



Superintendent Monthly Update

by **Jon Rother**. May 2024

Thank You!

(To those retiring on from JCC.)

At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year, JCC has six staff members (two teachers and four support staff) retiring. These individuals take with them over 170 years of service to the Johnson County Central, Nemaha Valley, Tecumseh, Elk Creek and Talmage school districts! We hope for them the best in their future adventures and will miss them dearly.



1990



2024

Mrs. Susan Dieckgrafe

“I started teaching at Nemaha Valley in 1990 as the K-12 Title 1 teacher. I taught students in Cook and then traveled to Talmage to teach at the elementary. I also taught Kindergarten in Talmage, and then 2nd and 3rd grade in Cook before the merger.”

Mrs. Joann Gadenken

“I started at Nemaha Valley in November 1999. Mr. Moles hired me to replace Gayleen Eden who was retiring in December. He took a chance on me. I guess it worked out ok.



1999



2024

After the merger in 2007, I co-managed with Jill Campbell, then Linda Goracke till she decided to leave the kitchen. (Not sure the year) My main role was keeping the kitchen/kitchens running, taking care of the hospitality room and ordering for the concessions.

I was part of the NV Booster Club and JCC Booster Club. (I was honored with an honorary NV Letter, for my commitment to the Club. That I still have, lol!) I have kept JH books for many years for NV and JCC.”

JCC Mission Statement:
Journey together...
Creating opportunities...
Committed to excellence!

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Mrs. Karla Benson

“I started at Nemaha Valley School in 2002. My position was 3rd - 9th grade special education teacher. I coached high school volleyball and helped with track. I also coached Junior high athletics, volleyball, basketball, and track. I was involved in the consolidation between Nemaha Valley and Tecumseh Public Schools. I started with JCC in 2007 when the school partnership was formed. I taught special education and first grade during my time here at JCC. I coached volleyball,

2002 - 2024
planned and organized 504 plans for families, helped with the Student Assistance Team, and elementary curriculum committees.”

Mrs. Joyce Kinnison

“I started in 2015. I worked in the kindergarten room for 2 years and then moved to first grade for the rest of my time. Also did lunchroom and recess duty.”



2015 - 2024

Mrs. Mary Teten

“I started at Talmage Public Schools on July 1st, 1963. There was one year that I did not work. When I started I was in the office and also attended the board meetings and did the district's bookkeeping. Over the years I have worked in the kitchen, drove van routes, helped with summer cleaning and painting, done nursing duty, worked in the office, recess duty, lunchroom duty, and classroom para!”



1963 - 2024

Mrs. Julie Damme

“I started at Nemaha Valley in August 2002 as a Para in the Kindergarten class. I mostly worked one on one with a student, but also did other duties as a Para. The following year, August 2003, I was hired as the Jr/Sr High Secretary at Nemaha Valley. I continued in this position until the merger of Tecumseh and Nemaha Valley (Johnson County Central) in 2007-2008. I then became the Middle School Secretary (Grades 6-8) which is my current position.”



2002 - 2024

JCC School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment

Every three years, Nebraska school districts are required to review their Wellness Policy in conjunction with an assessment of the policy. This assessment was shared with the Johnson County School Board at the April Regular Board of Education Meeting. The results are also required to be posted on the district's website and published for the public. The link for JCC's Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment is:

<https://www.jccentral.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/District%7CSchool%20Wellness%20Policy>

Strengths:

- 1. JCC's Wellness Policy complies with all USDA Requirements and is thorough in language pertaining to the requirements.*
- 2. JCC has a robust Physical Education and Health department. JCC students receive Physical Education daily in grades K-3. Grades 4-5 have Physical Education 3 times per week. Grades 6-8 have Health and Physical Education as part of the curriculum. High School students have Physical Education and Health as required courses. They also have the option of further Physical Education and Health courses throughout high school.*
- 3. JCC encourages student movement throughout the day with many teachers having movement breaks. Elementary students have recess no less than twice a day. Middle School and High School students have time after lunch to use the gym and move throughout the buildings or even go outside to play.*

Opportunities For Improvement:

- 1. JCC can do more to involve and engage the community and parents in the wellness of students.*
- 2. JCC staff need more education on what healthy snacks can be offered and/or sold during school hours.*
- 3. JCC administration can give the teaching staff more intentional tools and instructional materials for the teaching of health and wellness in the classrooms.*

If you have further questions or concerns about JCC's School Wellness Policy and/or the Triennial Assessment, please feel free to contact me at (402) 921-0187.

