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#### SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Jack D. Moles



A couple of years ago the Board of Education and I had our annual retreat. This is a work session that we try to have each summer in which we look at the “big picture” future of the school. With the assistance of a moderator from the Nebraska Association of School Boards we developed a set of goals. The goals were nice to have and every once in a while we would refer back to them. However, the goals were not a living document—that is, they were really just on paper and did not help to dictate the business we conducted. We started to talk about how to give substance to those goals.

In the meantime, I had a number of what I called “thoughts running around in my brain”. These were ideas that I had for the future of the district. I presented my ideas to the Board then recommended that we take time to fully discuss both the Board goals and my ideas, then focus in on a few of the goals. In a series of meetings I met with small groups of the Board, the Principals, and some teachers. We had great discussions and from those meetings we were able to narrow our focus to six goals that we will attempt to address between now and the end of the 2016-17 school year. With the assistance of the Board’s Americanism Committee, I have developed an action plan document which we will use to discuss the goals at each month’s Board meeting. We will discuss what was done in the last month and work that is coming up on each of the goals.

Following is a list of the goals, with some discussion that we have already had.

#### **1. STUDY AND ASSESS LONG-TERM FACILITY NEEDS TO PROVIDE FOR A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

- a. Something that became obvious in a short time was that this is a wide-ranging goal. The Americanism Committee and I recommended breaking this goal in two:
  - I. Develop short term upkeep and maintenance procedures.
  - II. Develop long-term plans for facility needs, both in terms of replacement plans and new construction.
- b. We need to develop some procedures which can better assist us in taking care of more immediate needs. We also need to be looking to the future. We do have some facilities that, while they have been maintained, are starting to show their years. There are maintenance and upkeep issues that must be planned for and addressed.
- c. The Board’s Building and Grounds Committee and I will meet to chart this course then share it when we have developed a responsible plan.

#### **2. ADOPT A DISTRICT-WIDE INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL AND ALIGN EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS TO THAT MODEL.**

- A. Some work has already been done in this area. A year ago the Board gave approval to move forward with the adoption of the PD 360 evaluation model. The Principals have been trained in the use of this instrument and are using it in their “walk through” informal observations. They will soon be moving toward the use of a formal evaluation instrument. Both of these instruments are designed to help the Principals in assisting our teaching staff in improving their instructional skills.

- B. The other move that has been made by the Board is to approve a move in which we adopt the Marzano instructional model. The Principals and seven teachers will take part in three two-day trainings this summer and during next school year. In the summer of 2017 another group of teachers will start the process. We will continue to do this until all of our teachers have gone through the Marzano Academy.

### 3. DEVELOP AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

- A. This has been a thought of mine for quite a while and has been a point of discussion at various times. After school programs can serve to address a myriad of needs for our kids. Just a few examples might be tutoring, help in getting homework done, opportunities for enrichment activities, opportunities for our high ability learners, or simply a place for kids to be for a couple of hours until their parents get home.
- B. A committee of people will assist Principal Jon Rother and me in developing a fairly narrow focus for our first year. As we see how successful we have been we may widen that focus, but it is likely prudent for us to stay fairly narrow in what we try to accomplish in year one.

### 4. HOLD ANNUAL OPEN HOUSES FOR ALL PATRONS.

- A. My plan is to rotate open houses between our three main buildings.
- B. The open houses would give our staff, and possibly some of our students, the chance to showcase what is taking place in our school. The open houses would also give our patrons an opportunity to tour our buildings for something other than a concert or a ball game.

### 5. DEVELOP PARENT ADVISORY GROUPS.

- A. I foresee each of the Principals having a parental advisory group for their respective buildings. One interest I have is to lead a Cultural Diversity Advisory Group.
- B. The administrators may be contacting you to become involved in these groups. I hope that whoever is invited will choose to take part. I believe this can be a very fulfilling experience.
- C. Another goal we would have is to help to resurrect some groups that have seen little involvement, such as the athletic boosters and the music boosters. The groups offer opportunities to help some of our student activities. They have been financially very helpful for the school, but I have a belief that there is much more available to our boosters in their involvement.

### 6. CONSIDER UTILIZATION OF A MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER IN THE SCHOOL.

- A. Students today face issues that I could not fathom at their age. I do not know how I would have handled some of the same issues.
- B. While we have counselors and other adults who do look out for the best interest of our students, there are times in which their training and expertise is somewhat limited. To be able to bring in an outside resource who could help students and their families to find the proper assistance would be a wonderful way of helping our students to be as successful as possible.
- C, I do not know what form this goal comes in. This is something outside my level of expertise, but has been an idea that has become clearer to me with each coming year.



## **NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER**

Spring is in full swing and we are winding down our 2015-2016 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:

- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – 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, April 29, 2016 – 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 2, 2016 – 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 2, 2016 – senior grades are due in powerschool by 8:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 2, 2016 – I will verify and print senior report cards and inform the Salutatorian and Valedictorian of their status.
- Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are looking to transition into the high school. 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. These current 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, April 25, 2016 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.

The final item I need to address is our driver's education program. There are several new laws and regulations concerning driver's education. There is a sign-up sheet at the high school office and an informational sheet which explains the new rules and qualifications for students who want to take driver's education. Driver's education will be held Monday, May 23, 2016 thru Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a thirty minute lunch. The cost is \$175.00 with payment needed to be made to the school before the beginning of the first class.

Let's keep up the good work and end our 2015-2016 school year on a high note. Good luck and congrats to all our seniors and have a safe and exciting graduation!

## **Middle School & Athletic News From Rich Bacon, Middle School Principal and Athletic Director**

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> marking the end of the third quarter. We had a decent turnout this spring with almost 60% of our Middle School students represented. 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.

JCC students and staff had a college and career day where staff members represented their college alma maters and talked to students about their individual journey to college and things they wished they would have known at the time. Some of the topics discussed included how they chose which school to attend and their field of study, what classes they took in high school to prepare them for college, what classes they should have taken in high school and how they paid for college. This proved to be a very worthwhile activity as we get our students to think about education beyond high school.

