

Johnson County Central Public Schools

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Thunderbirds

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SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Jack D. Moles



I would like to take this opportunity to discuss a few unrelated items for the sake of providing information that normally is not passed on to our patrons. I would just like to provide the opportunity to get a brief glimpse into “how things work”.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

I have a committee of teachers help me develop the calendar each year. This committee is made up of one representative each from the high school, middle school, and from both of our elementary sites. Some points we look at in our discussion:

1. I provide the committee with some “absolutes”—things that need to be on the calendar or things that need to be avoided. The teachers have a 185-day contract year, so we must include 185 work days. We also try to include some “in-service” days where teachers have an opportunity to work together on curricular issues throughout the year. For the 2017-18 school year we are scheduling in four such workdays (Aug. 16 and 17, Nov. 2-3) in which all of our certificated staff will receive training in the Marzano Instructional Model. We will be joined by the staffs from Pawnee City and Elmwood-Murdock for this training.
2. I have tried to make sure we try to honor both the Otoe and Johnson County Fairs in the past. We believe it is important for our students and staff to have the opportunity to take part in the fairs. A couple of years ago the Otoe County Fair moved its dates so that does not remain an issue. Since the Friday of the Johnson County Fair is the most important to some we will not have a teacher workday that day. We then push the start of school to the following Tuesday. As a result of honoring the county fair our calendar often does not resemble the calendars of neighboring districts.
3. I always ask the committee what they want Christmas break to look like. Amazingly, this does define what our calendar looks like as much, or more, than anything else we consider. The staff generally likes to have a two-week break at this time. That was not possible for the coming year, however.
4. People often ask me how many “snow days” we have built into the schedule. Actually, the state requires us to provide a certain number of hours of instruction (1080 for grades 7-12, 1054 for elementary). There is no set number of days a school must be in session. Of course, if we missed extended days we do consider having school on some of our days off later in the year. For example, we could choose to have classes on an in-service day or one of the days of spring break. I do not like the concept of simply tacking on days at the end of the year as I think better learning opportunities are provided earlier in the semester.

After the committee has helped me develop a rough draft I then share it with the Principals for their input. After considering input from the Principals I then take a recommended calendar to the Board of Education for adoption. The 2017-18 calendar you see in this newsletter has been adopted by the Board of Education.

STAFFING

Changes in the teaching staff are based on the needs of our students. The Board of Education has been very supportive of providing the teaching staff that is needed. Over the past several years we have made the many different moves, all based on what is best for kids. Some of the types of moves we have made include:

1. We have had some staff leave who we did not replace. We simply chose to “absorb” the loss of a teaching position and spread out the duties that teacher had. When this happens we obviously see a cost reduction.
2. We have added in positions. This normally happens when we have a new need that needs to be addressed. Our most recent examples of this would be the addition of the Alternative Education program and an incident where increased Special Education needs necessitated the addition of a teacher. Obviously, adding in a new position results in a cost increase. In the case of adding a Special Education teacher, the cost taken on offsets the costs that another program would have required.
3. We have shifted the duties of teachers. An example of this occurred when we made the decision a few years ago to add in a Reading Teacher in the elementary who would help all students in reading instruction. We downsized from three to two sections of some elementary grades, resulting in the ability to create the Reading Teacher position.
4. We have added in a position to offset costs that were going to another source. A few years ago the Board of Ed approved the hiring of a Speech Pathologist. In the past we had contracted through ESU 4 in Auburn. ESU 4 had worked to provide for the needs of our students but was having a hard time finding the trained personnel we needed. I recommended to the Board that we try to hire our own Speech Pathologist as we have a definite need. Luckily, we were able to hire our own teacher. This resulted in meeting the needs of our students, while also providing a cost reduction for these services.

In considering non-certificated staff members, we have looked at ways to keep costs down, while at the same time remaining true to the concept of providing for our students as best as possible. The most direct way in which we provide for our students academically is through the use of paraprofessionals, or teachers’ aides. These individuals do a wonderful job of helping all of our students. We have seen an increase in the number of aides we use over the past several years, but this is in direct correlation to our growing student needs in areas such as Special Education and ELL (English Language Learners). We are also trying to respond to needs based on poverty and student mobility. Each year the administrators, along with input from teachers, identify our biggest needs, then determine how our aides can best be utilized. At times the administrators go to the Board with recommendations that call for an increase in the number of aides. Again, we try to minimize adding, but at times this cannot be avoided.



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Spring is in full swing and we are winding down our 2016-2017 school year at JCC. As we approach the final weeks of the year I want to congratulate our seniors on all their accomplishments this past year. Success now in academics and extra-curricular activities will carry forward to your future endeavors and I wish the senior class much success as you graduate and move on after high school.

I do have a few loose ends to tie up at the end of this year and I first want to remind our seniors and parents of some important dates and events that are heading our way:

- Monday, April 24, 2017 – at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria I will meet with the seniors to handout senior check-out sheets, the seniors will have the remaining two weeks to complete their check-out sheets which should be plenty of time.
- Friday, May 5, 2017 – the last day for seniors (this will be a regular full day of school). Semester exams must be completed before the end of this day.
- Monday, May 8, 2017 – seniors can start to officially check-out. Mr. Lester will check lockers and collect check-out sheets. This needs to be done before graduation rehearsal.
- Monday, May 8, 2017 – senior grades are due in power school by 8:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 8, 2017 – I will verify and print senior report cards and inform the Salutatorian and Valedictorian of their status.
- Friday, May 12, 2017 – seniors will have graduation rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. I will also handout report cards at this time. After rehearsal I will have a senior party/lunch at the 4-H building.

As our seniors are preparing to graduate, our 8th grade students are looking to transition into the high school. 8th grade orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. These current 8th graders will be divided into small groups and will be escorted on a tour of the high school facilities. They will also visit with the extra-curricular activities sponsors and will have an opportunity to ask questions during a refreshment period at the end of the orientation.

Another important event I want to discuss is our JCC Honors Day, which will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. This program recognizes our student's academic success. All students will be present at this assembly and will be honored for their achievements in the presence of their peers. We invite and encourage all parents to attend this assembly. We understand this is during the work day, but we hope parents will still attempt to be present as their students are being honored. There will be many awards given during this assembly: Honor roll, perfect attendance, classroom awards, military awards and many others. Please come and help recognize these award recipients.

Let's keep up the good work and end our 2016-2017 school year on a high note. Good luck and congrats to all our seniors and have a safe and exciting graduation!



News from Rich Bacon, Middle School Principal and Athletic Director

The onset of spring brings warmer temperatures, rain, blooming flowers, and green grass. With the spring season also comes a variety of activities and events that can disrupt the regular school week, such as, Easter, Standardized tests, State Standards and Assessments, quiz bowl competitions, music concerts and competitions, and track meets to name a few. With the busy time of year and the nice, spring weather, many of us anxiously await the end of the school year and summer vacation. It is important to remember that we still have almost two months of school left and there is a lot of work that remains. Everyone needs to guard against complacency and finish the year strong. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on March 16th & 17th marking the end of the third quarter. Hopefully, you attended conferences and talk to your child's teachers about their progress. For those parents who were unable to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences, report cards have been sent home with your child. I encourage those parents to make contact with their child's teachers to get clarification on how their student is doing in all areas of their education, not just grades. This important interaction between teacher and parent can benefit the student immensely when utilized.

