# SUPERINTENDENT NOTES by Dr. Galen Boldt 

## October Superintendent Report

Wow...can you believe that it is already October and our year is
 closing in on being one-fourth over? The older I get the quicker time passes, which I believe, is a mathematical certainty (Marcy Muller taught me that). In my short time back in this community and school, I have made several observations about the work we have to do. They include an observation of challenges in working with staff and students in two separate communities. This includes an observation of challenges in working with facilities that are aging and showing the signs of wear that can be attributed to several decades of use. This use has been monitored and maintained in excellent fashion, yet continues to present the challenges of infrastructures and equipment that need repair or replacement. They include observations of how the required transportation services between sites creates challenges with vehicles, personnel and schedules to accommodate all the activities that engage our students. However, my observations also include watching good people working very hard at helping students find success. That includes administrators who love this school and community and are committed to doing the hard work that it takes to raise expectations in what everyone does and what students achieve. That also includes teachers who love this school and their students and care deeply about how their influence might impact learning. Teachers who want students leaving their classrooms equipped with the skills necessary to live successful lives that make them capable, responsible, and life-long learners. That includes a Board of Education that has dedicated their service in support of meeting student needs. That also includes parents and a community that are invested in their school and want to provide the time and resources necessary to allow our kids to pursue their hopes and dreams.

The hard issues that face us in the near future include making decisions about what to do with the issues surrounding aging facilities at two sites. At the September School Board Meeting, the Board has supported beginning a process of collecting data from our communities about these matters. I am in consultation with a Research Organization that specializes in creating surveys to gather information and assemble the data into reports that help analyze trends or themes. We will begin to advertise community meetings in both Cook and Tecumseh on a variety of occasions with the hope of gathering input that we can use to create a survey instrument to be used district wide to generate reports that might guide our decision making processes. We believe that the community is anxious to provide their thoughts on these issues, and we hope that the process includes the voices of a variety of district stakeholders. We hope to have meetings concluded by November so that we can try and launch a survey that will be completed by Mid-December so all information can be reviewed in the months following.

Again, I want to thank the JCC Board of Education for their confidence in bringing me into your school district for a short time, and want you all to know how much I am enjoying the experience. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!

## DROP-OFF \& PICK-UP CONCERNS AT TECUMSEH SITE

We had a great meeting with our Bus Drivers and discussed a number of items that are associated with transportation issues. One of the big items was safety concerns at the Tecumseh site in both the morning and evening. The west side of the school is teaming with students in a hurry to get home, and parents in a hurry to get their kids picked up to go home or go to other activities. The important word here is "hurry", which can present some real safety concerns when trying to safely organize the coming and going from school with lots of students and cars, as well as our own buses. The cooperation of everyone is critical to understand that the curved driveway directly on the west edge of the school is strictly reserved for our buses or vehicles that have a direct association with school-related needs. Many times we see vehicles pulling into the semi-circle drive for convenience purposes to drop-off or pick-up students when the same thing could be accomplished a few minutes later a little further away from the school on one of the streets. We understand that the logistics of the school on a busy street will never allow for anything convenient for everyone, we must expect that drivers use patience and good sense and not pull into that driveway. Another problem presents itself when parents or patrons pull into the drive and park during school hours. The obstacle-free flow of traffic for our school vehicles is critical to the efficient and safe operation of the school. Your attention to these matters is very much appreciated.
In addition, our route drivers report that once-in-awhile they have to deal with a vehicle that passes them when the stoparm is extended from the bus at a pick-up site, a dangerous situation that violates state law. It is difficult for our drivers to see absolutely everything involved while looking forward and side-to-side, let alone to see what is coming from their blind side behind them. It is impossible for them to maintain a safe environment when the impatience of another driver violates a stop arm at a bus stop. If we are able to identify a license plate number, we will always turn that information into law enforcement and a violation can result in a severe penalty and fine. More importantly, we simply want the safest environment possible for our kids and drivers and would expect cooperation from everyone in these matters.


# MIDDLE SCHOOL \& ATHLETIC NEWS BY RICH BACON 

During the first 2 weeks of school all students were administered the Measures of Academic Progress or MAP test. These are computerized adaptive tests that provide teachers information that can be used to improve teaching and learning. Results from these tests provide achievement and growth data that will allow our teachers to develop targeted instructional strategies to improve student learning. Students took tests in the subject areas of Reading, Language Usage, Math, and Science. Information from these assessments can be used to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses for each individual student and also provide our staff with information on where our curriculum may need some improvement.