Congratulations to our Middle School Wrestlers who won the ECNC Tournament. We had nine wrestlers medal at the ECNC Championship. Conference Champions included Caleb Eggleston, Levi Dorsey and Aldo Reyes. Earning Runner-up medals were Joe Rodriquez, Andruw Stafford and Greg McGinnis. Sean Golden finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Alex Ortiz and Dalton Berkebile earned 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. In addition to their conference championship, our wrestlers also finished Runner-up at the Nebraska City Invitational. Congratulations and thank you to our wrestlers and their coaches, Dean Wellensiek, Larry Kuhl, and Gabe Meints for representing JCC in a positive way and for their time and commitment throughout the season.

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!

The 2015-2016 Johnson County Central Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# Elementary News

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sun. April 10 through Wed. April 13—AdvancED External Visit.
- Fri. April 15—Kindergarten Field Trip to Lincoln Children's Museum & Lincoln Children's Zoo.
- Thurs. April 21—NO SCHOOL! JCC hosting District Music Competition.
- Thurs. April 28—4th Grade attending Farm Safety Day in Tecumseh.
- Fri. April 29—Kindergarten Round-Up. NO KINDERGARTEN OR PRESCHOOL CLASSES!

## Missoula Children's Theatre is Coming to JCC!

This May, Johnson County Central is honored to have the opportunity to host the Missoula Children's Theatre. The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) has been visiting communities and producing theatre for over 40 years all over the United States.

On May 9, a tour team will arrive at Johnson County Central with all the set, lights, costumes, props and make-up required for the production. The team will hold auditions for up to 50-60 local students in grades kindergarten through the 12th grade. The cast will rehearse the rest of the week, then will have two public showings of the production on Saturday, May 14.

At this time, practices are scheduled for 6:15 p.m. during the week of May 9 through the 12, and at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13. The later practices times are to accommodate high school students who will be involved in the production who are also involved in varsity activities.

As we get closer to May, more materials will be sent home and more information will be provided. If you would like to research the Missoula Children's Theatre on your own, go to: [www.MCTinc.org](http://www.MCTinc.org)

*If you play the piano, or know someone who does, and would like to help with the Missoula Children's Theatre production at JCC, please contact Jon Rother at 402-335-3320.*



**Accompanist Needed!**

## Elementary NeSA Testing Schedule

Tues. April 5—3rd Grade NeSA Math  
 Wed. April 6—3rd Grade NeSA Math  
 Thurs. April 7—3rd Grade NeSA Reading  
 Fri. April 8—3rd Grade NeSA Reading  
 Wed. April 13—4th & 5th NeSA Math  
 Thurs. April 14—4th & 5th NeSA Math  
 Tues. April 19—4th & 5th NeSA Reading  
 Wed. April 20—4th & 5th NeSA Reading  
 Wed. April 27—5th NeSA Science  
 Thurs. April 28—5th NeSA Science



**Counselor News** by Shelley Moles

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### **SPRING COLLEGE FAIRS IN KEARNEY, OMAHA AND LINCOLN:**

College fairs are great ways for students - especially juniors and sophomores - to start the college search process. Students and parents can meet with college representatives who can answer questions.

**Lincoln Area College Fair** Sunday, April 10, 1-3 p.m., at Southeast Community College-Lincoln

Students should register for a barcode at **NebraskaCollegeFairs.org**, print the barcode and take it to the college fair so that college representatives can scan their demographic information. If students already have a barcode from the fall college fairs, they may use it for the spring fairs.

### **OMAHA NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR:**

Thursday, April 9, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha. This event is a program of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, is sponsored by AXA Achievement and CollegeBoard and is FREE to students and parents. This is another opportunity to meet with college representatives, visit the counseling/resource center and learn more about financial aid. Students can register @ [www.gotomyncf.com](http://www.gotomyncf.com) prior to attending. The list of colleges and universities attending is available @ <http://bit.ly/NCFExhibitorSearch>.

### **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

**The Peter Kiewit Institute (PKI) at the University of Nebraska-Omaha** will be hosting two Summer Academies. **Holland Academy of Excellence** on June 12-15, 2016 is for high school students who have completed their sophomore year, are interested in math and science and want to experience information science, technology and engineering. **OPPD/PKI Academy of Sustainability** on July 25-28, 2016 is for high school students who have completed their junior year, are interested in the environment and renewable resources. These academies offer hands-on workshops, campus living, demonstrations in state-of-the-art labs, fun evening activities, real world applications and are **FREE** to attend. To apply and for academy information, visit: <http://www.lpki.nebraska.edu/new/> and click on the “Outreach” link. Selection criterion are academics and community involvement. The deadline for applications and submittals is May 1st.

**Latina Summer Academy:** held on the College of Saint Mary, Omaha campus, Sunday, June 12 - Friday, June 17, 2016. This program is for Latina girls entering tenth or eleventh grade and will feature activities in science, art and computer technology. Students will have the chance to experience college life by staying in the residence hall. Register online at [CSM.edu/LSA](http://CSM.edu/LSA) or see Mrs. Moles for registration form. Registration fee of \$25 is required and includes classes and activities for the week. Registration is due May 13, 2016, and is limited to the first 60 registered students.

**African American Summer Academy:** held on the College of Saint Mary, Omaha campus, Sunday, July 10-Friday, July 15, 2016. This program is for African American girls entering tenth or eleventh grade and will feature activities in science, art and computer technology. Students will have the chance to experience college life by staying in the residence hall. Register online at [CSM.edu/AASA](http://CSM.edu/AASA) or see Mrs. Moles for registration form. Registration fee of \$25 is required and includes classes and activities for the week. Registration is due June 13, 2016, and is limited to the first 60 registered students.

**2016 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute:** The 2016 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a 5-day conference for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This year NAYI will be held July 11-15, 2016, on UNL East Campus. Engaging speakers, workshops and panels, agriculture education, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends and networking with peers and industry leaders are highlights for this year.

Interested juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply. Selection of delegates will be based on leadership skills, interest, and involvement in agriculture. All meals, lodging, and conference fees during the NAYI are provided for the selected delegates. (FREE!) Apply on-line at [www.nda.nebraska.gov](http://www.nda.nebraska.gov) or see Mrs. Moles for a paper application. Applications are due April 15, 2016.