Students will be taking a number of Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) tests throughout the month of April. These assessments are very important for our students and the district. Results from these assessments provide data which help guide curriculum decisions for our district. Results from these assessments will also be used to help determine a student's academic placement for the next school year. As the testing dates approach there are some test-taking strategies and some things parents can do to help their children be successful on these assessments:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before each test and eats a good breakfast the morning of the tests.
- Have your child dress in layers – studies show children do better on assessments if they don't have to think about how hot or cold they are.
- Encourage your child to practice the following test-taking strategies: Skip a question and move on if you don't know the answer - you can always come back to that question later; Check your answers carefully; Make sure the numbers of your answers correspond to the numbers of the questions on the test; Encourage your child to read on the days leading up to the test. The easiest and best way to prepare your child to do well on tests is to have them read often.
- Encourage your child to take the tests seriously. A lot of important decisions regarding your children are made based on data we receive from these tests. If students don't give their best effort on the standardized tests much of our data will be invalid, making it difficult to make decisions that will be in the best interests of our students.
- Keep a good attitude. Think positively!

Girls and boys track and the boys golf seasons have begun. You will have multiple opportunities to catch our athletes in action as JCC will serve as host for the following meets this spring:

- Thunderbird Track Invitational – Tuesday, April 4th
- Thunderbird JH Track Invitational – Thursday, April 27th
- JCC Golf Invitational – Thursday, May 4th
- JCC Track Invitational – Friday, May 5th
- C-3 District Track Meet – Thursday, May 11th

Support your teams and Johnson County Central athletes with your attendance at these home events and watch competition at its best.

The 2016-2017 Johnson County Central Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, April 24th, starting at 6:00 p.m. This year's banquet will again be organized by the Thunderbird Booster Club and will include a potluck dinner. Please plan to attend and recognize our fine student-athletes and coaches for their efforts this school year. GO THUNDERBIRDS!

Elementary News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Wed. Apr. 5—4th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln.
- Wed. Apr. 12—School Board Mtg. 7:30 p.m. in Tecumseh.
- Fri. Apr. 14—NO SCHOOL!
- Mon. Apr. 17—NO SCHOOL!
- Thurs. Apr. 20—NO SCHOOL! JCC hosting district music competition.

Patterns (and ramblings)

In my career in education, and also as a coach, I like to use data to look for patterns. You see, there is usually more than one way to accomplish a task. And, you can often see a goal accomplished several different ways. However, there are usually many factors playing into the cause of the success (or failure). One method I have found to be effective, is to study many different ways of doing things and find the common factors linked to success. Hence, I'm looking for a pattern.

For example, there are currently 45 different Reading curriculum listed on the "What Works Clearinghouse", a database for curriculum and studies linked to the curriculum for effectiveness. Wow! 45! And Reading Street (our current Reading curriculum) is not even listed! I wonder how many truly exist? The point is, no two are exactly alike. However, a great number of them can create successful readers depending on how they're implemented. The key is to looking at *what factor(s)* makes them successful. Why are they successful? Is it an element of the curriculum? Is it how it's implemented? Is it who is teaching the content, or who it is being taught to? Is it how the school day is arranged? Plus, a multitude of other factors.

This method is much the same that is used by many Departments of Roads and Motor Vehicles. Statistics and data are collected, patterns are found and changes are made or not made. In some instances, it is critical that changes are not made after single incidents, but based on patterns. The same is true in the game of baseball. Baseball is a game that relies a great deal on statistics. And, statistics are best used when you have longitudinal data. That is, data that is collected over a period of time for validity.

Another example goes waaaay back to my days of track coaching. When I started as a shot and disc coach (something I had NEVER done before) I knew I had to learn *really* fast. I had friends, fellow coaches and community members come to help teach me and the athletes. I attended many track & field clinics and I scoured the Internet for solutions. I found that each coach and thrower had their own little "spin" on how to heave these items. But which was the *right* way? They all had successful throwers. It was like picking out door knobs at the hardware store! There's too many! Which is the right one?! So, I started looking at the various forms that I had learned and watched (YouTube was invaluable!) and found the similarities, the patterns. What were they all doing the same to become successful? Then, we implemented it into the throwers' routines allowing each thrower their own personalization on the less critical components (as long as it didn't interfere with the end result). We did the same thing with high jump.

Where's all this going? Well, the point is to get more than one opinion, or to look at things over a period of time. Find people, programs or whatever, that have been successful. Find out what helped make it, or them, successful in that environment and then look for others and find the common elements for success. (Continued on next page...)

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This same concept has continued into my teaching and career as a principal. I meet with other administrators, teachers, coaches, athletic directors and specialists regularly. We discuss problems, curriculum, strategies and programs. I find those people that are being successful. I ask them what they are doing and why it is working. Then, I find others who are experiencing success and ask them the same questions and try to figure out if the same thing can be implemented into my work, our school, with our teachers and/or with our students.

The “why” and the “how” something works is so very important to me, and is vital to understanding whether or not it will work for me, for the circumstance, for our students, our school or our program. One size does not fit all. A program that works for one school may not work for another. A technique that works for one athlete may not work for another. The bat that Joe Leuenberger used to hit home runs on my baseball team didn’t result in home runs for me. (HINT: The bat wasn’t the reason.) And, I have not found anything to be perfect.

Here’s something else I’ve learned; with any strategy, any method, any technique, any tool, any piece of equipment, when *people* get involved a new element of variation is brought into the equation. A football play drawn up on paper is usually intended to score a touchdown. The play is practiced to do just that. However, once the people (players and coaches) get involved, things change; somebody misses a block or a read, part of the play doesn’t get communicated properly, the defense is called just right to stop the play, somebody is in a bad mood or doesn’t give the right amount of effort, the athletes don’t know exactly how to go about executing the play, or it rains and is slick so the players slip. And on, and on, and on.

The key is to try and eliminate as many variables as possible to increase the chances of success. The tough thing is that with schools, teams, classrooms, families, communities, government, etc., this isn’t a one person job. It’s up to a lot of people. It takes a lot of watching, paying attention and data collection to determine what is working, or not, and why. Then, to respond in a the appropriate way that addresses the issue(s).

To be honest, the variables can drive a person crazy by trying to control them all. From where I sit, I know I can control two things: my attitude and my effort. These two elements are critical to the success of anything. No matter what happens, I can choose to have a positive attitude and to give my best efforts. When everyone does this, when our children are taught this, we can make almost any program work. We can improve in any area in life, subject in school, skill we want to learn or athletic team that we participate on. Even in our relationships! In my experience, the “why” something works, is due to our attitudes and efforts.

