## The 2022-2023 Budget

by Jon Rother. October 2022

One of the first things I learned about building a budget is that budgeting is not spending. However, budgeting does result in tax asking. Over time, property valuations (for the most part) usually increase. This is similar to the increases seen in our everyday costs of living (i.e. materials, resources, benefits, salaries, etc). Because these factors are usually increasing, it is reasonable to expect that budgets will increase over time.

JCC's proposed levy for 2022-2023 is set at $\$ 1.049995$ ( $\$ 0.961700$ for the General Fund and $\$ 0.088295$ for the Building Fund). ${ }^{* * *}$ For reference, one cent on JCC's levy generates approximately $\$ 75,998 .{ }^{* * *}$ These two "levies" generate $\$ 7,979,725$ (via local property taxes) to operate our school district.

School budgets are limited by two factors:

1. Levy Limit (\$1.05)
2. Budget Authority (budget lid set by the state)

Budget Authority Formula = ( Previous Year's Budget - Special Grant Funds - Special Education Budget - General Fund Lid Exclusions) x 1.025 ) + Basic Allowable Growth Rate ( $2.5 \%$ )

When calculating the budget, I have to take into account any funds that could be spent in the school year. This includes federal monies received due to COVID (such as Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds aka "the COVID money") and any carry over from categories such as the Special Building Fund. These are precisely the two categories that pushed JCC's budget, and consequently caused our budget to show a $21 \%$ growth rate. Here is a breakdown of budgeted ESSER funds for 2022-2023:

- School Buses x $2=\$ 280,000$
- School Vans x 2 = \$120,000
- After School Program $=\$ 85,000$
- K-8 Math Curriculum $=\$ 145,000$
- Tecumseh Site PK Playground $=\$ 125,000$
- Mental Health Services $=\$ 12,800$
- $\mathrm{HVAC}=\$ 158,000$
- TOTAL = \$925,800

The Building Fund is the other aspect of this story. The JCC school board set a goal of building up this fund for one of two purposes:

1. Should a Construction Bond pass in the near future, the district may need to execute the purchase agreement option on the ground north of the football field $\&$ track in Tecumseh. JCC will need funds to purchase the property $(\$ 800,000)$ and funds for the demolition of the current Tecumseh Site Elementary Building (\$400,000).

OR
2. Should the decision be made to maintain our current facilities at two sites, there are a number of substantial, six figure repairs that need to be addressed within our facilities. The first project would be replacing the roof over the 1950s portion of JCC's Cook Site building. The current estimated cost for that project is $\$ 700,000$.

The Building Fund is the mechanism by which these projects would be funded. However, our ability to fund it at a level that allows us to timely address necessary building repairs is very limited due to the levy limit ( $\$ 1.05$ total levy) and the state imposed $\$ 0.14$ limit for Building Fund asking within the $\$ 1.05$ levy limit ( This $\$ 0.14$ could be increased to $\$ 0.17$ by a vote of the people) JCC's Building Fund currently has just over $\$ 900,000$. With the Building Fund levy moving up to roughly $\$ 0.09$, the fund will generate an additional $\$ 670,000$.

## Budget Numbers: Past \& Present

In delving deeper into our budget and budget history, the following figures show how our budget has evolved from the 2007-2008 school year to the 2022-2023 school year budget:

Taxable Valuation - 140.7\% increase (6.2\%/year avg.)
JCC Local Property Tax Request - 117.7\% increase (5.4\%/year avg.)
Tax Levy - 19.5\% decrease ( $-1.3 \% /$ year avg.)
Tax Levy Post Nemaha Valley Bond Payoff (17-18 to Present) - 11.7\% increase (1.1\%/year avg.)
Needs Based State Aid - $95.9 \%$ decrease ( $-14.8 \% /$ year avg.)
Special Education Total Budget Disbursements \& Transfers (D\&T) - 111.4\% increase (6.1\%/year avg.)
Total Budget D\&T including SPED - $144.9 \%$ increase ( $6.8 \% /$ year avg.)
*Payroll has accounted for an average of $62.6 \%$ of Total Budget D\&T w/ SPED.
Total Requirements (includes ALL Disbursements \& Transfers along w/ Cash Reserve \& carryover from Building Fund) - 82.6\% increase ( $4.1 \% /$ year avg.)
Total Payroll Expenditure - 42.1\% increase ( $2.6 \% /$ year avg.)
For more information regarding Johnson County Central's budget, please feel free to contact me at (402) 921-0187.

## Construction Bond Update

Kim Wellensiek (JCC School Board President), Arlin Beethe (JCC School Board Vice President) and myself have been meeting and talking with our team of construction manager (Boyd Jones), architects (Clark \& Enersen), bond underwriters (DA Davidson) and the educational facilities consultant (Russ Koch). The discussion has been concerned with the size, scope and budget of a future construction project and bond.

Should a PK-12 facility continue to be the focus of the project, the square footage will not be able to change much. The classrooms have already been spec'd out to industry standards and to allow enough space for adequate student learning. Some classrooms are bigger than others based on the projected use (i.e. preschool, kindergarten and science rooms with labs). Whereas others are smaller based on projected numbers (some high school classrooms can be smaller as they are for elective classes that tend to have fewer students).

The ultimate goal is to get all services under one roof. This may mean eliminating an auxiliary gym in favor of a CTE (Career Technical Education or shop) space. It also may mean that we make more combined spaces (such as a weight room/wrestling room).

Although the square footage cannot be decreased by very much, the layout has also been part of the discussion. The design should be approachable, functional and efficient; made with quality, affordable materials that will last. Therefore, we are exploring design options with fewer angles; the possibility of building vertically vs horizontally and how the two would differ in budget.

Final thought for this month's newsletter . . . After reviewing the voter turnout from the May 2022 primary election, over 1,000 JCC voters did not complete a ballot. Whether you are "for" or "against" a school bond, I would always encourage you to exercise your voice through your right to vote.

Should you have questions, suggestions, or want to voice your opinion, feel free to call (402) 921-0187. We are always in need of volunteers willing to join committees or attend any upcoming meetings.

## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

I would like to give parents a little reminder about our attendance policies. It's our policy of Johnson County Central Public Schools that regular and punctual student attendance is required. The administration is responsible for developing attendance rules and regulations and staff is responsible for assisting in the enforcement of the rules and regulations. Students and parents are responsible for developing behaviors which will result in regular and punctual student attendance.

Good attendance reflects the strong character, desire, and health, both physical and mental. If a student is absent for any reason, that student is not being exposed to the ideas generated by discussions between fellow students and/or their teachers as well as the direct lecture material. Consequently, they miss out on educational experiences.

Parents or guardians are obligated to:

- Notify the school by phone (335-3328), writing, or email (katie.radke@jccentral.org) of the reason for each absence. If notification is not provided within two days of the absence, the absence may be considered unexcused.
- Submit a doctor's statement for each period of absence due to appointment and/or illness that exceeds five days during a quarter.

Students are obligated to:

- Complete all class work in advance for any absence that can be anticipated.
- Make up all work assigned by teachers as make-up work for the instructional time that has been missed.
- Check out of school at the office if leaving school during the school day.