**Camp OK Counselor 2016:** Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District sponsors Camp Olympia Kiwanis (OK) with a goal of providing an educational camp experience for deserving 5th and 6th grade children from NE and IA. Counselors must be 16 or older, willing to attend training and stay at camp the entire week, act as positive role models, lead camping activities for groups of students and be in charge of a cabin each night. Camp will be held at the Y Camp in Boone, IA from June 5 to June 10. Camp counselor training will be held Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th. Students may earn over 100 hours of volunteer service and learn valuable leadership and teamwork skills! Camp counselor applications are due Sunday, April 10. Interested students may access more information by contacting camp director, Caya Knudson at 402 217-5781 or [ne.iacampok@gmail.com](mailto:ne.iacampok@gmail.com).

**STARTALK Chinese Language, Culture and Technology Summer Academy:** The Department of Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will offer a 14-day Chinese Language, Culture and Technology Summer Academy on July 10-24, 2016, for 20 Nebraska high school students interested in learning Chinese. Students who have no or very little knowledge of the Chinese language will be considered with preference. Information is available at <https://sites.google.com/site/startalkchineseacademy2016/> or see Mrs. Moles for application information.. Application must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2016.

### **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS:**

The Johnson County Central Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 10 new members at the National Honor Society Induction Banquet on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Master of Ceremonies and National Honor Society President Grant Moles welcomed all the inductees, former members, parents and family, administrators and faculty. Following a delicious potluck dinner, Dr. Daniel Hanson, Peru State President, gave an inspiring talk about the four pillars of National Honor Society and each person's opportunity to make a difference in their future life and the lives of others around them.



Senior members receiving an honor cord to wear at graduation were: Bryce Sahs, Grant Moles, Natalie Roddy, Rudy Pooch, Mitchell Faris, and Bryan Murphy.

Mrs. Moles recognized the senior members for their dedication to scholarship, service, leadership, and character and awarded honor cords for seniors to wear at graduation..

New members inducted were Aleisha McDonald, Sierra McClintock, Bryce Sahs, Hannah Swanda, MacKenzie Eltiste, Courtney Klassmeyer, Nicholas Goracke, Charla Eggleston, Jesse Reyes and Taylor Gerdes (not pictured). Congratulations to these new members.

7 President Grant Moles thanked everyone for their attendance and congratulated new members. Pictures followed.

## JCC Vocal Music – Thomas Doran

Tuesday, March 8, JCC hosted the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. This year's clinician was Matt Hill from Peru State College with pianist Elizabeth Stauffer accompanying us (she accompanies Peru State College's choirs.) Here are some interesting facts about Freshmore:

There have been 39 schools participating (some of which are no longer around): Adams; Ashland-Greenwood; Auburn; Beatrice; Conestoga; Crete; Cross County; Dawson/Verdon; Doniphan-Trumbull; 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 57 different directors who have brought students from those 39 schools.
- ◆ A total of 3269 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 in April.
- ◆ 70 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. Chloe Curry, Sam Buss, Gabe DeFreece, Caleb Eggleston, Morgan Moran, Saylor Rother, Andrew Stafford, and Jacob Wolter. Carrie Beethe will also attend as a member of the Meridian Honor Band. They will travel to Daykin with Mr. Doran & Mrs. Fricke on Friday, April 1. A public concert will be presented at 7:00 PM in the Meridian School Gymnasium.

### MUSIC CONTESTS

The Mudecas Music Contest was held in Humboldt on Tuesday, March 22. JCC had 67 of our 79 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 Concert Band.

Large groups receiving a "II" rating were: Jazz Band, Mixed Choir, Men's Choir, & Women's Choir.

Solos and small groups receiving a "I" rating were: Hannah Swanda-Trumpet; Aleisha McDonald-Alto Sax; Grant Moles-Mallets; Sara Kettelhake-Alto Sax; Grant Moles-Vocal; Schyler DeFreece-Vocal; Sopha Kongmanyvong-Vocal; Mixed Quartet (Eddie Li, Grant Moles, Schyler DeFreece, Sopha Kongmanyvong); Girls Duet (Courtney Klaasmeyer & Sopha Kongmanyvong); and Mixed Duet (Schyler DeFreece & Grant Moles). Boys Quartet of (Brady Clements, Eddie Li, Grant Moles, & Simon Rother).

Solos and small groups receiving a "II" rating were: Alto Sax Duet; Clarinet Duet; Courtney Klaasmeyer-Vocal; Haley Beethe-Vocal; Aleisha McDonald-Vocal; Girls Triple Trio (Haley Beethe, Marissa Borrenpohl, Schyler DeFreece, Lexi Graham, Liz Kessler, Courtney Klaasmeyer, Sopha Kongmanyvong, Aleisha McDonald, & Nancy Ramirez); Girls Duet (Haley Beethe & Lexi Graham).

The middle school music students (band and choir) will be competing at the Louisville Music Contest on Friday, April 8. A schedule hasn't been released as of the newsletter deadline.

District Music Contest happens on Thursday, April 21 and will be hosted by JCC at the high school in Tecumseh. A schedule will be forthcoming. There will be music events all day long so stop by and listen.

On Saturday, May 14, the High School Thunderbird Choir will be traveling to Worlds of Fun for a morning competition. This competition is one where we get to measure up against schools from different states. Of course we will have a little fun by riding the rides all day before returning home.



## **Contest Time in the Music Department**

By: Emily Fricke

As I write this article, I am sitting in Kearney at Class C Allstate Band listening to the newly formed Jr. High Band this year. We had one student, Carrie Beethe, make it into the first year of this ensemble. As for the high school, Eddie Li made it into the Wind Ensemble and Grant Moles, Bryan Murphy, and Sara Kettelhake made it into the Symphonic Band. I am very proud to have so many students representing JCC at the 30th year of the Class C Allstate Band!

Contest time is upon us and all of the groups are diligently working to prepare their music for MUDECAS, Districts, and the middle school Louisville Contest. We have quite a few solos and small groups getting ready at both levels. Specifically in the high school we have a few more than what we normally do in band which is something that I am very excited to see. Aside from the concert band and jazz band, we have six solos and four small groups competing as contest.