***If you don't like something,
change it. If you can't change it,
change your attitude.***

- Maya Angelou

A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes. It is a catalyst and it sparks extraordinary results.

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

- Thomas Jefferson

Congratulations to our February 2017 Thunderbirds of the Month!



Kindergarten: Wyatt Lueders, Hadley Hartmann, Jackson Gottula, Lucy Hippen, Danica Russell, Chloe Sedersten



1st Grade: London Farris, Braydn Kage, Riley Wellensiek, Cooper Jones, Jesus Ivan Hurtado, Not Pictured: Stefani Peters, Gerardo Becerra



2nd Grade: Amelia Liscomb, Jillian Cropp, Molly Weber, Trevor Bohling, Max Goracke, Reagan Tams, Zoey Bryant, Harrison Bacon, Hope Butterbaugh, Monica Jimenez, Addison Borrenpohl, Lane Robeson



3rd Grade: Briana Robeson, Gregory Golden, Addysan Hollmann, Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland, Alejandra Rojas, Saige Rother, Isaac Beethe, Lee Xayaphonesongkham, Jorge Prado



4th & 5th Grades: (back row) Marco Hernandez, Bailee Sterup, Lorie Sofia Durst, Kaitlynn Plager, Lydia Mejia, Kali Drake (front row) Ava Buggi, Isaiah Morrow, Houston Bailey, Dawn Sejkora, Juanita Grobler, Jocelyn Prado

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Seniors: Don't Miss Scholarship Deadlines!!!

Many scholarship deadlines are coming up very soon at the end of March or April. Seniors should check their scholarship folders and e-mail for application due dates and make sure they turn them in to Mrs. Reuter or get them mailed in on time. It is wise to not wait until the day of the deadline to turn in or mail in your scholarships. It is better to plan ahead and get them in the mail or turned in with several days or at least a few days to spare.

JCC Students Visit Wayne State College

On March 22nd, nineteen high school students from Johnson County Central visited Wayne State College. The students toured campus, ate in the college cafeteria, and learned about the admissions process, the financial aid process, and what they should do to prepare for college now while they are still in high school. They also had the opportunity to ask the admissions staff any questions they had about Wayne State College. The students asked great questions and many felt that they learned more about the steps they need to take to prepare for college.



University of Nebraska- Lincoln Big Red Academic Camps

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is offering several academic camps to high school students this summer. Costs of the camps are anywhere from \$400- \$650. If you register before April 15th, you save \$50 on any camp. If you register after May 1st, you pay a \$50 late fee.

The fee for these camps includes housing in UNL dorms, all meals, all camp activities, and all admission costs involved in field trips that are a part of the camps. Here are the different camps you can sign up to attend, the cost of each, and the dates of each.

Discover Chickens- June 11-16- \$600 (Before April 15th- \$550)

Discover Culinary Arts- June 11-16- \$650 (Before April 15th- \$600)

Discover Engineering- June 11-16- \$550 (Before April 15th- \$500)

Discover Entrepreneurship- June 11-16- \$650 (Before April 15th- \$600)

Discover Filmmaking- June 11-16- \$650 (Before April 15th- \$600)

Discover Outdoor Nebraska- June 11-16- \$550 (Before April 15th- \$500)

Discover Veterinary Science- June 11-16- \$650 (Before April 15th- \$600)

Discover Weather and Climate Science- June 11-16- \$550 (Before April 15th- \$500)

Discover Unicameral Youth Legislature- June 11-14- \$400 (Before April 15th- \$350)

To find out more detailed information about each camp and to register, visit www.bigredcamps.unl.edu

Spring College Fair Opportunities

Attend a college fair to meet with representatives from colleges that interest you. Upcoming fairs include:

Omaha Area College Fair – Sunday, April 9, 1-3 p.m., University of Nebraska-Omaha’s Sapp Fieldhouse

Tri-State Area College Fair (South Sioux City) – Sunday, April 23, 1-3 p.m., Marina Center

Before you attend, register for a barcode at NebraskaCollegeFairs.org. Print the barcode (or download it to your smartphone) and take it to the fair. College reps will scan it to retrieve your demographic information – and you won’t have to complete their information cards.

Register for the June 10th ACT by May 5th

The last opportunity to take the ACT during the 2016-2017 school year is June 10th. In order to not pay a late fee, students must sign up on or before May 5th at www.act.org

JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2016-2017 THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL WITH DISTINCTION

<u>FRESHMEN</u> Carrie Beethe * Eli Waring *	<u>SOPHOMORES</u> Connor Bartels Alexis Graham Andrea Graziani* Kole Kleespies* Corral McClintock* Faith Sahs
<u>JUNIORS</u> MacKenzie Eltiste Sierra McClintock*	<u>SENIORS</u> Marissa Borrenpohl Schylar DeFreece Keaton Kleespies* Sopha Kongmanyvong

* = Earned All A's This Quarter

JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

2016-2017 THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

<u>FRESHMEN</u> Genevie Allen Samuel Buss Elena Chavez Luna Gabriel DeFreece Tanner Kerner Cassidy Parks Manuel Ramirez	<u>SOPHOMORES</u> Sarai Ares Josh Bailey Tyler Bartels Erika Cruz Michiel Jansen Elissa Justus Jordan Rodriquez
<u>JUNIORS</u> Gabriela Alvarado Charla Eggleston Nick Goracke Aleisha McDonald Hannah Swanda	<u>SENIORS</u> Samantha Francois Erin Hunzeker Elizabeth Kessler Courtney Klaasmeyer Jesse Reyes Alejandra Rojas Mark Splichal Angelica Wellman

**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll
Third Quarter 2016-2017**

Grade 8

Calvin Antholz (All A's)

Kenia Barrientos

Devin Conley

***Jason Kettelhake**

Katie Little

Ashlei McDonald

***Morgan Moran**

Hayley Neemann

Zadie Plager

Saylor Rother (All A's)

Ruby Valles

Grade 7

Kaita Baird (All A's)

Logan Barras

Ava Berkebile

***Jonathon Duncan**

Gina Golden

Madelyn Harrifeld (All A's)

***Treyton Holthus**

Vanessa Jimenez (All A's)

Dakota Ludemann

Lane Othmer

***Madison Pingel**

***Emma Straka**

Shayla Thompson

*** Isabella Wolter**

Francisco Xayaphonesongkham

Grade 6

Katelyn Beethe

Mazzie Benedict

Erika Cabrales (All A's)

Karen Canseco Chavez

Rita Ceballos

Anzel duPreez

Austin Goracke

MacKinze Gordon

Jacob Graham (All A's)

Sierra Hergenrader (All A's)

Hayden Huskey (All A's)

***Jacob Liscomb**

Danielle Lueders

Keiry Najera

***Chayce Oenbring**

***Kimberly Orozco**

Daisy Ortiz

Cole Robeson (All A's)

Cameron Schuster

***Brandon Speckmann**

Alixandria Swanson

Aiden Weber (All A's)

Honor Roll students have no grade lower than a B.