Recent Legislation That Will Impact Schools

The following are a few of the bills that were passed during the last legislative session. Thanks to the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and their Executive Director, Dr. Michael Delaney, for providing these summarized bills for Nebraska's school districts!

LB 43 - Except for closed sessions, a public body must allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting. The public may still require the speaker to state their name and address, public comments may have a time limit and public comment may be restricted to agenda items.

LB 71 - Concerning the age requirement to attend public preschool, this measure will allow children to remain in a public pre-school until the mandatory kindergarten entrance age. This means that students who are five or six years old, CAN attend preschool. However, school districts do maintain the authority for appropriate educational placement of students.

LB 287 - For smaller school districts that may have issues getting public notices out in a timely fashion due to no local newspapers or newspapers that do not print daily, this bill allows for public entities to publish notice "on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository of public notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers". Should this be the case with Johnson County Central, such "repository of public notices" will be communicated.

LB 299 - School districts and educational service units now require the approval of voters for the issuance of certain bonds under the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

LB 304 - Political subdivisions are required to disclose membership dues and lobbying fees. For JCC, this would mean posting on the website the organizations that the board belongs to and the fees associated with those organizations.

LB 962 - Requires all public schools to use only the Gall-Peters or AuthaGraph projection map for teaching. Using the Gall-Peters and AuthaGraph maps, there should be less distortion of areas on the map than what results from the Mercator projection map.

LB 1029 - Mental illness is added as an excused absence for the purpose of the compulsory attendance law.

LB 1329 - In regards to option enrollment, a student can now exercise their option once during elementary, once during middle school or junior high and once during high school totaling three times before graduation.

LB 1329 - School districts with 5,000 or fewer inhabitants may adopt policy to authorize the carrying of firearms by authorized security personnel in a school, on school grounds, in a school owned vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. These personnel would be qualified law enforcement officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers or a person who is employed or contracted by a school to provide security. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Nebraska State Patrol, will develop a model policy.

LB 1402 - Will provide education scholarships to eligible students to pay the costs associated with attending a qualified school. A "qualified school" is any non-governmental, privately operated, non-profit elementary or secondary school located in Nebraska. For the 2024-25 school year, \$10 million will be allocated for the education scholarships.

For full details on all the bills passed this session go to: <https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/>

2024-2025 Calendar & School Day

The 2024-2025 school calendar has been approved as well as the hours of operation. The following are some notes and numbers on next year's school days and calendar:

School Day

High School 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Middle School 8:00 AM-3:55 PM

Elementary 8:00 AM-3:50 PM

*Breakfast starts at 7:15 AM.

*AM shuttles leave at approximately 7:35 AM.

*PM shuttles would return to each site at approximately 4:15 PM.

Student Days

154 (152 full days, one 3 hour day, one 4.5 hour day)

August 12 (first day of school) is a 1:00 PM dismissal.

May 22 (last day of school) is an 11:00 AM dismissal.

Student Hours

High School (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) = 7.5 hours*

Middle School (8:00 AM-3:55 PM) = 7.42 hours*

Elementary (8:00 AM-3:50 PM) = 7.33 hours*

- *0.5 hours has been subtracted from each day for lunch.

Total Student Hours

High School = 1,147.5 hours (1,080 hours are required)

- 9 days over requirement

- Current school year is 1,157.55 hours

Middle School = 1,132.3 (1,080 hours are required)

- 7.5 days over requirement

- Current school year is 1,141.05 hours

Elementary = 1,117.1 hours (1,032 hours are required)

- 11 days over requirement

- Current school year is 1,129.5 hours

*Note that there are three (3) flex days in the event that they are needed to meet student hours due to extenuating circumstances such as excessive weather related cancellations:

- April 7
- April 28
- May 5

2024-2025 School Calendar

July 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July

4 Independence day

August 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

7-9 Teacher In-Service
 12 First Day For Students - 1:00 PM Dismissal
 16 Teacher In-Service
 19 NO SCHOOL
 20 First Day For Preschool
 26 Teacher In-Service
 Teacher Days = 17 Student Days = 12

September 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

September

2 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
 9 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 23 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18