In the middle school, both the 6th and 7/8 bands are preparing for the Louisville contest. We had many students sign up and practice solos and/or small groups for this contest. We will be taking about twenty small groups. The Louisville contest is a smaller contest with only three schools (JCC, Louisville, and Weeping Water) attending which should give the students a good chance for feedback on their performances.

Aside from large and small group contest music, students have been preparing for JCC concerts, Class C Allstate, Meridian Honor Band, and ECNC Honor Band. It's great to see these students work hard to prepare for all of the music events they have in the spring along with the other activities they are involved in. Thank you to them, you make my job that much more awesome!

A quick note: The High School Band trip is next year. As of this time it has not been scheduled, however when it is, a letter will be sent home to parents with details as well as information about your student's music booster account and payments.

Listed below is the rest of the music schedule for the year.

**March** 22 Tuesday HS MUDECAS Music Contest at HTRS

29 Tuesday HS Pre Contest Concert

**April** 1 Friday Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band

2 Saturday Prom

4 Monday MS Concert in Cook

8 Friday Louisville/WW MS Contest

21 Thursday HS District Music Contest in Tecumseh

**May** 2 Monday HS Spring Concert and Art Show

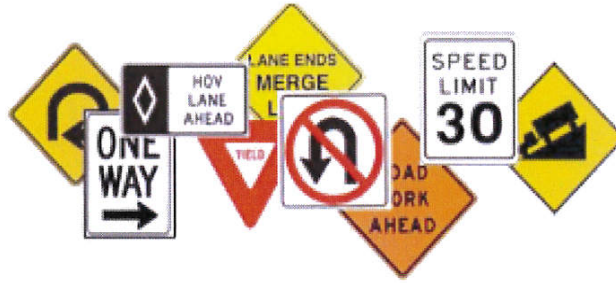
7 Saturday HS Band at Graduation

9 Monday ECNC Honor Band - Freeman

13 Friday 4-8 Spring Concert in Cook 7:00pm

14 Saturday Choir to Worlds of Fun 9:00 AM performance

17 Tuesday K-3 Spring Program 7:00pm



## JCC 2016 Summer Driver's Education

Luke Boldt & Greg Peterson – Instructors

Classroom Instruction: May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 26 (Monday through Thursday)

9:00am – 2:30pm (30 min lunch)

Cost: \$175.00

### **IMPORTANT NEW CHANGES FOR DRIVER'S ED:**

There have been some changes made by the NE DMV this year. Because of these changes and the fact that we have limited time in the summer to teach the classroom instruction and the driver's portion of Driver's Education, we have had to implement the following requirements for JCC Driver's Education. If your child doesn't meet the requirements below, they will be eligible next summer.

1. If you live in town (within 1.5 miles of school), you must be 15 by July 1<sup>st</sup> and have your learner's permit (LPD) before doing the driving portion of Driver's Education. You can take the classroom portion without your LPD, but not the driving portion. If you are 15 or will turn 15 before the classroom instruction portion (May 23-26), please have your LPD before class starts. It's not required, but will make scheduling our drive times much easier.
2. If you live more than 1.5 miles from school, you must be 13 years old to take Driver's Ed. If you are 14 or turn 14 before the classroom instruction portion (May 23-26), please have your school learner's permit (LPE) before the class starts. It's not required, but will make scheduling our drive times much easier.

**Note:** If you are 13, you must turn 14 by October 15 in order to be eligible to take Driver's Education.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call Greg Peterson (402-310-4210) or Luke Boldt (402-335-8337). **Please DO NOT CALL JCC SCHOOL with your questions, as you will be instructed to call to the instructors.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **March is Performing Arts Month in Nebraska.**

Across the state schools were directing the focus to the performing arts. Y.A.M., Youth Art Month, is an effort to promote support for school art programs and to show the work of student artists in and out of the schools. Student artwork was displayed in a variety of art shows: State Capital Art Show, Conference Shows, and local shows in libraries and other public places.

### **ECNC ART SHOW: February 26-March 22nd.**

The ECNC student show was in Lincoln February 26th through March 22nd. The show was on display in the atrium of the Wells Fargo Bank on the corner of 13th and P streets.

We are honored to be the High School representatives for Youth Art Month in the Wells Fargo Bank atrium.

### The East Central Nebraska Conference 2016 High School Art Exhibit

Our school is a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference, and each year the conference hosts a show during March, "Youth Art Month". The show features 10 art works 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 150 items. Johnson County Central school faculty, staff, administrators, and students were invited to serve as judges. The judges were asked to look for creativity, originality, and craftsmanship.

*\*Each of the schools 10 conference entries are Ranked 1- 4 while on exhibit by the conference art instructors. Every school is awarded a gold medal for the highest ranked piece, and certificates of merit are given for 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>RD</sup> Honorable Mention.*

The following students representing Johnson County Central Art this year were:

**Spencer Dorsey Grade: 12 GOLD MEDAL AWARD\***

Title: Landscape Reflections

Medium: Linoleum Print/ hand colored enlarged photocopy

**Aaron Johnson Grade: 12 First Honorable Mention\***

Title: *Portrait of "K.C."*

Medium: pencil/observation from personal photograph

**Elizabeth Kessler Grade: 11 Second Honorable Mention\* Title: *Butterfly Face* Medium: pencil**

**Autumn Nolte Grade: 9 Third Honorable Mention\* Title: *Spirit Pouch (Bear Totem)* Medium: Mixed Assemblage**

**Tabitha Hidalgo / Grade 12 Title: *Idealized Sea-life* Medium: chalk pastel / collage**

**Ashleigh Kapke / Grade: 12 Title: *Partial***

*Portrait* Medium: marker & colored pencil



**Bryce Sahs** / Grade: 12 Title: *Castiel & Crowley* Medium: Pencil /observation; character studies from TV series Supernatural.  
**Sierra McClintock** / Grade: 10 Title: *Breathe in Breathe out...* Medium: Wood block, Pyrography illustration  
**Trinity Mahoney** /Grade: 10 Title: *Daisy Duo* Medium: acrylic exploration of medium on canvas  
**Jordan Rodriguez** /Grade: 9 Title: *Invented Egyptian God; Oceanus* Medium: colored pencil / ink

*Art Instructor / Ms. J. Fox*

*Their artwork will be displayed in Tecumseh during Performing Arts Night, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**2016 ECNC STUDENT ART CLINIC: MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

The ECNC student workshop allows 10 students from each school to attend a workshop. This year’s workshop involved fused-glass mosaics. The JCC Art students worked with Studio Glass Artist Carrie Strobe Sohayda. The students created modified fused-glass mosaics during a one hour workshop. The workshop was held at the Nebraska National Guard Armory, East Campus Readiness Center, 2000 N. 33rd St. Lincoln, NE 68503. The art students also viewed the ECNC annual Student Art show, Sheldon Art collection, and visited the studio artists at The Burkholder Project.