*Honor Roll with distinction is based on student's having all A's with only one B

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**ANNUAL REPORT
MARCH, 2017**

This annual report for the Johnson County Central Public Schools district was compiled as one of the requirements of the Nebraska School Accreditation Standards to be met in Nebraska Department of Education, Rule 10. It is distributed annually via the school district newsletter to all school patrons.

SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL INFORMATION

History

Johnson County Central Public Schools came into existence as a result of a merger between Tecumseh Public Schools and Nemaha Valley Schools in May, 2007.

Accreditation

Johnson County Central is fully accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education. Each fall our school completes reports to indicate accreditation standards have been met. A thorough self-study involving school staff, students and district patrons must be completed to meet Rule 10 Requirements. The School Improvement Team is currently working on the self-study. Johnson County Central also has attained AdvancEd Accreditation.

Activities

Membership is maintained in the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) which governs Nebraska high school extra-curricular activities. NSAA assigns schools to various classifications for competition based on each member school's fall boy-girl enrollment count in grades 9-11 and the number of schools involved in each activity. This year NSAA has placed Johnson County Central in the following classifications: Track, Music, Golf, and Wrestling (Class C); and Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Play Production and Speech (Class C-1). JCC is Class D in Cross Country. JCC also co-ops Soccer with Nebraska City in Class B.

Johnson County Central is a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference. Other members include Auburn, Conestoga, Elmwood-Murdock, Freeman, Louisville, Malcolm, Mead, Palmyra, Weeping Water, and Yutan. JCC also takes part in MUDECAS activities. Other member schools in MUDECAS include Bruning-Davenport, Diller-Odell, Exeter-Milligan, Falls City Sacred Heart, Freeman, HTRS, Johnson-Brock, Lewiston, Lourdes Central Catholic, Meridian, Parkview Christian, Palmyra, Pawnee City, Southern, and Sterling,

Size of District

The district encompasses 296.7 square miles with 188.2 square miles in Johnson County; 8.2 square miles in Nemaha County; 91.5 square miles in Otoe County; and 8.8 square miles in Pawnee County.

Facilities

Three main facilities are utilized by the district. The high school is located in Tecumseh. Also located in Tecumseh is a PK-3 elementary facility. In Cook a PK/4-8 facility is utilized.

The elementary building in Tecumseh was completed in 1931. The high school building was constructed in 1964-65. The main part of the building in Cook was finished in 1958, with additions completed in 1999.

Most asbestos was removed from all school buildings many years ago. Except for some non-friable asbestos in floor tile and in above ceiling duct work, the buildings are asbestos free. Pipe insulation that contains asbestos in the high school building has been coated according to regulations.

Faculty/Support Staff

The students of Johnson County Central are served by 43 teachers, six special education teachers, two full time Title 1 Reading and Mathematics teachers, one English Language Learner teacher, one Library/Media specialist, two Guidance Counselors, one Alternative Education teacher, three building Principals, one Superintendent of Schools and the following support staff members: four bus drivers, one full-time head cook and five part-time kitchen helpers, two full-time maintenance persons, five full-time secretaries, 15 teacher aides, one bookkeeper, one technology aide, and one school nurse. Johnson County Central contacts with an outside source for custodial services.

School Board

The school district is being governed by a six member Board of Education. Each member's term of office is four years and members are elected at-large. Members of the current Board of Education are: Arlin Beethe, Susan Borchert, Teresa Goracke, Greg Hunzeker, Rebecca Plager, and Kim Wellensiek. Board officers for 2017 are Greg Hunzeker (president), Susan Borchert (vice-president), and Kim Wellensiek (treasurer). Superintendent Jack Moles serves as the Board secretary, while Laurie Badertscher is the appointed board recording secretary.

Strategic Planning/Mission Statement

The mission statement of the school is: **JCC: Journey of Excellence; Creating Lifelong Learners; Citizens for Tomorrow**

The following governing beliefs have been adopted by the school:

- Demonstrate exceptional educational instruction and learning.
- Present a safe and drug-free setting that fosters the desire to learn.
- Encourage progressive relevant student involvement.
- Respect the contributions of all.
- Integrate technology throughout the curriculum.
- Focus on developing problem solvers in the classroom.
- Stress global perspective and the appreciation of diversity.
- Promote the value of the arts and extracurricular endeavors as integral parts of the curriculum.
- Prepare students to contribute positively in the family, school, community and the world.
- Instruct and demonstrate respect for the environment.
- Establish a partnership of service between school and community.

School Improvement

Johnson County Central Public Schools participates in the AdvancEd school improvement process. The school improvement goal is as follows:

“Johnson County Central Public Schools will improve reading comprehension through the direct and explicit teaching of vocabulary.”

In the spring of 2016 Johnson County Central hosted an AdvancEd external visitation team. The team surveyed the work of the district toward meeting the school improvement goal and also provided suggestions for working toward the goal.

Instructional Goals and Objectives

The primary goals and objectives of the Johnson County Central Public Schools shall be to provide all the children of the district with the best education possible, wherein each may develop wholesome attitudes, ideals, and concepts for better living in our democracy.

Education in Johnson County Central must serve the individual pupil in the light of his/her capacities and abilities and provide a suitable and well balanced learning environment in the areas of physical, mental, emotional, cultural, social, moral, and spiritual maturity.

The school shall be concerned with students acquiring knowledge in their subjects, but also taking into consideration the interest of the children themselves, their growth, interests, needs and unique personalities.

It is the primary responsibility of Johnson County Central to provide pupils the nature and meaning of democratic values and to help the children develop a loyalty to those values through personal commitments.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

This information is being reported as required under provisions of Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) Rule 10: Regulations for the Legal Operation of Schools & Johnson County Central Board of Education Policy.

Elementary & Jr-Sr High
Student Performance on
NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability Assessments)--grades 4-8, 11

	JCC	STATE	JCC	STATE	JCC	STATE	JCC	STATE
GRADE	READ- ING	READ- ING	MATH	MATH	SCI- ENCE	SCI- ENCE	WRIT- ING	WRIT- ING
3	79%	84%	71%	78%				
4	94%	85%	81%	78%			70%	70%
5	94%	85%	80%	77%	89%	73%		
6	76%	83%	81%	73%				
7	100%	85%	97%	71%				
8	87%	81%	69%	68%	82%	69%	51%	70%
11	77%	72%	75%	62%	72%	74%	57%	71%

NeSA Science is administered at grades 5, 8, and 11. NeSA Writing is administered at grades 4, 8, and 11. NeSA Writing will be discontinued in 2016-17 and incorporated into NeSA Reading. Grade 11 will no longer be administered NeSA assessments in the 2016-17 school year. Most students in grade 11 will take the ACT as the state assessment beginning in the spring of 2017.