October 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October

7 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences
 11 AM - 7 PM
 End 1st Quarter
 21 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 Student Days = 19 Teacher Days = 21
 Total 1st Qtr. Student Days = 36
 Total 1st Qtr. Teacher Days = 44

November 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

November

4 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 18 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 27-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
 Student Days = 15 Teacher Days = 17

December 2024

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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December

2 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 16 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 20 End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
 23-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
 22-26 NSAA Winter Moratorium
 Student Days = 12 Teacher Days = 14
 Total 1st Sem. Student Days = 74

January 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January

1 New Year's Day
 6 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 20 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18

February 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

February

7 ESU4 Engaging Educators Conf. - NO SCHOOL for
 14 Valentines Day
 17 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences
 Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18

March 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

March

3 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 7 End 3rd Quarter
 14-17 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
 24 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18
 Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 36
 Total 3rd Qtr. Teacher Days = 41

April 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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April

7 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
 18 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
 25 NO SCHOOL - District Music Competition
 Student Days = 18 Teacher Days = 20

May 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May

10 JCC High School Graduation
 14 Last Day For 3-year-old Preschool
 15 NO SCHOOL - District Track & Field
 22 Last Day for Students - 11 AM Dismissal
 End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
 23 Teacher In-Service
 Student Days = 14 Teacher Days = 16

June 2025

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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June

Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 44
 Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49
 Total 2nd Sem. Student Days = 80
 Total 2nd Sem. Teacher Days = 90
 2024-2025 TOTAL = 154 Student Days
 2024-2025 TOTAL = 177 Teacher Days
 Make-Up Dates:
 April 7, April 28, May 5

March Thunderbirds of the Month



K (l to r) - Christopher Duarte, Caleb Griess, Dalary Zepeda, Henry Rolf, Ryder Myers, Robin Jaquez, Brewer DeKoning, not pictured: Max Georges

1st (l to r) - Victoria Chavez Acosta, Aurora VanLaningham, Noah Lehn, Ben Gottula, Brantly Thiemann, Miles Goodrich, Renzo Maldonado, Kenrick Reyes, Emery Herron



2nd (l to r) - Dawson Beethe, Shaylee Hartman, Cooper Kuhl, Violet Arguello, Zakylah Bell, Naomi Andrade, Charlie Brandt, Will Jensen, not pictured: Karla Prado

3rd (l to r) - Reagan Bischoff, Tin Nguyen, Bristol Meints, Justin Zoch, Josie McCoy, Hank Smith, Baylee Shirley, not pictured: Lily Bilslend



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Summer vacation is sneaking upon us! For our JCC students, summer means conditioning and working on their preferred sport skills for the upcoming year. Summer is also the time for JCC student's to take advantage of Driver's Education. There was a meeting held for high school students and middle school students who were interested in Driver's Education. All interested students received an informational sheet which explains the qualification for students who want to take Driver's Education. Driver's Education classes will be held from Monday, June 3, 2024 thru Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a thirty-minute lunch. Classes will be held at the high school in room 200. We have a maximum of 32 JCC students who can take the Driver's Education class. With this in mind the first 32 JCC students who pay the cost of the class (\$250.00) will be admitted to the summer Driver's Education class.

In February and March all students pre-registered for the 2024-2025 school year. Once the official class schedule is complete, every student will receive a letter around the first of August which will include their schedule showing their classes and periods. If they like their schedule, nothing needs to be done. If they would like to make changes to their class schedule, they could come to school on Monday, August 5, 2024 anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or they can make their changes the first five days of school.

Another item that needs to be addressed is our summer school. Summer school is designed for students for credit recovery. Summer school begins Monday, June 3, 2024 and ends on Thursday, June 27, 2024. Classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Summer school is administered through a software program called Odysseyware. Each student will be working independently on the computer. Mrs. Schuster and Mr. Hedger will be monitoring and assisting the class, and be available for questions and help. Each class has a required number of assignments each day (approx. 10-13 assignments) that need to be completed with a passing grade. All required assignments need to be completed by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

All parents of students who lost credits in the first semester or who are in jeopardy of losing credits for second semester, will be sent a letter at the end of April explaining this opportunity. I will meet with these students to encourage them to take summer school and the importance of utilizing this program. Summer school needs to be registered and fees paid for before the first day of class on Monday, June 3, 2024. Students may only take summer school to recover 1st or 2nd semester of a class and the fee is \$50.00 per semester of a class.