JCC art students attending the workshop this year were: *Spencer Dorsey, Tabitha Hidalgo, Ashleigh Kapke, Aaron Johnson, Bryce Sahs, Carlos Martell, Adan Reyes, Mason Waring, Marisela Cabrales.*

**JCC 2016 annual PERFORMING “ARTS” NIGHT will be Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

The turnout for last year’s performing “Arts” Night was tremendous! We had such a wonderful audience that we will again have the All Student Art Show during the Spring Instrumental and Vocal Music program. During intermission, the Jazz Band will be playing in the HS Gym while guests view the Art work on display and enjoy some refreshments.

The Art show will feature the work of student artists grades 8-12. Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy the show and performances Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

You can get more information and see photos of student artists and art work on the JCC web page.

You can find out more information about studio glass artist, Carrie Strobe Sohayda at <http://nodaysadhesives.blogspot.com/2012/04/featured-artist-carrie-strobe-sohayda.html>

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Ms. Fox and the Art students at JCC would like to offer special thanks and recognition to Kasey Wilnes our NAIFMA reality liaison and Ameritas Life Insurance Corp., owners of the building that houses the atrium display space, for hosting the ECNC art show.



## JCC Boys Golf - Ben Swanson

With the mild March weather we have been enjoying, the boys golf team has gotten an earlier start than usual on practices this spring sports season. Thirteen golfers have been practicing since March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we've been taking full advantage of the weather. The Tecumseh Country Club has come out of the winter months in great shape, and the golfers have been able to work a great deal on their shots and play many more holes of golf prior to the start of the season than the weather usually allows.

Senior Mason Waring and junior Keaton Kleespies are returning letter winners who will be the anchors of the varsity team. Several newcomers and other returning golfers from last year's team are competing to fill out the remaining three varsity roles. The team should have good depth and be able to fill out a full JV team as well. Because of this, we should compete well for team placing, and we have some golfers with the capability of medaling individually as well.

Team members include:

Head Coach Ben Swanson, Assistant Coach Tim Blecha

Seniors – Mason Waring, Brian Murphy, Grant Moles, Mitch Faris, Wyatt DeRoe

Juniors – Tevin Rosekrans, Keaton Kleespies

Sophomores – TJae Roesener, Colton Lotter

Freshmen – Kole Kleespies, Andrew Beethe, Tyler Bartels, Logan Ascheman

Schedule:

4/4 Home Dual (Southern) V/JV

4/5 @ Friend (10:00) V

4/12 @ HTRS Invite (9:00) V/JV

4/14 @ Neb. City Invite (9:00) V

4/18 @ FC JV Invite (2:30)

4/20 @ Southern Invite (9:30) V/JV

4/27 @ Palmyra Invite (8:30) V

4/28 @ HTRS Dual (4:00) V/JV

5/3 @ Elm-Murd. Invite (10:00) V/JV

5/5 Home JCC Invite (9:00) V/JV

5/10 @ Linc. Christ. Invite (9:00) V

5/17 @ Districts @ Crooked Creek Golf Club

5/25 @ State Golf @ Kearney CC

5/26 @ State Golf @ Kearney CC

## Varsity Boys Track by Dustin Buggi

"The boys track season looks to be a promising one. We have 18 boys out for track with a wide variety of talent from returning state qualifier Nate Liberty in the sprints to returning state medalist, Sam Salivdar in the distance events. We are looking for our eight seniors to lead the team with talented underclassmen. As a team we are working on integrity, leadership, mental toughness, accountability, discipline and work habits. Being an athlete is more than having physical skills and being able to perform better than an opponent on a certain day. Some of these gifts you do not have control over. Being a true athlete involves choices you make on the things you do have control over - effort and attitude. In other words character. As they get more disciplined, improve work habits and mental toughness, become a leader and make each other accountable, we will become a great track team."



## ELL NEWS

Spring has officially arrived in the ELL room. Students are excited about all the changes the season brings. This provides an excellent opportunity for the students to work on expanding their vocabulary as they describe all the beautiful things they see in spring. Students at the Tecumseh Elementary enjoy daily walks outside as we travel between the elementary and high school buildings. Every day we have new things to identify and describe – from the geese and birds in the sky, to all the beautiful trees and flowers blooming across the street. ELL middle and high school students have been continuing to perfect their strategies in Active Reading on some of our more challenging passages in our reading series. This hard work will help prepare the students for all the spring NeSA and MAP testing.

Finally a thank you to all the ELL parents for helping prepare your students during our new language proficiency assessment called ELPA-21. This was the first year for this test, which is completed by all ELL students in grades K-12. This state assessment evaluates a student's abilities in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening in English. The students were well rested and focused on each day of the test. I am very pleased and proud of the effort all my ELL students gave. Results will be mailed to the district in August, and parents can expect to receive a letter with your child's scores shortly after. Thank you again for helping make this a successful test administration for ELPA-21.

**Happy Spring!**  
**Mrs. Weber**



### **2016 FBLA State Leadership Conference** **By Angie Huskey**

On April 7th, 17 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 in June in Atlanta, Georgia.

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, fundraising, effective communication, uncovering your strengths, marketing yourself through resumes and interviews, ethics, and avoiding distracted driving situations.