I would strongly encourage parents and /or guardians to view our attendance policies in our Student Handbook. All high school students have a copy of the handbook on their school iPad. If you have any questions, please contact me at school and I will assist you in any way I can.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

We are getting closer to the ribbon cutting/pep rally for our new fitness center. Don Payne, Equipment Director for the "DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center award program, visited our school on Friday, September 23rd to orient and train our students and staff on how to use the equipment. On October 14 we are excited to welcome fitness guru Jake "Body by Jake" Steinfeld, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils (NFGFC), and Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to Johnson County Central Middle School for the ribbon cutting event. Johnson County Central is one of three schools in the State of Nebraska to be awarded a brand new $\$ 100,00$ DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center. The public is welcome to attend this exciting event

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 3rd from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The first quarter ends on Friday, October 14, so there will be a little time for students to finish the quarter strong after conferences. Please make plans to attend conferences to discuss your child's classroom performance with their teachers. One of the most important factors in determining student academic success is parent involvement. If you have questions or concerns about your child's performance before conferences, please do not wait until PT Conferences to discuss it with their teachers. Contact them right away. We hope to see everyone at conferences.

During the first 2 weeks of school all students in grades 4-8 were administered the Nebraska Student Center Assessment System (NSCAS) Growth assessments and the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) - Science assessment. These are computerized adaptive tests that are designed to be instructionally useful, meaningful to students, and connected to classroom practice. NSCAS Growth is aligned to both the state standards and to the state summative blueprint. This assessment will be administered two more times throughout the school year, once in the winter and once in the spring, and will measure growth and provide grade level performance data throughout the school year and produce summative proficiency scores at year's end. Students took tests in the subject areas of English Language Arts, Math, and Science. Teachers can use growth data from these assessments to pinpoint the instructional areas our students are ready to tackle-whether they are on, above or below grade level and can use this data to differentiate instruction and provide for individual student needs. 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 7th \& 8th grade Band marched at the Richardson County Fair in Humboldt on September 16th and have been performing in the Pep Band at our home football and volleyball games. The band, which includes almost 40 students, did an outstanding job marching in unison while playing the Johnson County Central Fight Song.

# Notes From the High School Counselor Mrs. Olivia Reuter 

## Search for Nebraska Scholarships By Using Scholarship Quest

ScholarshipQuest is a feature on the Education Quest website that allows students to create a profile and search for Nebraska scholarships. This is an especially good tool for high school seniors, but there are also scholarships on their for underclassmen as well. If you are in high school, it's a good idea to create an account and check your scholarship matches periodically. To get started and create an account, go to https://www.educationquest.org/resources/scholarshipquest// and click on the orange rectangular Go For Scholarship Quest button.

## FAFSA opens on October 1, 2022 for Seniors

Seniors in high school who plan to attend college should complete a FAFSA online. They can start doing so starting on October 1, 2022, and should definitely have this done by March 15, 2023. The earlier they are completed, the better. Some colleges and universities only have so much grant and scholarship money to award and when it's gone, it's gone. To create a FAFSA, seniors will need their own and their parents' 2021 tax information and W2s. They need to fill out the 2023-2024 FAFSA because the FAFSA is for the year you will start college. One parent and one student will need an FSA ID. If a parent already has one from an older child in college, they can use the same one. For more information on this and all steps to completing the FAFSA, go to https://www.educationquest.org/resources/fafsa-tools/ This page includes FAFSA videos, tutorials, checklists, a FAFSA demo, frequently asked questions, and more. If you still have FAFSA questions, you are welcome to call Education Quest, they are here to help all Nebraska students with the FAFSA. The number for the Lincoln office is (402) 475-5222. The number for the Omaha office is (402) 391-4033. They are always willing to set up virtual appointments with parents and students, and sometimes they can set up in-person appointments too.

## The JCC National Honor Society Thanks the Public For a Successful Blood Drive

On Tuesday, September 20th, the JCC National Honor Society held a Red Cross blood drive in the school gym, 29 units were collected, making it a very successful blood drive. Every donor who donates blood at the Red Cross blood drives at our school helps us earn scholarship money for our seniors.
Thank you to the following people who donated at this blood drive. They are Amy Aragon, Darlene Beethe, Katelyn Beethe, Kristi Beethe, David Borrenpohl, Judi Borrenpohl, Erika Cabrales, Jazmine Cardoza, Garrett Collin, Anzel du Preez, Bradley Gabriel, Nikki Gordon, Dennis Gottula, Patti Holthus, Marcel Kohlmeyer, Emily Lubben, Hope Mahoney, Shaylie McDonald, Kimberly Orozco, Denise Pietzyk, David Reuter, Olivia Reuter, Tabbatha Stephens, Heather Stone, Scott Straka, Mary Tyson, Nehemiah Watson, Mikki Wright, and Carol Wusk.