The first quarter ends on Thursday, October $18^{\text {th }}$, and Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on a first come, first served basis on Wednesday, October $24^{\text {th }}$ from 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will not be having school on this day. Please make plans to attend conferences to discuss your child's classroom performance with their teachers. There are still a few weeks left in the quarter for students to work on their grades. I encourage all parents to check out their sons/daughters grades on Power School before the end of the quarter, and encourage your child to finish the quarter strong.

Middle school athletics is in full swing as we are in the heart of the fall sports season. We have 16 boys participating in football, 25 girls playing volleyball and 4 boys and 1 girl running cross country during the fall season. These student-athletes are working hard to improve their fundamentals and come together as a team, and are committing a great deal of time and effort to participate. There are still a few opportunities to watch our teams play at home. Come out and support the Thunderbirds!

The Middle School Band marched at the Richardson County Fair Parade in Humboldt The band did an outstanding job during this performance. Their performance and behavior is something that the entire Johnson County Central community can continue to take great pride in. Congratulations and a big thank you to the band and Mrs. Fricke. Go Thunderbirds!

## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

JCC's 2018 Homecoming game is Friday, October 19, 2018 vs. Syracuse at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming coronation will take place after the football game on the track with the dance to follow in the high school gym which will conclude at 11:30 p.m. We will have the Homecoming parade on Thursday, October 18, 2017 starting approximately at $2: 15 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The parade will start at the high school and proceed to downtown Tecumseh and go around the square and return to the high school where we will have a pep rally at the football field which is open to the public. Below is a list of the Homecoming week activities and pep rally agenda:

Dress up days:
Monday, October 15 Color Wars

| Seniors | Black | $5^{\text {th }}$ grade | Purple |
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| Juniors | White | $4^{\text {th }}$ grade | Brown |
| Sophomores | Blue | $3^{\text {rd }}$ grade | Green |
| Freshmen | Pink | $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade | Yellow |
| $8^{\text {th }}$ grade | Neon Yellow | $1^{\text {st }}$ Grade | Orange |
| $7^{\text {th }}$ grade | Neon Orange | Pre-Kind. | Red |
| $6^{\text {th }}$ grade | Neon Green | All Staff | Tie Dye |

Tuesday, October 16 College Day - Dress up representing your favorite college or college sports team!

Wednesday, October 17 Homecoming Theme Day - "Hollywood" Dress up as your favorite Hollywood movie star, diva, etc.

Thursday, October 18 Spirit Day - Dress up and show your school spirit!!
Friday, October 13 NO SCHOOL - Come support JCC Football game @ 7:00 p.m. Crowning of Homecoming Royalty will be held after the game!
**All students are asked to wear appropriate attire!! We want Spirit Week to be fun and enjoyable and the privilege not taken away! Thank you and have a fun Spirit Week!

Thursday, October 18, 2018 Pep Rally agenda (at Football field):
School song
Crowd Cheer - Come on Crowd Yell it Loud
Crowd Cheer - Bump a Rump!
Kiss the ??? contest - FBLA
Cheerleaders - Special Activity
Homecoming Attendants - Activity
Homecoming Candidates - Activity
Cheerleaders - Special Activity
Crowd Cheer - Central Fans Stand up and Scream
Crowd Cheer - Hail - Hail!!
School Song
We look forward to seeing everyone help us celebrate Homecoming 2018!!


## NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR Ms. Olivia Reuter

## EducationQuest Financial Aid Program For Seniors and Parents- October 10th

A representative from EducationQuest will be coming to Johnson County Central to help seniors and their parents learn more about financial aid for college and how to apply for the FAFSA. All seniors who attend this presentation are eligible to apply for a $\$ 500$ college scholarship. Seniors will attend a presentation in the HS computer lab from 1:30-2:30 PM. Parents are invited to attend this presentation as well and stay for help with the FAFSA or just come at 2:30 for help with the FAFSA . From 2:304:30 PM, students and parents who want help applying for the FAFSA can get help from our EducationQuest representative in the high school computer lab. Please bring your 2017 Tax information with you. The student and one parent needs to create an FSA ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm. To do this, you need your full legal name, your social security number, and a non-school email address. An FSA ID for the student and one parent is required to apply for the FAFSA and will really speed up the process when you go to apply. It is a great idea to apply for the FAFSA as soon as you can. This is a great opportunity to get some help!!!

## Apply To College Day For Seniors: October 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM

College reps from Doane University, Peru State College, Southeast Community College, Metropolitan Community College, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Northwest Missouri State University will be here to help seniors apply to college on October $10^{\text {th }}$. This is an excellent opportunity to get help applying to college and for questions to be answered.