## Johnson County Central Public Schools Prepare for AdvancED External Review

For the past five years, Johnson County Central Public Schools administration, faculty, and staff have been preparing for an upcoming school improvement external review visit on April 10-13, 2016. This process is needed for school accreditation through AdvancED. School improvement is a requirement of Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools. According to the Nebraska Department of Education, “The basic purpose of the continuous improvement process is to conduct an ongoing process for reviewing the educational performance and growth of students and, in those areas where performance is lower than expected or preferred, to institute a process of examining the reasons, setting improvement goals, identifying strategies aimed at improving the learning goal area, and verifying the performance gains.” (*The Nebraska Framework, p. 5, July 2011*).

The following are the steps in the school improvement process which have been completed for this external visit. Upon the completion of this visit, the district will identify a new steering committee and continue with this process.

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADERSHIP**

Step 1: Establish a Steering Committee for the Continuous Improvement Process

Step 2: Build understanding and Commitment to the Purpose and Process of School Improvement

Step 3: Develop the Timeline

Step 4: Create Committee Structures

Step 5: Update the Mission

### **CREATING THE PROFILE**

Step 1: Determine Data Sources

Step 2: Include Student Performance Data

Step 3: Consider Perceptual Data

Step 4: Consider Program Data

Step 5: Include Demographic Data

Step 6: Organize and Present Data

Step 7: Reflect on and Analyze Data

Step 8: Check the Profile for Recommended Components

### **SETTING THE GOALS**

Step 1: Prioritize the Areas of Need

Step 2: Determine the School Improvement Goals

Step 3: Research Effective Practices

### **PLANNING TO IMPROVE**

Step 1: Develop Action Plan Strategies

Step 2: Reflect on Strategies and Interventions

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Step 4: Recognize Progress, Affirm Successes

A team of five education professionals from AdvancED will arrive on Sunday, April 10, and will be onsite through Wednesday, April 13, 2016, to conduct a review of the district. This team will have knowledge of Johnson County Central Schools through an Accreditation Report submitted on March 1, 2016. This report includes an Executive Summary which includes a description of the school, the school’s purpose, a summary of notable achievements and identified areas of improvements, and additional information that helps provide a clear picture of the district. The information included in this summary explains the merger between Nemaha Valley Public Schools and Tecumseh Public Schools, and the demographic information of the towns and counties included in the district. It also details the Mission and Vision/Purpose and Direction statement of the district: **JCC: Journey of Excellence; Creating Lifelong Learners; Citizens for Tomorrow**, and how the decision-making process of the district is in alignment with this statement.

Also included in the Accreditation Report is a Self-Assessment report. To prepare for this external review and as part of the continuous school improvement cycle, the administration, faculty, and staff conducted a thorough and comprehensive self-assessment of the district. This self-assessment is an in-depth evaluation of each of the five AdvancED standards for Quality, that are the foundation of the AdvancED accreditation process. Each standard has several indicators with performance levels that describe varying degrees of accomplishment.

These Standards are:

**Standard 1: Purpose and Direction:** The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.

**Standard 2: Governance and Leadership:** The school operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and school effectiveness.

**Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning:** The school's curriculum, instructional design and assessment practices guide and insure teacher effectiveness and student learning.

**Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems:** The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.

**Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement:** The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness and uses the results to guide continuous improvement.

The administration, faculty, and staff members carefully examined all of the indicators, gathered data and evidence, and selected ratings for each according to the information obtained during this self-assessment. This information has been shared and strengths and needs of the school district have been identified, discussed, and highlighted. The district has many strengths and have planned ways to sustain those areas. The district has also recognized areas of need and have addressed or planned strategies for improvement.

Once the External Team is on-sight, they will carefully examine this self-assessment document and evidence, will conduct their own investigation into these indicators and ratings, will determine ratings based on their findings, and also give recommendations for sustaining powerful practices, and identify and make recommendations for opportunities to improve. The External Team will also conduct interviews with administrators, school board members, faculty, staff, parents, community members, and students, will observe classrooms, will examine additional assessment data, and will prepare a report to AdvancED in regards to accreditation.

The third part of the Accreditation Report is a Stakeholder Feedback Diagnostic. This is the survey data collected from parents, staff, middle and high school students, elementary students, and early elementary students. It has been disaggregated by the staff with areas of strengths and weaknesses identified. This information has been valuable in recognizing the areas of satisfaction, opinions, and concerns of all stakeholders. The administrators, faculty, and staff disaggregated the survey responses, and discussed this vital information during inservice times as this is relevant to the school improvement cycle and school improvement goals.

The fourth section in the Accreditation Report is the Student Performance Diagnostic. This is the student assessment data. The External Team will have access to Nebraska State Accountability Assessments (NeSA) and Measures of Academic Progress Assessment (MAP) data. The team will also see comparative data between Johnson County Central Public Schools and other schools in the ESU#4 and East Central Nebraska Conference schools. They will also have access to data from the Reading Street reading program, Prentice Hall reading program, Applied Literacy Class, and Marzano vocabulary data.

The final section of the report includes the school improvement goal. The district goal is, "Johnson County Central Public Schools will improve reading comprehension through the direct and explicit teaching of vocabulary." To accomplish this goal the district was trained in the Marzano Vocabulary Instruction Model using **Building Academic Vocabulary** by Robert J. Marzano and Debra J. Pickering. Students have been instructed in the Six-Step Model and have completed pretests, activities, and posttests. This information along with the NeSA and MAP data shows that students at Johnson County Central have made significant progress in reading comprehension. The data from the Reading Street reading program, the Prentice Hall program, the Applied Literacy Class, and data collected on vocabulary acquisition reinforces this reading growth by students.

On Wednesday, April 13, the External Team will share their findings with the administrators, school board members, faculty, and staff. They will submit these findings to AdvancED and Johnson County Central Schools will receive a written report approximately thirty days later. At that time, the district will continue the powerful practices already in place, and develop a plan for the improvement priorities defined by the External Team. Johnson County Central Public Schools is presently accredited through AdvancED.



## *Middle School Reading*

### *Linsey Meints*

We have had a great start to the second semester in middle school. The 7th and 8th grades have both been working on identifying organizational patterns of the passages they are reading.

