovong. Congratulations to our officers who are all girls this year.

Students who auditioned for the Nebraska All-State Honor Choir were Chelsea Borrenpohl, Taylor Dudley, and Zach Lade. They worked very hard on learning their music up to the October 15 audition but unfortunately we didn't have anyone selected this year!

Our annual candle sales took place November 7 – 21. We sold about 400 candles. Thank you to all who have contributed to our music students. We are an active music department and your assistance is greatly appreciated!

December performances will include the following:

**Christmas on the Square – Sunday, December 4, 3:00-7:00 PM in Tecumseh**

**High School Concert – Thursday, December 8 @ 7:00 PM in Tecumseh**

**K-3 Elementary Program – Thursday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM in Tecumseh**

**4-5 Elementary & Middle School Concert – Tue., Dec. 20 @ 7:00 PM in Cook**

High School Vocal Christmas Caroling (open to community) TBA

High School to the Care Center TBA

### **Business Math-Mrs. Richardson**

Already this school year in Business Math we have discussed many everyday financial issues including income taxes, salaries, credit cards, and loans. Some of the students have said they have a better understanding of topics we have discussed. One student mentioned she knew what to put down for a withholding allowance on a W-4. Others understand how long it will take to pay off a credit card balance if only the minimum balance is paid. We have also discussed the money you can save by trying to pay a loan off early. The students can not say "I will never use this in real life."

We are currently going over mortgages and car loans, including the amount of interest paid over the life of the loan. In this chapter we will also discuss who pays property taxes and where does that money go. The students will learn the importance of property and car insurance. We will also discuss the positives and negatives of leasing cars and renting an apartment or house. Hopefully the students will come away from this class with some financial knowledge they can use in adulthood.



## Second Grade News – Mrs. Doeden

It seems so hard to believe that December is here already! Where has the year gone? We have been so busy. We will continue to work hard to cover the many, many things we hope to learn in second grade and also continue to do some fun projects along the way.

On Veteran's Day we were fortunate to attend a special program in the high school gym with many of our local veterans as special guests. We so appreciate their service to our country. Thank you Veterans! We also had the opportunity to listen to a special guest speaker describe some of the tasks he has been assigned throughout his career. It was very interesting to hear about his experiences!

Ready! Set! Action! The second grade students are excited about putting on a Thanksgiving program with songs, poems, plays, and jokes. Our first performance was for some of the residents at Ridgeview Towers and Belle Terrace. We then performed for our family members that were able to attend as well as the other grades here at school. What fun! Some of our parents stayed to eat lunch, too. What great memories!

Do you like to read many different types of literature? Through our new reading series, we are learning about so many different genres. We have read realistic fiction, nonfiction, informative, folk tales and fairy tales, and poems. We even had a drama that was written in such a way that we could sing most of the lines. We all found ourselves humming the tune all day long. It was a lot of fun!

In math we are almost finished learning new addition math facts with sums to 18. We will review these facts for a short time and then move on to subtraction facts. Some of our new math skills include measuring in inches, reading a recipe and using correct measurement, adding 10 to any 2-digit numbers, counting money, and lines of symmetry.

We hope you have a great holiday season!

## Third Grade News—Susan Dieckgrafe

Our reading book has lots of stories that are informational and fiction. We liked reading Tops and Bottoms, a funny story about a rabbit and a bear. We also liked the book When Charlie McButton Lost Power. Our theme now is about how people and animals interact. Around Christmas we are going to read The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.

We have reading groups that are small. We do different activities when we are in small groups. We also do Accelerated Reading. We get to choose books that we love to read. We earn points to meet our goal. By Calvin, Katie, Jason, Dale, and Logan

In Science we learned how a life cycle of a plant works. We had a scavenger hunt with plant facts. We also planted corn and watched it grow. We learned about the parts of the plant. Many plants grow in different ways. We also learned how plants can't grow without soil, minerals, water, oxygen, and sun. Did you know that not all plants have seeds?

Social Studies is fun this quarter. We are working in pairs and we are teaching our friends about the life of the Plains Indians. We read and then teach about the buffalo, teepees, canoes, and other parts of the Plains Indians daily life. We are going to build a diorama of an Indian Village! By Saylor, Kylie, Morgan, Lucas, and Uriel

What we do in math is a one hundred timed math test. We also learn about new things like the body temperature and where water freezes and boils. Each day we have a math meeting board it teaches us about numbers, fact families, and math patterns. The very last thing is that it is important to have fun and learn.