ACT TEST COMPOSITE AVERAGES

YEAR	LOCAL AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE
2012-13	20.8	21.5	20.9
2013-14	21.3	21.7	21.0
2014-15	21.4	21.5	21.0
2015-16	20.4	21.4	21.0

ACT LOCAL AVERAGES BY AREA

YEAR	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE
2012-13	19.9	22.0	20.1	21.1
2013-14	20.6	21.1	22.3	20.4
2014-15	20.3	21.9	21.7	21.0
2015-16	18.6	20.8	19.8	21.7

The results of a single appraisal and reporting of a single piece of numerical data does not wholly indicate class group performance; it is only one measure of educational assessment. A comprehensive study of the individuals in a class as they score nationally and also locally are required for an appropriate assessment of student achievement, especially as followed throughout the student's academic career.

With these figures, as with any other statistical data, it is imperative that too many conclusions not be drawn from a single number. For those persons wanting further information, please contact Johnson County Central.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This information is being reported as required under provisions of Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) Rule 10: Regulations for the Legal Operation of Schools & Johnson County Central Board of Education Policy.

BUDGET INFORMATION

The anticipated budget of expenditures for the 2016-17 school year is \$8,921,663. The actual revenues and expenditures for the 2015-16 school year are listed below. The source for these figures is the school district's annual audit..

Revenues

Local	\$5,591,212	79.55%
County	\$43,018	0.61%
State	\$1,026,674	14.61%
Federal	\$351,797	5.01%
Other	\$15,939	0.23%
TOTAL	\$7,028,640	

Expenditures

All Instruction Expenditures	\$4,618,393	65.01%
Federal Program Expenditures	\$366,900	5.16%
General Administration	\$422,163	5.94%
Maintenance & Operation	\$548,783	7.72%
Office of the Principal	\$431,276	6.07%
Other Expenditures	\$34,725	0.49%
State Categorical Programs	\$170,451	2.40%
Support Services-Business	\$85,852	1.21%
Support Services-Pupils	\$161,514	2.27%
Support Services-Transportation	\$164,483	2.32%
Support Services-Staff	\$99,664	1.40%
TOTAL	\$7,104,204	

SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION AND LEVIES FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
VALUATIONS	\$410,588,823	\$461,422,456	\$518,371,436	\$597,801,158	\$681,585,722	\$713,250,755
LEVIES						
Gen'l Fund	1.005051	1.014443	1.013274	0.952736	0.862677	0.887833
Special Bldg.	.040404	.035506	.036634	0.030303	0.030303	0.030303
Bond	.141023	.130569	.114993	0.098694	0.084629	0.067623
QCPU Fund	0	0	0	0	0	

The Bond Fund levy only applies to property in the previous Nemaha Valley district.

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

School district enrollment for the past four years and current year enrollment were obtained from the state report filed with the Nebraska Department of Education each September and from the annual school district census.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Preschool	48	48	53	39	45	42
Elementary	207	221	230	240	238	225
Middle School	120	125	120	104	102	105
High School	149	153	162	169	160	158
TOTAL	524	547	565	552	545	530

Enrollment by grade level and sex of student attending Johnson County Central

GRADE LEVEL	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
Pre-School	19	23	42
Kindergarten	16	10	26
First	22	16	38
Second	27	21	48
Third	22	18	40
Fourth	20	16	36
Fifth	19	18	37
TOTAL ELEM.	145	122	267
Sixth	15	20	35
Seventh	14	25	39
Eighth	16	15	31
TOTAL MS	45	60	105
Freshmen	28	12	40
Sophomore	28	17	45
Junior	16	21	37
Senior	17	19	36
TOTAL HS	89	69	158
TOTAL MS/HS	134	129	263
TOTAL PK-12	279	251	530

JCC Vocal Music – Thomas Doran

Tuesday, February 28, JCC hosted the 24th annual Freshmore Clinic. This is a clinic Mr. Doran started in 1994 to help strengthen the younger voices (Freshmen and Sophomores) from area schools. We rehearsed all day in the Elementary Auditorium and presented a 6:30 PM concert that evening. We switched up the clinician and accompaniment duties with having Kevin Boesiger from Beatrice and June Bowers from Falls City take turns conducting and accompanying. Here are some interesting facts about Freshmore:

- There have been 40 schools participating (some of which are no longer around): Adams; Ashland-Greenwood; Auburn; Beatrice; Conestoga; Crete; Cross County; Dawson/Verdon; Doniphan-Trumbull; Fairbury, Falls City; Falls City Sacred Heart; Freeman; Gretna; Johnson-Brock; Johnson County Central; Lewiston; Lincoln Christian; Lincoln Lutheran; Lincoln Northeast; Lincoln Southeast; Louisville; Lourdes Central Catholic; Malcolm; Mead; Meridian; Nebraska City; Nemaha Valley; Palmyra; Parkview Christian; Pawnee City; Plattsmouth; Southeast Consolidated; Syracuse; Table Rock-Steinhauer; Tecumseh; Wahoo; Waterloo; Waverly; & Yutan.
- There have been a total of 60 different directors who have brought students from those 39 schools.
- A total of 3,435 singers have performed (not including guest show choirs) which averages to 149 a year. The high participation was 260 students and the low was 75 students. We have had only one cancellation due to weather.
- Four have been held on March 4 & March 8, three on March 7, and two on March 5 (my birthday). While the others have been spread around the month of March with 1 each in February & April.
- 71 different songs have been performed.
- 2 of those songs have been written for us.

Over twenty JCC Middle School students auditioned for the Meridian Honor Choir & Honor Band and we are happy to report that 8 of the following students were accepted to be a part of the 100 voice choir. Logan Barras, Chloe Curry, Jonathan Duncan, Kylie Kleespies, Morgan Moran, Haylee Neemann, Emma Walters, and Isabella Wolter. Vanessa Jimenez & Saylor Rother made both the honor choir and honor band and will attend as a member of the Meridian Honor Band. They will travel to Daykin with Mr. Doran & Mrs. Fricke on Friday, April 7. A public concert will be presented at 7:00 PM in the Meridian School Gymnasium.

MUSIC CONTESTS

The Mudecas Music Contest was held in Lewiston on Tuesday, March 21. JCC had 78 of our 82 music students participate in 23 different entries. The goal is to achieve a Superior “I” rating. Other ratings are Excellent “II” and Good “III”. We are happy to report the following results.

The only large group to receive a “I” rating (from all three judges) and a plaque was the Jazz Band.

Large groups receiving a “II” rating were: Concert Band (I, II, II); Mixed Choir (I, II, II); Men’s Choir (II, II, II); & Women’s Choir (II, II, II).