We greatly appreciate everyone who donates blood at our drives here at the school and helps our seniors earn scholarships.. We are very thankful that there are many opportunities for people to donate blood in our community. Our next school blood drive here in our school gym is Thursday, November 17th. Our HOSA organization will be sponsoring this drive. You can sign up to give online at redcrossblood.org or by emailing or calling myself Olivia Reuter, olivia.reuter@jccentral.org or Devon Roesener (HOSA advisor) at devon.roesener@jccentral.org

## Open House- Capitol Beauty School- November 5th

Capitol Beauty School in Omaha, NE is having an open house for students interested in a future career in cosmetology or esthetics on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 AM- Noon. You will get a tour from a current Capitol student, learn about all of their programs, and have an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. To register, call Chelsea Claus, admissions director, at 402-333-3329 ext 2, or email her at Chelsea@CapitolOmaha.com

Get your career in gear at the ACE - Automotive Career Expo! At the Automotive Career Expo you will hear from automotive career experts! The automotive industry has become increasingly technology focused and involves work beyond the wrench. Job availability and wages continue to rise in all areas of the industry. If you want to sign up to attend, talk to Mrs. Reuter. You will have to arrange your own transportation.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet current SCC faculty and students and industry partners, tour SCC's automotive technology classrooms, and learn about the variety of career opportunities in the automotive industry. Additionally, participants will be eligible to enter prize drawings for tools and scholarships!

Event Details: Tuesday, October 11th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.- SCC Lincoln 8800 O St., Lincoln, NE 68520

## Meet JCC's 2022 Foreign Exchange Students



Marc Barbera Beltran

Marc Barbera Beltran came to JCC from Castellon de la Plana, Spain. Marc came to the United States as an exchange student because he wanted to have new experiences. His parents are Benjamin and Ana, and his host parents are David and Beckie Zyla. He has a sister named Vega back in Spain. While at JCC, Marc plans to be in football, basketball, and track. Marc likes the rural lifestyle that people in Nebraska have. As far as the biggest difference between his school in Spain and school at JCC, Marc says, "Classes are longer and teachers are not that close to the students at my school in Spain." Marc's favorite classes at JCC so far are team games, anatomy, and chemistry. Marc's favorite American food so far is chili hot dogs. When he gets back to Spain, Marc has one more year of high school, and then he plans to attend a university. In the future, he plans to pursue a career in something related to biology or engineering.

Juliette Cucurolo came to JCC from Marseille, France. She came to the United States as an exchange student because she wanted to see what it was like to be an American high school student, improve her English, and meet new people. Her parents are Thomas Cucurulo and Virginie Peyrabere, and her host parent is Vicky Boone. She has a brother named Raphael back in France. While at JCC, Juliette plans to be in cross country, basketball, and track. As for life in France compared to life in Nebraska, Juliette says, "Life in Nebraska is very different from the life I had in France, but I have discovered tons of new things about the American culture." As far as the biggest difference between her school in Spain and school at JCC, Juliette says, "All the people of the high school is approximately 5 classes of my French high school, and we have 13 classes for each grade." Juliette's favorite classes at JCC so far are physics, history, and journalism because the teachers really make those classes fun. Her favorite American food so far is s'mores. When she gets back to France, Juliette has two more years of high school left. She would like to have a future career in journalism.