The 7th grade has been reading nonfiction stories and are just about finished and are ready to move on to poetry. They will finish out the year with units over poetry, drama, and then themes in oral tradition.

The 8th grade has just started their poetry unit and will be finishing the year with drama and an author study.

BOOK MADNESS is underway! We took March Madness and turned it into book madness. Students will be voting once a month through the rest of the school year to determine our favorite book of the 2015-2016 school year.



## Region V Systems' Regional Coalition Legislative Day

Joan Peters

Sara Kettelhake, Hannah Swanda and Eddie Li, Johnson County Central High School students who are members of the Johnson County Coalition attended Legislative Day at the Nebraska State Capitol on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> along with their sponsor, Joan Peters.

Region V Systems partners with ProjectExtraMile on this day to inform and educate our state senators of issues regarding drug and alcohol abuse or other risky behaviors that affect our health that are going on in the sixteen county area. Project Extra Mile first spent some time teaching us how Nebraska laws are made and the best procedures for discussing issues with government officials. We then, made our way to the state capitol, where we paused for some picture taking and had some time to watch the legislature in action.

Johnson County and Nemaha County met with Senator Dan Watermeier in his office to discuss the issue of rising underage drinking in our high school. After visiting with the students about how they got started with the Coalition he took time out of his busy schedule to take a picture with us. We are always welcome to visit Senator Watermeier and we are very thankful that he supports our efforts.

Lunch is served at the capitol and students listen to keynote speakers address important issues in the health and behavior field. The cheesecake was the highlight of the luncheon. Afterwards, it was back to Region V Systems to debrief our day. It's always a great experience for the students.



**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll  
Third Quarter 2015-2016**

**Grade 8**

**Carrie Beethe (All A's)**

Samuel Buss

**\*Gabriel DeFreece**

Tanner Kerner

Manuel Ramirez

Monica Thipphavong

**Eli Waring (All A's)**

Colton Wellman

Jacob Wolter

**Grade 7**

Edwin Aguirre

**Calvin Antholz (All A's)**

Boston Bailey

Kenia Barrientos

Dalton Berkebile

Devin Conley

**\*Chloe Curry**

Jason Kettelhake

Kylie Kleespies

Kyle Laue

Katie Little

Ashlei McDonald

Morgan Moran

Hayley Neemann

**\*Zadie Plager**

**Saylor Rother (All A's)**

Ruby Valles

**Grade 6**

**Kaita Baird (All A's)**

Logan Barras

Ava Berkebile

Jonathon Duncan

Gina Golden

Saydee Hardesty

**Madelyn Harrifeld (All A's)**

**\*Treyton Holthus**

Mathew Jansen

Dakotah Ludemann

Lane Othmer

Madison Pingel

**\*Emma Straka**

Emma Swanda

Emma Walters

**Isabella Wolter (All A's)**

Fransisco Xayaphonesongkham

**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**

JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL  
2015-2016

Seniors

Mireya Avitia  
Michael Borrenpohl  
Spencer Dorsey  
**Mitchell Faris\***  
Aaron Johnson  
Edward Li  
**Nathan Liberty\***  
**Grant Moles\*** - All A's  
Bryan Murphy  
Rudy Pooch  
Natalie Roddy  
Samuel Sterup  
Austin Valenzuela  
Sydney Wenzl

Juniors

**Marissa Borrenpohl\*** - All A's  
**Schlyer DeFreece\***  
Erin Hunzeker  
Sara Kettelhake  
**Keaton Kleespies\*** - All A's  
**Sopha Kongmanyvong\*** - All A's  
Jesse Reyes  
Alejandra Rojas  
Samuel Saldivar  
Mark Splichal  
Angelica Wellman

Sophomores

Gabriela Alvarado  
Johan Arellano  
**Charla Eggleston\***  
**MacKenzie Eltiste\***  
Taylor Gerdes  
**Nicholas Goracke\***  
Vanhna Kongmanyvong  
Paige Kraus  
**Sierra McClintock\*** - All A's  
**Aleisha McDonald\***  
Madison Moran  
Tia Parrish  
Macey Pietzyk  
**Hannah Swanda\***

Freshmen

**Josh Bailey\***  
**Connor Bartels\***  
Tyler Bartels  
**Andrew Beethe\*** - All A's  
Erika Cruz  
Alexis Graham  
**Kole Kleespies\*** - All A's  
**Corral McClintock\*** - All A's  
Diego Reyes  
**Jordan Rodriguez\*** - All A's  
**Simon Rother\*** - All A's  
Faith Sahs  
Tyler Sedersten

**Honor Roll with Distinction\***

Students earn at least a 94%  
average with all A's and a  
maximum of one "B"

Honor Roll:

Students earn no class  
grade lower than a "B"

## High School Science by Nicole Justesen

The science department has been really busy this year, and I can hardly believe we are already in 4th quarter. We have just finished MAPS testing and we are fast approaching NeSA testing for science. The last quarter of the year, all classes will practice science standards with the use of Kahoot.

### Gen Science

The General Science classes has just finished "motion and momentum" series. We are jumping right into discussions on planets and solar system. Our final project of the year will be identifying the substance in the snack foods we eat. This will allow students to see how chemistry impacts our everyday life and importance of making smart food choices.

### Chemistry

The Chemistry class is just finishing up ionic and covalent bonds and basic balancing equations. The students will get an opportunity to practice balancing equations and applying the knowledge to virtual games and creating power point. Students have started the last major project of the year. Students will do research on an assigned topic and present their findings to the class. The topics deal with states of matter, pressure, and gas laws. Each group will design an experiment for demonstrating their principle.

### Physics

Physics just finished a semester project over catapults. The students had to design their own lab and create design specifications for a catapult. The project was a success! Physics last major project is to create a Rube Goldberg (a complicated invent, contrived to perform a simple operation) device. Their task will be to use their knowledge of potential and kinetic energy, conservation of energy and simple machines to design their own Rube Goldberg device.

### NEW CATEGORY FOR *SENCA* WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA) has announced a new category for their third annual **WOMEN OF DISTINCTION AWARDS**.