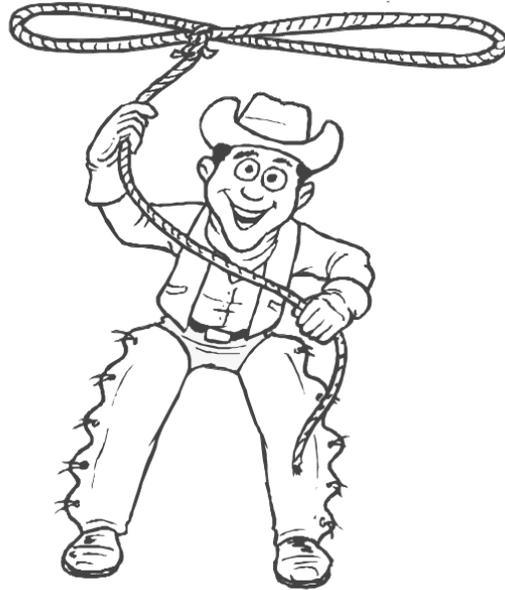
Solos and small groups receiving a “I” rating were: Sopha Kongmanyvong & Haley Beethe-Vocal Duet, Clarinet Duet 1; Clarinet Duet 2; Carrie Beethe-Flute Solo; Sara Kettelhake-Alto Sax; Haley Beethe-Vocal Solo; Sopha Kongmanyvong-Vocal Solo; Aleisha McDonald-Vocal Solo

Solos and small groups receiving a “II” rating were: Hailey Clark & Lexi Graham-Vocal Duet; Trumpet Duet; Jeny Acosta & Emalee North-Vocal Duet; Aleisha McDonald-Bari Sax Solol; Mario Moreno-Vocal Solo; Simon Rother-Vocal Solo; Annika McDonald-Clarinet Solo; Men’s Quartet (Gabe DeFreece, Caleb Eggleston, Simon Rother, & Jacob Wolter); Girls Triple Trio (Sarai Ares, Haley Beethe, Marissa Borrenpohl, Erika Cruz, Lexi Graham, Alysa Kapke, Sopha Kongmanyvong, Aleisha McDonald); Jacob Wolter-Piano Solo.

The middle school music students (band and choir) competed at the Humboldt Music Contest on Friday, March 24 (which was after the newsletter deadline).

District Music Contest happens on Thursday, April 20 and will be hosted by JCC at the high school in Tecumseh. A schedule will be forthcoming. To host DMC there will be no school as it takes all the staff to help run an efficient and top rate contest. There will be music events all day long so stop by and listen.

Kindergarten Round-Up



WHEN: Thursday, May 4, 2017
9:00-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Johnson County Central Elementary Building in Tecumseh.

WHO: Children residing in the Johnson County Central school district who are, or will be, age 5 on or before July 31, 2017.

Individual letters will be sent in April to the parents of all Kindergarten ready students residing in Johnson County Central's school district. If you do not receive a letter, please call the school and let us know that you will be attending the 2017 Kindergarten Round-Up.

If applying for early registration (child will be 5 years old on or after August 1 and on or before October 15), JCC must have received your written request by March 24, 2017.

2017 Boys Golf – Ben Swanson

Spring sports practices began February 27th, and for Boys Golf, eleven golfers make up this year's team. When the weather allows, the golfers have been spending a lot of time working on putting and chipping. At least once a week we set up a driving range to give the guys a chance to get some repetition with their longer irons, fairway woods, and driver. If the weather is just too cold to be outside, we meet in my classroom to review the many rules of the game. We view rules videos and take quizzes over various scenarios that may occur during a round of golf.

Team members this year include: (Seniors) Keaton Kleespies, and Tevin Rosekrans, (Juniors) TJae Roesener and Colton Lotter, (Sophomores) Tyler Bartels, Kole Kleespies, and Garret Cropp, and (Freshmen) Blaise Brase, Sam Buss, Tanner Kerner, and Andruw Stafford. Del Novell is our assistant coach this season. He has 27 years coaching experience in high school golf. He has previously coached at Auburn, and in Arizona. Keaton, Tevin, Tyler and Kole are returning letter winners from last season.

2017 Schedule

4/4 Dual @ Southern (4:30)

4/5 @ Friend Invite (10:00)

4/11 @ HTRS Invite (9:00)

4/13 @ Neb. City Invite (9:00)

4/17 @ FC JV Invite (2:30)

4/19 @ Southern Invite (9:30)

4/26 @ Palmyra Invite (8:30)

4/27 Home vs. HTRS Dual (4:00)

5/2 @ Elm-Mur. Invite (10:00)

5/4 JCC Invite (9:00)

5/9 @ Linc. Christ. Invite (9:00)

5/16 @ Districts Crooked Creek, Lincoln

5/23-5/24 @ State Golf Meadowlark Hills
Golf Course, Kearney (9:30)

2017 FBLA State Leadership Conference

By Angie Huskey

On April 6th, 13 students will depart Tecumseh for the FBLA State Leadership Conference (SLC) that will be held in Omaha, NE. The three-day conference consists of business meetings, competitive events, seminars, workshops, election of state officers, awards, as well as a variety of other planned leadership and educational activities. Johnson County Central's FBLA members will be competing against over 2,800 of the best and brightest business students in the state of Nebraska for a chance to qualify and compete at the national level. This year's national competition will be held at the end of June in Anaheim, California.

At this year's SLC, there will be a variety of competitions that will be administered during the three-day competition. Contests in: Accounting, Business Calculations, Business Communications, Word Processing, Job Interview, Computer Problem Solving, Business Law, Economics, Marketing, Personal Finance, Hospitality Management, Website Design, Sports & Entertainment Management, Global Business as well as a variety of Impromptu and Public Speaking events, among others, will be part of the three day conference.

In addition to the competitive events JCC-FBLA members will have the opportunity to listen to a variety of dynamic speakers and presentations. The presentations being offered at this year's competition will cover the following topics: becoming successful leaders, dressing for success, making connections, resume writing, landing your dream job, uncovering your strengths, cyber threats and security, and finding success through service.

Library News

By Joan Peters

There is a wonderful selection of new books to choose from in each of our libraries this spring. The younger students are enjoying the new *Wrenly* series and picture books that are in AR. The third grade are including some of the new forest books in their studies of habitats. The second grade plan to use the new President series for their president reports. Fifth and sixth grade girls are enjoying the new *Confectionately Yours* series and many middle school students love the new sports series by Mike Lupica and Jake Maddox books. There are young adult novels in the high school and students enjoy the *Throne of Glass* and *Red Queen* series. I would like to challenge someone to read the Stephen King novel, *11/22/63*. Its only 849 pages! We are finishing up the Golden Sower program and will be voting for the winner in April. The following books are this year's nominees:

A Piece of Cake by LeUyen Pham

Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio

My Grandfather's Coat by Jim Aylesworth

Winnie the True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh by Sally M. Walker

Ivan the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla by Katherine Applegate

Blizzard by John Rocco

Ninja Red Riding Hood by Corey Rosen Schwartz

Emmanuel's Dream The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah by Laurie Ann Thompson

I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo! By Jill Esbaum

Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas by Lynne Cox

The students know that when they see a book with a Golden Sower nominee sticker on it that they have found good quality literature and that they can learn something from that book. Many of the nominees this year were based on true stories so that added to the interest of the book. It will be hard to pick the winner.

The fourth and fifth grade are concentrating on the nonfiction this year. When we are done they will be able to find books on the subjects that interest them.