We are always excited about writing in cursive. We have learned a bunch of lower case letters and now we can make words in cursive. We love to practice writing in cursive! By Ruby, Chloe, Boston, and Gerardo



Dear JCC Friends,

We are truly thankful for “Hat Day” that was held to benefit Connor. We can't begin to express what your gift means to us and our family. The money is most definitely helpful and will go to extremely good use, there's no doubt about that. But more than the monetary value, we so greatly appreciate the thought behind the gift. For that especially, we thank you. We are looking forward to Connor’s chemotherapy treatments slowing to a once a month basis come March. Your donation has helped make it possible for us to spend more time together throughout his current intensive treatments.

This time has been difficult for us, but knowing we have the support of people like you certainly helps. Please know we won't forget your kind gesture. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Connor Haufle, Mandy & Nate



## JCC WINTER ATHLETICS

### JC Central Boys Wrestling 2011-12 Season Preview—Coach Wellensiek

The JCC wrestling team began practice on Nov. 14th with ten wrestlers. Five returning letterwinners are on the squad: Srs. Joe Gillott (132) and Scott Johnson (152) Jrs. Brandon Martell (145) and Cody Broadfoot (126) and Soph. Thomas Gerdes (120). Other team members include Soph. Alexis Dorn (126), Jay Kuhns (120), and Luis Ramirez (138) and Fresh. Justin Kuhns (113) and Terrence Finley (182).

JCC begins the season at the Friend Invitational on December 3rd. Early practices have concentrated on being more aggressive on our feet, and improving takedowns and setups.

This year's team is very young and inexperienced and will be looking for steady improvement from week to week throughout the season. The wrestlers are coached by Dean Wellensiek and Larry Kuhl.

## **JC Central Boys Basketball 2011-12 Season Preview—Coach Hutt**

Thunderbird Basketball is off and running. We have 21 players on our team this season. The class numbers are very balanced with 5 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, and 6 Freshman. JCC's 6 returning lettermen are; Dustin Beethe, Cole Hamilton, Zach Kaster, Layne Kettelhake, Justin Damme, and Nate Kuhl. Zach, Justin, and Nate are returning starters. They are also were the top 3 scorers and rebounders from last season. Nate had 13.8ppg & 7.2rb., Zach averaged 11ppg & 5.3rb, and Just had 9.5ppg & 4.8rb per game. Dustin Beethe and Cole Hamilton were considered starters last season as they came off the bench and played key roles for our team. Dustin had 64 assists & 18 three pointers, while Cole popped in 22 3pt shots.

Kirk Faris and Ben Swanson return for another season on our staff. Coach Faris and Coach Swanson and our players are a huge reason for any success we may enjoy. This is my 29<sup>th</sup> season as a head boys basketball coach and I am thankful to have these coaches and players. We have a lot of fun in our program. Part of the fun comes from working hard to be successful. Counting all 3 teams, Fr.-So/JV/Varsity. we have won 102 of our last 138 games for a 74% winning percentage. Those numbers are earned through player and coach dedication in-season and off-season. We all work hard to develop the right to feel like we deserve success. Sports are just confidence and executing your stuff when the game is on the line. Our players are groomed to produce when the popcorn is popping. We have to focus and have productive practices for that to happen. Skill improvement is always the goal, along with mental and physical toughness. I also believe that

“Great Teammates Say and Do Things that Make Each Other Better.” We teach our players to be resilient and disciplined to know how to bounce back from a loss. It's pretty easy to do, because in their world of technology, they are always going to the next thing anyway. That is a great lesson because life can be a roller coaster. In basketball we try to be “Game Day Ready.”

This past June we played 30 games in our program and won 24. The Varsity finished 18-3 with 15 of the 21 games being competition above Class C2. The Varsity won the Syracuse Summer League and attended Team Camps at Elmwood-Murdock, Falls City and Yutan. The JV were 6-3 with over half their games vs. opponents above C2. They were successful in the Syracuse JV Summer League and also went to a Team Camp at Auburn.

These kids work hard and are worthy of your support.

## **JC Central Girls Basketball 2011-12 Season Preview—Coach Miller**

One of you strengths this year will be our team speed/quickness. We should be able to push the ball up the court and hopefully score some points in transition. This year we do have some depth and experience as many of our returning players played extensively last season. There are some young Girls (freshmen) that have practiced very well and once they understand the offense and defense, they are going to be very good players for us this year.

Seniors Chelsea Borrenpohl, Christine Wellensiek, Ana Repp and Alyson Gottula all have varsity experience and will provide valuable leadership for our younger girls.