The new award will recognize an outstanding young lady ages 13-19 years, in our community: **JC Young Lady of Distinction!** Other categories include: *Women of Distinction, Women of Courage and Young Women of Achievement.*

Nomination forms are available in many businesses downtown, in the SENCA Office and at the Johnson County Central High School Office.

In order to raise funds for the above awards reception, a **POTATO BAKE** will be hosted at the Action Center, located at 172 S. 4th Street in Tecumseh.

This event will be held on Thursday, April 21st from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Both dine-in and drive-through meals will be available.

**FREE WILL OFFERING.**

## **JCC High School Athletic Banquet**

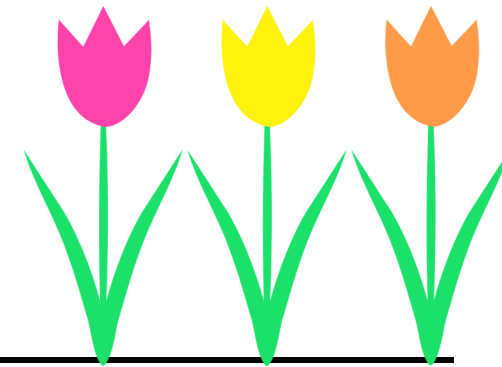
**Monday, April 25th 2016, at 6:00 pm  
High School Gym**

**This is potluck, so please bring a covered dish to share!**





# April 2016



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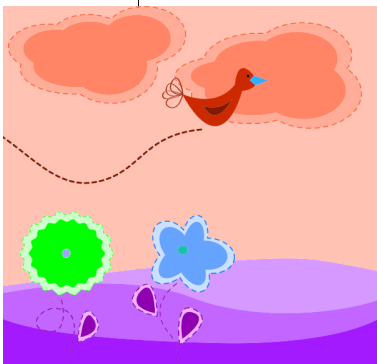
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Fri

Sat

					1 Radio Station CAN Recordings  MS Honor Choir/Band @ Meridian	2 Prom & Post Prom
3	4 JV & V Boys Soccer @ Nebr. City 5 & 7 pm MS Pre-Contest Concert @ JCC MS 7:00 pm	5 V Track @ JCC HS 9:30 am  V Golf @ Tecumseh Country Club 4:30 pm	6 State FFA Convention 7th & 8th Grade NeSA Math Testing V Golf @ Friend Country Club 10:00 am	7 State FFA Convention 7th & 8th Grade NeSA Math Testing FBLA State Leadership JV & V Boys Soccer @ Plattsmouth HS 5 & 7 pm	8 State FFA Convention FBLA State Leadership MS Music Contest @ Louisville JV & V Boys Soccer @ Bennington	9 FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Ramada Plaza In Omaha
10	11 JV & V Boys Soccer @ Nebr. City 5 & 7 pm Freeman Quiz Bowl @ Freeman HS 6:00 pm	12 8th Grade NeSA Reading Testing V Golf @ Kirkman's 9:00 am	13 4th–6th Grade NeSA Math Assessment CAN Meeting @ HS Library 8:30 am Board of Education Meeting @ HS Sped Rm. 7:30 pm	14 4th–6th Grade Math Assessment V Golf @ Nebr. City 9 am JH Track @ Conestoga JV & V Soccer @ Elkhorn 5 & 7 pm	15 Kindergarten Field Trip Zoology & Biology II Field Trip to Henry Doorly Zoo	16 H Track @ Pawnee City 9:00 am
17	18 American Red Cross Blood Drive @ HS Gym 8:30 am JH MUDECAS Quiz Bowl V Golf @ Falls City JV & V Soccer @ Ne. City 5 & 7 pm	19 MS College Access Day @ UNL 4th & 5th & 7th Grade NeSA Reading Testing V Track @ Tri County JV & V Boys Soccer	20 4th, 5th, 7th, & 11th NeSA Testing V Golf @ Southern HS	21 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> District Music @ JCC Tecumseh Site JH Track @ Freeman 1:00 pm	22 5th & 7th NeSA Testing FFA Banquet @ HS Gym 6:30 pm	23 V Track @ JCC HS 9:00 am
	25 HS Honors Day 1:00 pm Athletic Banquet @ HS Gym 6:00 pm	26 V Boys Soccer V Track @ Falls City 2:30	27 5th, 8th, 6th NeSA Testing V Golf @ Woodland Hills State Quiz Bowl @ Holdrege NE	28 5th, 6th, 8th NeSA Testing V Golf @ Lakeview JH Track @ JCC HS 4:00 pm	29 Kindergarten Round Up NO preschool or Kinder. 6th Grade NeSA Testing Spring Play Matinee 1:30 Spring Play 7:00 pm	30 V Track @ Auburn HS 10:00 am



# Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

# April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
THIS INSTITUTION IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER"						
Menus are subject to change						<b>1</b> Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
						<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Spaghetti Meat Sauce Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>5</b> Chili Dog Fruit & Veggie Bar Baked Beans Milk	<b>6</b> Popcorn Chicken Bowl Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar WG Dinner Roll	<b>7</b> Cheeseburger WG Bun Starz Hashbrowns Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>8</b> Pizza Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Chicken Nuggets Fruit & Veggie Bar Bread Stick WG Milk	<b>12</b> Salisbury Steak/ WG Bread Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>13</b> Mac & Cheese Meatballs Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk WG Dinner Roll HS	<b>14</b> Sloppy Joe WG Bun SP Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>15</b> Br. Cheese Sticks Maranaria Sauce Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Sloppy Nachos Fruit & Veggie Bar Scooby Snacks Milk	<b>19</b> Br. Chicken Patty WG Bun Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>20</b> Stromboli Calico Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>21</b> Lasagna Peas Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>22</b>  Chefs Choice	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Chicken Strip Tater Tots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>26</b> Hot Daog WG Bun Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>27</b> Cr. Chicken Wg Biscuit Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>28</b> BBQ Sh Pork WG Bun Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk Cookie	<b>29</b> Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	<b>30</b> 
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It shall be the policy of Johnson County Central Public Schools to not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for discrimination concerns. Inquiries concerning any of the above, or Title IX and Rehabilitation Act Regulations (504) should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, 358 N 6th Street, Tecumseh, NE 68329; (402)335-3320.

### 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