Greetings Thunderbird Family!

We are close to the end of the tunnel for the school year and things are quickly winding down. It has been a year full of challenges and adversity for our athletes and coaches and they should be acknowledged for a job well done! Everyone should be proud of what they have accomplished!

We have a busy month of May ahead of us with some more home events where you can come out and support your Thunderbirds. They include:

- May 2** - JCC Invitational Boys Golf Meet
- May 2** - JCC Invitational Track Meet (Varsity)
- May 3** - ECNC Junior High Track Invite
- May 9** - District Track @ JCC (no school)
- May 10** - K-6 Elementary Track and Field Day
- May 15** - Athletic Banquet

As we head into summer, keep an eye out for summer schedules and information such as weight room hours and specific-sport open gyms and camps. It is extremely important that our athletes take advantage of these opportunities to hone their skills. Please encourage them to attend. We will do our best to get these advertised on the school website and our social media pages.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Garrett Collin
Activities Director



YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Parents Release and Waiver Agreement

We (or I) as parents or guardian, hereby give permission for _____ to participate in the Lady Thunderbird Basketball Camp during the summer of 2024. We (or I) hereby release the Johnson County Central Board of Education and all of its employees and camp staff, from all claims on account of any injuries, which may be sustained by our daughter while attending the Lady Thunderbird Basketball Camp. We (or I) agree to indemnify the JCC Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff for any claim, which may hereafter be presented by our daughter as a result of such injuries. I give permission to Garrett Collin, Justin Damme, and Reid Genuchi to make emergency medical decisions concerning my daughter in my absence.