Our main goal each year is to get to the District title game. We were disappointed in our play last year in the District Title game and are really focused on getting back to this game. Our overall team goal is to work hard everyday and be competitive in each game, which as a coach is all you can ask of the girls.

Fundamentals and conditioning have been the two most important aspects of our practices so far this season. With all the young girls on the team this year, fundamentals are going to be extremely important for them to learn.

On Monday, November 28th, the JCC girls and boys will be participating in a varsity scrimmage against Nebraska City High School beginning at 6:00 with the girls game, this game will be in Nebraska City. This will be a great chance to see the teams before the season opener at Mead on December 2. The first home game is scheduled for December 3 against an always-tough East Butler team.

### Calendar Events December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
4 6:00 PM PTO Mtg @Tec	5 4:00 PM JHBB vs PC 5:00 PM 9-10 GBB @ Louisville 6:15 PM 9-10 BBB @ Louisville	6 4:00 PM JV GBB at Wym 5:00 PM JV BBB at Wym 6:00 PM V GBB at Wym 7:45 PM V BBB at Wym	7 8:30 AM ASVAB Testing	8 7:00 PM HS Concert	2 4:00 PM JV GBB @ Mead 4:45 PM JV BBB @ Mead 6:00 PM V GBB @ Mead 7:45 PM V BBB @ Mead	3 8:30 AM JHBB at JCC 10:00 AM V Wres @ Friend 2:00 PM JV G&BBB vs EB 3:15 PM V GBB vs EB 3:30 PM PP Cake Raffle 4:45 PM V BBB vs EB
11 4:00 PM JH BBB vs AUBURN 6:00 PM *CANCELLED* 9-10 GBB @ Freeman 6:00 PM 9-10 BBB @ Freeman H.S.	12 8:30 AM Coalition Mtg @ JCC 4:30 PM JV GBBB vs PALMYRA 5:30 PM PP Cake Raffle 6:00 PM V GBB vs PALMYRA 7:45 PM V BBB vs PALMYRA	13 8:30 AM BOE Mtg @ Cook	14 7:30 PM BOE Mtg @ Cook	15 4:00 PM JH BBB vs WW 7:00 PM KG-3rd Program	16 4:30 PM JV GBBB @ Louisville 6:00 PM V GBB @ Louisville 7:45 PM V BBB @ Louisville 8:00 PM JH Dance	17 12:00 AM JH BBB @ Malcolm 10:00 AM V Wres @ Home 8:00 PM HS Dance
18 5:30 PM 9-10 GBB @ WW 6:30 PM 9-10 BBB @ WW	19 5:30 PM 9-10 GBB @ WW 6:30 PM 9-10 BBB @ WW	20 7:00 PM 4-8 Concert	21	22 7:30 AM Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00 PM 1:00 Dismissal - end of 2nd Qtr	23 12:00 AM NSAA 5 day Moratorium	24
25	26	27	28	29 12:00 AM V BBB @ Holiday Tourney@Syracuse 12:00 AM V GBB @ Holiday Tourney@Syracuse	30 12:00 AM V BBB @ Holiday Tourney@Syracuse 12:00 AM V GBB @ Holiday Tourney@Syracuse	31

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				1 Goulash Green Beans Fruit Garlic Bread Milk	2 Sloppy Joe /Bun Smiley Fries Fruit Cookie Milk	3
4	5 Chicken Strips Tater Tots Veggie Bread Stick Milk	6 Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Grilled Cheese Veggie Fruit Milk	7 Hot Dog /Bun French Fries Fruit PB No Bake Milk	8 Hot Ham Cheese Veggie Fruit Cookie Milk	9 Beef Fingers Mashed Potatoes/ Casserole Fruit B&B Milk	10
11	12 Pizza Baby Carrots Fruit Pudding Milk	13 Br Beef Patty/ Bun Starz Hash Browns Jell-O/ Fruit Gorilla Bar Milk	14 Chefs Choice	15 Rib Patty/ Bun Tater Tots Fruit Brownie Milk	16 Cheese Stix Lettuce Salad Orange Cookie Milk	17
18	19 Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit Garlic Bread Stick Milk	20 Chili Crackers Cheese Stick Fruit Cinnamon Roll Milk	21 Sliced Ham Cheesy Potatoes Veggie Dinner Roll Milk	22 Br Chicken Patty/ Bun French Fries Fruit Rice Crispy Bar Milk	23 No Classes Christmas Break	24
25	26 No Classes	27	28 Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!!! Kitchen Staff Cook And Tecunseh	29	30 No Classes	31

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