Juliette Cucurulo


Zuzana Kavečanská came to JCC from Košice, Slovakia. Zuzana came to the United States as an exchange student because "I know some people that were exchange students and everyone loved it. I love challenging myself with adventures and traveling, and I think that this experience will be very helpful for my life." Her parents are Lubor and Adela and she has an 18-year-old brother named Adam. Her host parents are Ken and Angela Mandl and her host sister is Marisol, a freshman at JCC. While at JCC, Zuzana plans to be in volleyball, basketball, and track. As for life in Slovakia compared to life in Nebraska, Zuzana says, "People in Nebraska are very nice and the environment is very pretty." As far as the biggest difference between her school in Slovakia and school at JCC, Zuzana says, "The whole school system is very different. Here the periods last longer and you don't really have breaks between them, but you can choose what you want to learn. We also don't have sports or activities at school in Slovakia." Zuzana's favorite classes at JCC so far are psychology, English, and art. Her favorite American food so far is Raising Canes' chicken and bread. When she gets back to Slovakia, Zuzana has two more years of high school left. She would like to have a future career in a field related to art or psychology.


Nicola Spiga

Hello, my name is Nicola Spiga. I'm here at JCC from Italy for this school year. My parents' names are Claudia Borgia and Stefano Spiga. I have two host brothers, Evin Zyla and Marc Barberá Beltran. My host parents' names are David and Beckie Zyla. This year l'm going to play football, basketball, and go out for track here at JCC. I'm doing this exchange year experience to grow up and be more independent. I like living in Nebraska, even though everything here is different from my country including school and sports. School in Italy is really serious and your teachers don't get to know you like they do here. I really enjoy my strength training and chemistry classes. My favorite food that l've eaten so far here in the United States is crack chicken, a dish with chicken, cheese, ranch dressing mix, and bacon in it.. When I go back to Italy, I have one more year of high school, and then l'm done. In my future, I would like a career as an entrepreneur, but I don't know yet in which field.

## Vocal Music - Mr. Doran Trevin Huskey, Reporter

## Candle Sales:

Mark your calendars for the annual Vocal Music candle sales fundraiser October $10-21$. Students needing a new Music Polo will be able to use proceeds from their candle sales to offset the cost of the polo. Thank you to all who have contributed to our music students. We are an active music department and your assistance is greatly appreciated!

## High School Choir Stats:

Our students have been rehearsing for our fall \& winter performances. We have 43 total singers in this year's high school choir. Seventeen are returning members from previous years. The choir consists of 13 Sopranos, 9 Altos, 6 Tenors, \& 15 Basses. They can be broken down into the following grade levels: 11 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 7 Sophomores, \& 20 Freshmen.

## Middle School Choir Stats:

The middle school choir consists of 84 singers ( 42 seventh grade and 42 eighth grade students). Those 84 singers are broken down into the following voice categories: 20 Sopranos, 18 Altos, 27 Tenors, \& 19 Basses. They are reviewing basic music theory and applying that knowledge to rehearsals.

## HS Choir Officers:

The singers have elected their peers into leadership positions within the choir and this year's officers include: President - Hayden Huskey; Vice President - Sunnie Rother; Treasurer Bailee Sterup; Secretary - Sulymar Pena; and Reporter - Trevin Huskey. Congratulations to our officers!

## Music Calendar:

Fall-Winter performances will include the following:

- Middle School Honor Choir - Thursday, November 3 in Crete
- ECNC Honor Choir (MS \& HS) - Monday, November 7 in Mead
- Vocal Music Pie Night - Thursday, November 10, 6:30 PM in Tecumseh
- High School Christmas Concert - Thursday, December 1, 7:00 in Tecumseh.
- 4-8 Grade Christmas Concerts - Friday, December 9, 6:30 PM in Cook
- K-3 Elementary Program - Monday, December 15, 6:30 PM in Tecumseh



## Elementary Guidance

## Go Thunderbirds!

By: Marsha Bacon

What does it mean to be a Thunderbird? Our students have great pride in being Thunderbirds. To begin each year, we review and practice the Thunderbird Way: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner (PK-3) and a Leader (4-8). We also talk about what it means to be a good Thunderbird and citizens in our communities. When you walk around the school buildings and in the classrooms, you will see posters about the Thunderbird Way and the expectations for every part of the school.