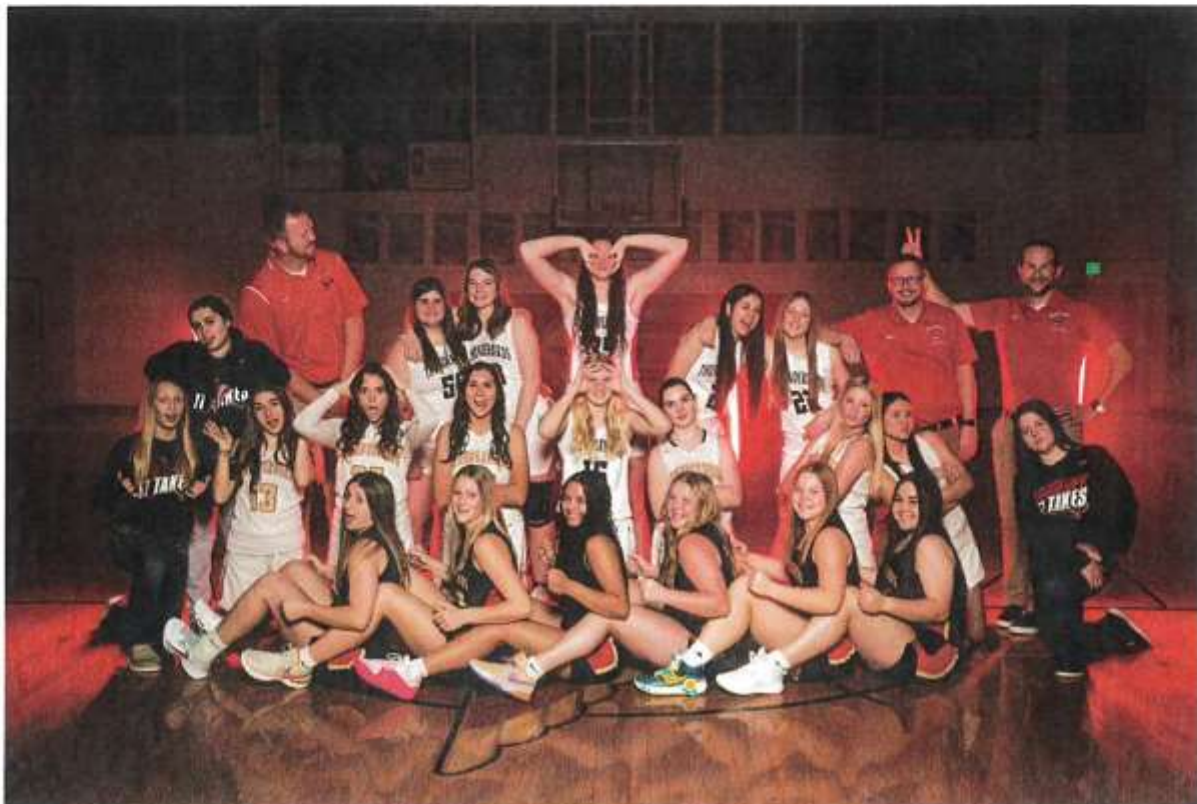
Parent or Guardian (Signature) _____

Date: _____

**Please Return this form on the first day of camp or to the school office.*

**Please make checks payable to JCC.*

All money raised will benefit the JCC Lady Thunderbird basketball program





JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL



GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP



**GIRLS ENTERING 3RD-5TH GRADE
(9:00-10:30AM)**

**GIRLS ENTERING 6TH-8TH GRADE
(10:30-12PM)**



**MAY
21, 22, 23**

**@
JCC HIGH
SCHOOL**

**TAKE YOUR
BASKETBALL
SKILLS TO THE
NEXT LEVEL**



**WITH COACHES &
LADY THUNDEBIRD
PLAYERS**

REGISTRATION

\$30

PER PLAYER

EACH CAMPER WILL GET A FREE BASKETBALL!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, here is a partial list of activities that will take place involving students in grades Pre-K & 4-8 through the last day of school on May 16th.

NSCAS testing should finish up for students in grades 4-8 by May 1st.

MAP testing for students in grades 4-8 will take place from April 30-May 8.

The Junior High Track team will participate in three meets the last three weeks of school. They will compete at Tri County on Monday, April 29, the ECNC Meet at JCC on Friday, May 3 and finish their season at the Auburn Relays on Tuesday, May 7. Congratulations to the Junior High Boys Track Team for their runner-up finish at the MUDECAS Championship on April 13th! Go Thunderbirds!

The Pre-K Track & Field Day will be Wednesday, May 1st, starting at 2:00 p.m.

The Junior High and Senior High ECNC Honor Band will be held at Auburn on Monday, May 6. The ECNC's finest in instrumental music will rehearse together throughout the day and put on what is always an outstanding concert in the evening.

The 5th grade will have their Middle School orientation on Monday, May 6th.

On Wednesday, May 8 our 8th grade will take a trip to the high school for their 9th grade orientation. They will meet with high school administration, teachers and activity sponsors and receive a tour of the facility.

The Cook site Pre-K will have a picnic at the park on Tuesday, May 7th.

The K-6 Track & Field Day will be Friday, May 10th, starting at 1:00. All grades will be at the high school track in Tecumseh. Parents are invited to come watch the fun and games.

The Nebraska Junior High State Track & Field Meet will be held in Gothenburg on Saturday, May 11th. Hopefully, we will have some of our 7th and 8th grade track athletes qualify for this outstanding event.

The Cook Site Elementary and Middle School Music Concert will be held on Monday, May 13th, starting at 7:00. Please try to attend this as I'm sure our band and choirs, and their directors, will put on another great concert.

Tuesday, May 14th our 8th grade science students will be holding a Science Fair from 1:15-2:15 for our 4th and 5th grades.

The 4th & 5th Grade Thunderbird Assembly and the Middle School Honor Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 15th. Students will be recognized for any awards and academic achievements they have earned throughout the year.

Pre-K graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 15th in the elementary auditorium in Tecumseh, starting at 6:00 p.m.

As the end of the school year approaches we'll need to turn our attention to the requirements students need to meet before they are allowed to check out for the summer. Student iPads will be turned in during the week of May 13th. Students must turn in the school-issued official Apple lightning-to-USB cable and the full 12W charger block. Insurance does not cover lost cables and chargers. If the iPad is damaged and insurance was not purchased (or you have already used your insurance claim), you will be billed the repair cost. If insurance was purchased and it has not already been used, the repair cost will be covered by the insurance. In addition to their iPads, students will also need to have all other school materials (textbooks, library books, athletic uniforms and equipment, padlocks, etc.) turned in, and all bills, fees, and fines must be paid. Any lost or damaged items will need to be paid for. Both their school locker and their gym locker will need to be cleaned out and all personal items must be taken home. Students will not receive their report cards until everything on their checkout sheet has been taken care of. Please have your child check on these items prior to the last day, so he/she doesn't have to make an extra trip back to school to get checked out for the summer.