ELL News for Spring...

We have finished ELPA-21 testing for the 2016-17 school year. ELPA-21 is the English Language Proficiency test given to all ELL students in grades K-12. This state assessment allows us to see the growth our students have achieved during the year, in learning English. This test helps guide programing for each student, and allows us to best serve them. Parents can expect results from this test to be mailed home in August.

Students in grades 3-8 have been preparing to take NeSA assessments this spring. I will be working with each of my students to prepare them for these assessments, and assist them during the testing process. Juniors are anxiously anticipating the ACT on April 19. We have been working on skills in the classroom, as well as using our online act prep accounts to prepare them.

Spring is a very busy season for testing. Thank you parents for helping your student(s) be ready for testing by making sure they are getting enough rest and eating a good breakfast. Happy Spring!

-Mrs. Weber

ELL

June Jam 2017

By Joan Peters

This is June Jam's 25th Anniversary! For those youth that are new to June Jam, it is a fun-filled, educational event. Youth from across southeast Nebraska get to meet new friends, spend time with other youth committed to being alcohol and drug-free, all while learning more about yourself and the environment you live in. There will be a national speaker, educational groups where you get to meet youth from other schools, time for your own drug-free group to meet, a talent show, dance, lots and lots of food and fun activities. The event has been successful since 1992. Adults and youth have a great time together while team-building and being involved in leadership development. The event is staffed by youth and adults. Region V Systems and the Youth Action Board sponsor the event. YAB and adults oversee the event to ensure a safe and wonderful time is had by all.

This year's June Jam will be held June 11-13. It is important to attend the whole retreat for the best experience. Cost is only \$40.00 for the whole retreat. Contact Joan Peters at Johnson County Central Public Schools, 335-3320 for registrations.

We would really like to have a parent or an adult from the community be the sponsor this year as our regular sponsors have other commitments. If you enjoy being around a great bunch of kids please contact Joan Peters to gain more information on how you can sponsor this great event.

June Jam Youth Staff

High School students who have attended June Jam before may apply for June Jam staff. Youth staff provide leadership throughout all of the retreat and gain leadership skills and experiences that they can use throughout their lives. It is a great chance to build your self-esteem, become a member of a great team and build life-long friendships with other staff members. Attendance for staffers is free!

Youth staff do need to be able to arrive at June Jam early on Sunday, June 11th and leave later on Tuesday, June 13. You will be trained how to be a June Jam staff member and will be required to do some duties but, it is all fun when you are with such great people.

For June Jam Staff applications contact Mrs. Peters.

ART department news. Joni Fox

Johnson County Central is a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference, which sponsors an annual art exhibit during March, "Youth Art Month".

The conference art exhibit features art work from 11 schools. Johnson County Central High School art students were encouraged to submit their best art projects created during this school year. The top ten student works were chosen from over 120 items. JCC school faculty, staff, administrators, and students were invited to serve as judges. The judges were asked to look for creativity, originality, and craftsmanship.

Students' artwork also received special recognition at the Conference Art show. The conference art instructors individually ranked each school's student work on site. The top four artworks were awarded certificates* first place is awarded a medal.*

Special thanks goes to NAIFM realty, who provides the conference with the opportunity, time, and space to display our talented students' work. In the beautiful atrium space of the Wells Fargo Building, downtown Lincoln, 12th and P streets. It is an honor and privilege to represent High school art during youth art month and to have such a wonderful host for our annual art exhibit!

The following students represented Johnson County Central High School in the annual 2017 E.C.N.C. High school Art Exhibit. Feb. 24th -March 21st.

Elizabeth Kessler* /12 th gd.	Title: Colorful Tears./ water color / GOLD MEDAL AWARD
Steven Plager* / 10 th gd.	Title: Military Tank Designs/pencil/ FIRST HONERABLE MENTION
Micaela Francisco* 10 th gd.	Title: "Three Beauties" / marker /SECOND HONERABLE MENTION
Schyler DeFreece* /12 th gd.	Title: Patterned Portrait / Ink design / THIRD HONERABLE MENTION
Celina Lambelet /11 th gd.	Title: Butterfly Batik/ wax /dye
Cole Tenney /11 th gd.	Title: Wolf-head totem observation / ink
Jazdia Ascheman / 9 th gd.	Title: Comic Guitar Panel /paint
Jordan Rodriquez /10 th gd.	Title: Personal Still-life observation. /oil pastel
Erika Cruz / 10 th gd.	Title: Relief Print Textile Design./ ink
Gwendalyn Goracke /10 th gd.	Title: Four Color plan Tile Design./ mixed media

Our conference also sponsors an annual student art work shop.

This year's work shop focused on "Up-Cycled"* Printmaking techniques on FABRIC.

*Upcycling is the process of converting old or discarded materials into something useful and often beautiful. Workshop facilitators were Natalie Cisco & Anna Sasse. Both women are accomplished artists as well as public school art instructors.

Nebraska Wesleyan University hosted the student work shop in the Lucas Hall Art Department. Stations were set up for students to Experiment with a variety of printing methods!! Natalie Cisco, demonstrated paper stencil screen prints, and Anna Sasse demonstrated a large selection of relief print possibilities on fabric.

Boys Track Outlook

By Angie Huskey

Our boys track team has 20 members this year. We are a young team with only one senior and three juniors to lead our team throughout the year. Eight of our 20 members are returning letter winners. These members are doing a wonderful job of leading, encouraging, and advancing our team. I expect this to be a season full of individual and team successes.

Our team competed and earned 4th place at our first meet, at Wesleyan, on Saturday, March 18, 2017. I am proud of the effort that our boys put forth at this meet. We have some young team members who stepped up and scored some points at their first high school meet. We were missing a few members due to injuries and other unforeseen events, so I am anxious to have everyone healthy and competing together within the next couple of weeks. I expect this team to continue to build strength and speed, and experience some wonderful success throughout the season. Our next meet is on March 30, in Hebron (Thayer Central), and then we will compete at home on Tuesday, April 4th.

2017 Varsity Track Schedule	
Date	Meet
Sat. Mar. 18, 2017	Wesleyan Indoor
Thurs. Mar. 30, 2017	Thayer Central
Tues. Apr. 4, 2017	Thunderbird Invite
Tues. Apr. 18, 2017	Tri County Invite
Sat. Apr. 22, 2017	Mudecas Meet @ Pawnee City
Tues. Apr. 25, 2017	Falls City Invite
Sat. Apr. 29, 2017	ECNC @ Conestoga
Tues. May 2, 2017	Freeman Invite
Fri. May 5, 2017	JCC Invite
Thurs. May 11, 2017	Districts @ JCC
Fri. May 19- Sat. May 20, 2017	State @ Burke HS

Current Team Roster:

Seniors:
Sam Saldivar
Juniors:
Gunnar Burger
Vanhna (Johnny) Kongmanyvong

Nick Goracke

Sophomores:

Diego Reyes

Andrea Graziani

Tyler Sedersten

Michiel Jansen

Josh Bailey

Simon Rother

Freshman:

Demetrius Murray

Tucker Liberty

Chase Hardesty

Gabe DeFreece

Colton Wellman

Levi Dorsey

Eli Waring

Aldo Reyes

Sam Buchanan

Nathen Neukirch

Student Manager

Mark Spichal

2017 Girls Track Preview

The 2017 JCC girls track team is already off to a running start to the season. With many returning members of last year's successful team, this year looks to be bright for the girls team. Most of the team returns from a District runner-up finish and scoring 15 points at the state meet last year. With this experience and many new faces of the team we are looking to have another very successful season. Our team goals entering the season are to repeat as MUDECAS conference champs, place in the top 3 at ECNC, and place in the top 10 at the state meet. In order to meet these goals we will be looking for big seasons out of everyone.