## Bullying Prevention Unit

In the month of October, students in the elementary have begun their Bullying Prevention Unit. Weekly, students watch short videos that we discuss to learn more about: What is Bullying? How can one Prevent Bullying? What should a person do if they are bullied?

Bullying is a very strong word. It is important that students and their families understand what bullying is and what to do if their student is having issues at school. Through lessons, students learn that bullying is a negative behavior that happens over and over, is done on purpose, is something they have not been able to get to stop, and is unfair and one-sided. A focus of The Thunderbird Way is to teach and reinforce Safe and Respectful behaviors among our students, which are also concepts reinforced through the bullying prevention unit. The expectations of respect and safety with our students helps to create a learning atmosphere for all students at JCC. Visit with your student about your expectations of respect and safety as well. Together we have the power to prevent bullying with kind words and actions. For more information and bullying prevention resources you can visit the national bullying prevention website at: $\underline{h t t p s: / / w w w . s t o p b u l l y i n g . g o v / ~ o r ~ t o ~ l e a r n ~ m o r e ~ a b o u t ~ t h e ~ S e c o n d ~}$ Step bullying prevention curriculum visit: http://www.cfchildren.org/.


## Reading Makes Life Sweeter!

Come see all the sweet reads at the Scholastic Book Fair at Johnson County Central's Middle School and Elementary School libraries. There will be exclusives, new releases, value packs and more.

## So many sweet choices!

This sweet event is happening Monday, October 3 during P/T Conferences from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Online shopping too! Shop at www.scholastic.com/bf/
johnsoncountymiddleschool (or) elementaryschool. Everything ships right to your home. Free shipping on orders over $\$ 25$ or more.

The sweetest thing is that your child comes in contact with quality literature and you get to help our school libraries earn free books!


## Thunderbird Family,

The fall sports are moving quickly and will be done before we know it! By the time you read the November newsletter, fall sports will be completed and winter practices about to begin. Our student-athletes and coaches have been in full swing and have been working hard representing their school and community in a positive way. Here are some home and away events coming up this October:

## Cross Country:

10/4 @ Auburn Country Club (ECNC meet)
10/13 - Districts @ McCool Junction
10/21 - State Meet @ Kearney

## Girls Golf:

10/3 - Districts @ Hidden Valley Golf Club
10/10-11 - State Meet @ Elks Country Club

## Football:

10/3@ Palmyra (JH)
10/3@ Conestoga (JV)
10/7 v. Exeter-Milligan (HOMECOMING)
10/10 @ Palmyra (JV)
10/10 v. Johnson-Brock (JH)
10/13 v. Thayer Central (V)
Volleyball:
10/1 - JCC Invite (V)
10/4@ Freeman (JH)


10/6@ Auburn (V)
10/8 - JCC Invite @ Cook (9-10)
10/8 @ Lewiston Invite (JH)
10/10 v. Southern (JH)
10/10-13 - ECNC Tournament
10/17 v. Elmwood-Murdock
10/18 @ Diller-Odell
10/24 - Sub-Districts @ TBA
**Parents Night this year will be taking place on two different dates**
October 13th - Football and Girls Golf (Football field)
October 17th - Volleyball and Cross Country (HS GYM)

Please get out and support your Thunderbirds!
Garrett Collin
Activities Director


# HOMECOMING 2022 - SPIRIT WEEK 

October 3, 2022 - October 7, 2022
MONDAY, October 3, 2022

- NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, October 4, 2022

- Western Day - Dress up old west style or new country style!!


## WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2022

- Gone Fishing Day - We are all going fishing!!