## RHOP, KHOP, and RLOP at Wayne State, Chadron State, and Peru State Colleges and the University of Nebraska- Kearney

Students from high schools in rural areas who are interested in a future career in a medical field should look into applying for the RHOP program at Peru State, Wayne State, or Chadron State or the KHOP program at the University of Nebraska- Kearney. This program guarantees students who meet all requirements of the program that they will have a seat save for them at UNMC after they complete their undergraduate work. Students interested in a future career in law should look into applying for the RLOP (Rural Law Opportunities Program) at Wayne State, UNK, or Chadron State. Completion of this program and all requirements guarantee students a spot in the UNL Law School after they complete their undergraduate work. To learn more about RHOP and to apply, visit https://www.unmc.edu/ studentservices/rse/enrichment/rural-health-enrichment-programs/rhop/index.html. To learn more about KHOP and apply, visit http://www.unk.edu/academics/health_sciences/scholarshipprograms.php. To learn more about RLOP and apply, visit http://law.unl.edu/RLOP/ The deadline to apply for both programs at Wayne State College is November 1 ${ }^{\text {st }}$. The deadline to apply for both programs at Chadron State is November $15^{\text {th }}$ and the deadline to apply for RHOP at Peru State College is November $15^{\text {th }}$.

## PSAT Testing- October 10th

The PSAT test will be given at JCC on October $10^{\text {th }}$. Sophomores and juniors are welcome to sign up for this test. For juniors, this test is the only qualifying test for the National Merit

Scholar program. For both sophomores and juniors, this test is a great prep tool for both the SAT and ACT tests. Students receive detailed results with this test, including explanations of the questions they answered incorrectly. So far, only two juniors have signed up, we have room for 22 students to test. Juniors on free/reduced lunch can get fee waivers to pay for their test. They just have to let Mrs. Reuter know since there are only a limited number of waivers. The cost to test is $\$ 17$. This fee must be paid before testing begins. Please write checks to Johnson County Central and give fees to Mrs. Reuter as soon as possible.

## Meet the JCC Class of 2019

In this newsletter article, throughout the school year, I will feature the 2019 seniors. Here are the first six senior profiles

## DAYMON FRANCOIS

Daymon Bradley Francois is the son of Brad and Connie Francois of Cook. He has one older sister, Samantha. His favorite high school class is American Government and he was involved in cross country earlier on in high school. The most important thing that he has learned in high school is how important it is to do homework. Daymon's advice to younger students is, "High school flies by fast, be ready for that." After high school graduation. Daymon plans to become a semi truck driver. In ten years, he sees himself living in South Dakota, working as a semi truck driver.


## ALEXIS GRAHAM

Alexis Marie Graham is the daughter of Jeremy and Lynsey Graham of Tecumseh. She has been involved in volleyball, speech, FBLA, and FFA during her high school years. Her favorite high school classes were Spanish I, II, and III and her favorite school lunch is the fiestada. Her favorite part about being a senior is that this is her last year of high school and that she will finally be able to go into adulthood. The most important things that Lexi has learned during her high school years are that you don't have to like anyone at your school to have good friends and that in the long run, the people who went to school with you don't really matter. Her advice to younger students is, "Just have fun and don't worry about what people say." After high school, Lexi plans to attend college for nursing. She is undecided as to where she will go. In ten years, she hopes to be a successful nurse practitioner with a family and a big house.

## LOGAN ASCHEMAN

Logan Michael Ascheman is the son of Charles and April Ascheman of Tecumseh. He has three sisters, Ava, Jazdia, and Marie. His favorite part about being a senior is being the oldest in the school. Logan's favorite high school class is band and his favorite school lunch is pizza. He has been involved in golf, unified bowling, and band during his high school years. The most important thing that Logan has learned during high school is that procrastinating causes problems. His advice to younger students is, "Learn as much as you can, pay attention, and be constantly vigilant." After high school, Logan plans to attend Peru State College. In ten years, he hopes to be teaching somewhere.


## HAILEY CLARK

Hailey Marie Clark is the daughter of Rob and Ann Clark. She lives in Tecumseh. Her favorite high school class was Biology and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Her high school activities have included cross country, track and field, volleyball, basketball, FBLA, CAN, student council, FFA, choir, and one act. The most important thing that Hailey has learned during her high school years is to not take any moment for granted. The best part about being a senior is knowing that you have lots of adventures and choices coming up soon. Her advice to younger students is, "Involve yourself in as much as you can." After high school, Hailey plans to go to college and major in Biology/Pre-Med. Her goal for the future is to become a pediatrician. In ten years, Hailey sees herself working as a pediatrician and living by an ocean with lots of dogs.