Roster - * denotes returning letter winner

Seniors

Erin Hunzeker*
Annika McDonald*
Angelica Wellman*

Juniors

Maddie Moran*
Aleisha McDonald*
Macey Pietzyk*
Lis Serrano
Charla Eggleston

Sophomores

Haley Beethe*
Hailey Clark*
Sarai Ares*
Jordan Rodriguez*
Erika Cruz

Freshman

Monica Thipphavong
Gwen Goracke
Amber Lowther
Carrie Beethe
Jordan Hunzeker
Cassidy Parks



Johnson County Central Public Schools

2017-2018



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Aug 15	Teacher Workday
Aug 16	Teacher Workday (Marzano Training)
Aug 17	Teacher Workday (Marzano Training)
Aug 21	Teacher Workday
Aug 22	Classes Begin
Sept 4	Labor Day (No School)
Oct 19	End of 1st Quarter
Oct 20	Teacher Workday-No School
Nov 2	Teacher Workday (Marzano Training) No School
Nov 3	Teacher Workday (Marzano Training) No School
Nov 22	1:00 Dismissal
Nov 23	Thanksgiving Day - No School
Nov 24	No School
Dec 21	End of First Semester 1:00 Dismissal
Dec 22-31	Christmas Break - No School
Dec 23-27	NSAA 5-Day Moratorium
Jan 1	No School
Jan 2	Teacher Workday - No School
Jan 3	Classes Resume
Feb 19	Teacher Workday (ESU-4 Mid Year)
Mar 8	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 9	Spring Break - No School
Mar 12	Spring Break - No School
March 30	Easter Break - No School
April 2	Easter Break - No School
May 12	Graduation
May 18	Last Day of School- 11:00am Dismissal
May 21	Teacher Workday

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- No School
- Teacher InService (no school for students)
- Early Dismissal
- First & Last Day of School

April 2017



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2									1 Jr./Sr. Prom @ HS Gym 8:00 pm
3	Freeman Quiz Bowl @ Freeman HS 5:30 pm	4 3rd Grade NeSA Math Assessment V Track @ JCC HS 9:30 am V Golf @ Southern HS 4:30 pm	5 State FFA Conv. 4th Grade Field Trip @ Memorial Stad. & Capitol 3rd & 5th Grade NeSA Assessment V Golf @ Friend Country Club 10:00 am	6 State FFA Convention 5th Grade NeSA Testing State FBLA Leadership Conference @ Omaha	7 State FBLA Leadership Conf. @ Omaha State FFA Convention MS Band & Choir @ Meridian	8 State FBLA Leadership Conf. @ Omaha JH Track @ Tri County 9:00 am			
9	MS Quiz Bowl @ Norris 8:00 am HS Music Contest Concert @ HS Gym/Elem. Aud. 7:00 pm	11 6th-8th Grade NeSA Reading Assessment 3rd Grade NeSA ELA Assessment V Golf @ Kirkman's Golf Course 9:00 am	12 6th -8th Grade NeSA Reading Assessment 3rd Grade ELA Assessment HS Intrасchool Quiz Bowl Board of Education @ 7:30 pm HS Special ED Room	13 V Golf @ Wildwood Golf Course 9:00 am JH Track @ Conestoga HS 11:00 am	14 NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK	15 CAN @ Red/White Spring Game			
	17 NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK V Golf @ Falls City Country Club 2:30 pm	18 FFA Blood Drive @ HS Gym 8:30 am V Golf @ Southern 9:30 am V Track @ Tri County HS 10:00 am	19 HIGH SCHOOL HAS NO SCHOOL Jr. ACT Testing @ JCC HS	20 NO SCHOOL DISTRICT MUSIC @ JCC JH Track @ Freeman HS 1:00 pm	21	22 V Track @ Pawnee City HS 9:00 am			
23	HS MAP Testing Athletic Banquet @ HS Gym 6:00 pm	25 4th & 5th Grade Science NeSA Assessment 6th Grade NeSA Math Assessment V Track @ Falls City HS 2:30 pm	26 4th & 5th Grade NeSA Science Assessment 6th Grade NeSA Math Assessment V Golf @ Palmyra 8:30 am	27 8th Grade Science NeSA HS Band @ Jazz on the Green Peru College 10:45 am V Golf @ JCC 4:00 pm JH Track @ JCC HS 4:00 pm	28 NO PRESCHOOL 8TH Gr. Science NeSA HS MAP Testing K-3 Career Day Little Shop of Horrors Musical 7:00 pm	29 V Track @ Conestoga HS 10:00 am			
30 Little Shop of Horrors Musical @ Elem. Auditorium 2:00 pm									



Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	4 Hot Dog Elem. Chili Dog HS/ MS Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	5 Goulash Fruit & veggie Bar WG Bread stick Milk	6 Cheeseburger/ WG Bun Starz Hashbrowns Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	7 Breaded Cheese Stick Fruit & Veggie bar Cookie Milk	8
9	10 Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	11 Meat Loaf Mashed Potato Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar B&B Milk	12 Br. Beef Patty/WG Bun Fruit & Veggie Bar Dessert Milk	13 Pizza Fruit & Veggie Bar Corn Milk	14 Easter Break No School	15
16	17 Easter Break No School	18 Sloppy Joes Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Chefs Choice No High School!!	20 NO School!!! District Music	21 BBQ Meatballs Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	22
23	24 Sloppy Nacho's Fruit & Veggie Bar Scooby Snack Milk	25 Hot Dog / WG Bun Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Cr. Chicken / WG Biscuit Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 BBQ Sh. Pork/ WG Bun Calico Beans fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28 Pizza Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	29
30	Important Reminders: Menu is subject to change					

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Child find

Children that are birth to 5 years old who are experiencing problems with speech language, cognitive, emotional and/or physical development or have a disability can receive services through Early Childhood Education Services.

If interested or in need of more information please contact Rebecca Kling, Special Education Coordinator or Jack Moles, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

**JCC ATHLETIC BANQUET
MONDAY, APRIL 24TH, 6:00 PM
WILL BE HELD IN JCC HIGH SCHOOL GYM
POTLUCK DINNER
PLAN TO ATTEND AND RECOGNIZE OUR
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES!**