THURSDAY, October 6, 2022 - Color Wars

| SENIORS | Black | 5TH GRADE | Camo |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| JUNIORS | White | 4TH GRADE | Plaid |  |
| SOPHOMORES | Blue | 3RD GRADE | Rainbow |  |
| FRESHMEN | Pink |  | 2ND GRADE | Stripes |
| 8TH GRADE | Neon Yellow | 1ST GRADE | Polka Dots |  |
| 7TH GRADE | Neon Orange |  <br> KINDERGARTEN | Red |  |
| 6TH GRADE | Neon Green | ALL STAFF | Tie Dye |  |

FRIDAY, October 7, 2022 (Parade Day)

- JCC Pride Day - Dress all out in Red, Black, and Gold!!


## GO THUNDERBIRDS!!!


** 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!!

ОстовеR 7th

# AFTER HOMECOMING CORONATION 

(a) TECUMSEH COUNTRY CLUB

Hoks dioenvies will be served. Comse on out and enjoy the evening!
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS


- 4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
- S160/TEAM
- FLAG PRIZES
- MEAL INCLUDED

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:

## JEFF MAHONEY

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402-921-0870 ben.swansonajccentral.org


# Cook site Ribbon Cutting Ceremony planned for Friday, October 14 at 8:30 AM 

By: Marsha Bacon
On Friday, October 14, Governor Pete Ricketts and Jake Steinfeld, Chairman of the National Foundation for Governors\&\#39; Fitness Councils (NFGFC) will be at Johnson County Central Schools in Cook to help celebrate our new \$100,000 DON'T QUIT! Fitness Center. Johnson County Central School will be recognized by the Governor's Fitness Council as an outstanding school. The school and staff will be recognized for demonstrating leadership and for the importance our district places on physical fitness and the health of our students.

Johnson County Central was one of three schools in Nebraska selected to receive the award. Staff submitted an application and worked with students to create a video to apply for the gift.

Each fitness center is financed through public/private partnerships with companies like The Coca-Cola Company, Anthem Foundation, Wheels Up and Nike, and does not rely on taxpayer dollars or state funding. My Fitness Store Commercial provides all the fitness equipment. The foundation's goal is to build a nation of the fittest, healthiest kids in the world. We are very excited for our new fitness center and equipment.

Parents and Patrons are welcome to attend the Ribbon Cutting event on Friday, October 14! Doors will close at 8:30. Guests
 need to be seated in the gym prior to the $8: 30$ start.

## October is Red Ribbon Month! Celebrate October 23-31st!



## 3rd Annual <br> Miles For Music 5K Saturday, October 16th, 2021 @ 9:00am Tecumseh, NE

Come Run-Walk-Skip or whatever your heart desires to raise money for the band department. Registration table opens at 8:30am. Walk ups are welcome!
\$15/Adult~~\$5/Student (Grades 4-12)~~Students grades 3 and under FREE!

Please return form/money to Johnson County Central
Attn: Emily Fricke
358 N. 6th St
Tecumseh, NE 68450
*Or...Scan the code (use your camera) and fill our online!


First Name: $\qquad$ Last Name: $\qquad$
Phone Number: $\qquad$
How many adults are in your party? (\$20/adult) $\qquad$
How many students (Grades 4-12)? $\qquad$

Are you planning to walk or run the 5K? Walk Run Bike
We are currently looking for sponsors
T-Bird Booster Club
P.O. BOX 338
Tecumseh, NE 68450
ATTN: Katie Radke
Please Mail Checks and Completed Forms to: P.O. BOX 338

Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

October 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 <br> V VB Invite @ JCC HS \& MS-9:00 am |
| 2 <br> JCC Community Tailgate to kick off <br> HOMECOMING <br> WEEK @ JCC <br> HS Football Field- <br> 5:30 p.m. | NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES <br> 11 AM-7 PM <br> Scholastic Book Fair in the Libraries-11 AM-7 PM <br> V GG District Meet @ Hidden Valley GC-9:00 am JH FB @ Palmyra-4:30 pm JV FB @ Conestoga 5:00 pm FAFSA Completion for Seniors \& Parents-JCC HS6:30 pm | 4 <br> JAG Leadership Conf. Omaha-9:30 am <br> JV/Varsity XC ECNC Meet @ Auburn CC4:00 pm <br> JH VB @ Freeman 4:30 pm | 5 <br> FFA/Botany/Ag Science District Land Judging @ Tecumseh NRD8:00 am <br> Fire Prevention Presentation @ JCC Elementary PK. 1 Grade-9:00 am 2 \& 3 Grade-10:00 am <br> Homecom | 6 <br> JV/V VB @ Auburn6/7:00 p.m. <br> g Spirit Week | 7 <br> Peru State Future Teacher Academy @ Peru State-9:00 am V FB vs Exeter Milligan @ JCC HS-7:00 pm JCC HOMECOMING Dance @ JCC HS9:00 p.m. | 8 <br> JH VB Tournament @ Lewiston HS8:00 am C Team VB Invite @ JCC MS, Cook Site-9:00 am |
| 9 | 10 <br> Varsity Girls State Golf Meet-TBD <br> V VB ECNC Tourney-TBD 1st Grade Tour of the Tecumseh Fire Station11:45 am <br> JH FB vs Johnson Brock @ JCC HS-4:00 pm JH VB vs Southern @ JCC HS-4:30 pm <br> JV FB @ Palmyra-4:30 pm | 11 <br> Varsity GG State <br> Meet-TBD <br> Varsity Volleyball <br> ECNC Tourney-TBD | 12 <br> JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab6:00 pm | 13 JV/V XC District <br> Meet @ McCool Junction <br> V VB ECNC Tourney-TBD <br> Tailgate Party sponsored by Western National Bank <br> Free Food \& Drinks6:00 pm <br> PARENTS NIGHT FOR FB and GG <br> V FB vs Thayer Central @ JCC HS-7:00 pm | 14 END OF 1ST QUARTER <br> Kindergarten Field Trip to Roca Pumpkin Patch8:30 am <br> Don't Quit Ribbon Cutting \& Pep Rally @ JCC MS, Cook Site8:30 am | 15 <br> Miles for Music $5 k$ Fundraiser @ JCC HS-9:00 am |
| 16 | 17 NO SCHOOL <br> TEACHER IN SERVICE <br> PARENTS NIGHT FOR VB and $X C$ <br> C Team/JV/V VB vs Elmwood Murdock @ JCC HS5/6/7:00 pm | 18 JV/V VB @ Diller. Odell-6/7:00 pm <br> 18 \& 19 FFA/Ag Land Judging @ N | 19 <br> ci/Botany State th Platte | 20 <br> 1st Round State V FB Playoffs-TBD | 21 <br> JV/V XC State Meet @ Kearney <br> 8th Grade SENCA Poverty Simulation @ JCC MS, Cook Site8:30 am | 22 <br> 5th/6th Grade VB League Tournament @ JCC MS, Cook Site-9:00 am |
| 23 | ${ }^{24} \text { VB Sub Districts-TBD }$ | ```25 V VB Sub Districts- TBD``` | 26 <br> JAG/SNCAP Career <br> Conference-Kearney- <br> 9:00 am | 27 | 28 2nd Round State V FB Playoffs-TBD 2nd Grade Field Trip to Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City-8:45 am Preschool Block Party @ JCC Elem. Auditorium, Tecumseh-6:00 pm | 29 <br> V VB District Finals - TBD <br> $\checkmark$ Unified Bowling Meet @ Wil. Bol Lanes, Wilber9:30 am |
| 30 | $31$ |  |  | ALL ACTIVITIES ARE 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 Jon Rother, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

## NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 11 AM-7 PM