## SAVANA MALLARD



Savana M. Mallard lives in Talmage. Her parents are Ursla Mallard and Kevin Smith and her siblings are Sierra Mallard (21) and Kurtis Smith (20). Her favorite high school class is art and her high school activities have been one act and school play. Her favorite school lunch is chili. The most important thing that Savana has learned during her high school years is to never let people push you around or else they take advantage of you.
Savana says that the best part about being a senior is that she can now say that she has almost made it through all of her years of high school. Her advice to students who just started high school is, "Don't be afraid to stick up for yourself and ask questions in your classes." After high school graduation, Savana plans to attend college. In ten years, she sees herself being a photographer and going to college for a second career. She hopes to be living in Wyoming and if not there, she'll stay in Nebraska.

## KOLE KLEESPIES

Kole Steven Kleespies lives in Tecumseh. He is the son of Stephanie Waring and Andy and Ginger Kleespies. He has two siblings, Keaton (19) and Kylie (16). His favorite part about being a senior is that he knows everyone and all of the teachers. His favorite high school class is strength training and his favorite school lunch is meatball subs. Kole's school activities have been football, basketball, golf, student council, band, FBLA, class officer, and play production. The most important thing that Kole has learned during his high school years is better communication skills. His advice for those just entering high school is, "Get involved with activities." After he graduates high school, Kole plans to go to college to earn a bachelor's degree while majoring in both physical education and math education. He also hopes to travel as much as possible. In ten years,
 Kole sees himself as a P.E. teacher in Nebraska or somewhere close to Nebraska.

September 18, 2018

## Mr. Meints' $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade class celebrated Grandparents week

In keeping with tradition, Mr. Meints' $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade class celebrated Grandparents day in fine fashion - they celebrated an entire week for Grandparents! The students were given several projects to complete, which consisted of a book report that tells the story of a child and Grandparent; interviewing Grandparents, either in person or by phone if they are far away; a Grandma and Grandpa worksheet that allows Grandparents to answer specific questions; a project that illustrates what their child thinks of their Grandparents - through a poem, a story, or a poster; and lastly, the student can invite their Grandparent or senior citizen that they know in to the classroom to share any hobbies that they have, what school was like when they were in $2^{\text {nd }}$ grade, and a favorite question by the students "What was your favorite subject, was it recess?".

We had a blast with the group this year, as many stories were shared and many different hobbies were discussed and the importance of Math, Social Studies, Reading, Science and the rest of subjects that we are learning today, that will help you to be successful in the future.

Thank you to all Grandparents that were able to attend!

Mr. Meints' $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade class


Mr. Meints' $2^{\text {nd }}$ Grade class celebrated Grandparents week continued


## Welcome to the Enchanted Forest Book Fair!

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.


Book Fair dates: Monday, October 22 - Friday, October 26, 2018
Shopping Hours: Mon. - Wed. 3:35-4:00 p.m. and throughout P/T Conferences
Special Event: P/T Conference
If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at scholastic.com/fair or use the link provided on the school website. Our online Fair is available from October 14-27.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, purchases go towards books for all school libraries.



## October 12, 2018

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****Must attend an informational
Title 1 meeting in the high school cafeteria at 5:15 p.m.

After the meeting everyone will receive a stamp on his/her hand allowing them to attend the fun at 5:30 p.m. on the JCC Tecumseh site playground.

Free Admission to JCC's Football game!

Free Pumpkin to decorate!

Free Hot Dog, Chips and Pop!

Learn about the
Title 1 program at JCC!

JOHNSON GOUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS High School Cafeteria

Friday, October 12, 2018
5:15p.m.

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## POSTAL PATRON

This newsletter is produced monthly to inform parents, district patrons and others about school events, classroom events, and student achievements in the classroom and extra curricular activities. This information is submitted by faculty and staff members. Information may be submitted to offices at Tecumseh and Cook.

The school reserves the right to edit information in the interest of space and content.

## Non-Discrimination

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 Dr. Galen Boldt, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

## *** NO SCHOOL ON Friday, OCTOBER 19 *** TEACHER WORKDAY ***************************

*** NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, October 24*** Fall Parent-Teacher

Conferences
Wednesday, October 24 1:30-8:00 p.m.