First Grade News!!!

With the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment organizations, we are excited to tell you that we received a **School Bus for the Arts** grant from these organizations to support our visit to The Rose Theater in Omaha, Nebraska, on Friday, May 3, 2024. We will be watching the performance of Charlotte's Web. *This is a wonderful classic story by E.B. White. We will be practicing our active listening skills and theater etiquette as we observe the elements of the theater - posture, movement, facial expressions, gestures, vocals, costumes and makeup, props and scenery. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students to see a book that they've heard in the classroom come alive with the performance of this story.*

We are thrilled with this opportunity to attend this performance. We are so thankful to the Nebraska Arts Council. It is a state agency that provides numerous grants, services and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. The Nebraska Arts Council is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Legislature, and National Endowment for the Arts. If you'd like to learn more about the Nebraska Arts Council you can visit: artscouncil.nebraska.gov.



Summer Food Service Program



Food That's In When School Is Out

Hey Kids and
Teens...
Join us for Nutritious
Summer Meals at
No Charge



**Power Panther
says, "Eat Smart,
Play Hard."™**

Where: Johnson County Central High School

When: May 21,22,23,28,29,30, June 3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,17,18,19, and 20.

Meals and Times: Lunch will be served at 11:15 to 12:30

Days of the Week Meals are Served: Meals will be served Monday through Thursday. No Fridays and No Meal Monday May 27th Memorial Day

Get Involved! If you're a school, private nonprofit organization, a unit of local government, a residential summer camp or a day camp, you may be eligible to provide free meals to children in low-income areas during the summer. By becoming a sponsor of the program, you will help local children receive nutritious meals and take part in fun activities.

**Get Involved, for more information
call: Johnson County Central
402-335-3320
Lynsey Graham, FSD**

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Skills USA National Qualifiers

Twenty-six Skills USA members attended the Nebraska State Skills USA Conference in Grand Island, April 11th-13th along with their advisor, Olivia Reuter, and chaperones, Kendra Gottula and Maggie Nixon traveled to Grand Island to participate in the Nebraska Skills USA Leadership Conference, April 11th- 13th. Our students competed in various events, two teams and four individuals placed in the top three in their events. This is the first year that JCC has had a Skills USA chapter. Tecumseh High School had a chapter several years ago. We are very thankful to our sponsors who have either contributed money to help us pay the necessary costs to participate in the state contest and buy the required competition clothing or allowing our students to job shadow and learn skills to compete in specific contests. American National Bank, J-Co Ready Mixed Concrete, Sandhills Global, Brinkman Brothers, Zoellner Ford, Exmark, and Kinney Manufacturing.

We have two state champions! Our state champions qualified for the Skills USA National Leadership Conference, June 24th-28th, in Atlanta.

State Champion Gold Medal Winner- Action Skills- Zeke Burki
State Champion Gold Medal Winner- Career Pathways Showcase Arts and Communications- Amillia Gentert, Rue Kuhl, and Hailey Stafford-Thompson

Silver Medal- Action Skills- Bryce Frederick
Silver Medal- Career Pathways Business, Management, and Technology- William Rademacher, James Stalions Nixon, and Sergio Valles

Bronze Medal- Job Interview 9-10- James Stalions Nixon
Bronze Medal- Early Childhood Education- Jadeyn Grobler

Project Aware

Project Aware is a program associated with the Nebraska Family Help Line, Children's Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department. The goal of this program is to help Nebraskans understand that if they feel like they can't make it through the day, it's OK to reach out to a trusted professional. Just like going to the doctor when you have a pain, it's healthy to seek help with your mental health as well. Project Aware is working to end the stigma on mental health in rural Nebraska. They're providing school-based mental health services and education so students just like you can get the support they need and feel safe doing it. If you're wondering where to turn for help, call the Nebraska Family Helpline at (888) 866-8660. Or, visit education.ne.gov/cs/education/ne/csss/school-mental-health/mental-health-awarenessEducation.

Meet JCC's Class of 2024

In each newsletter, I'll be featuring a few of our JCC seniors. This month, I'm continuing with six more members of the JCC class of 2024.

Juan Ceballos

Juan Ceballos is the son of Ninfa Soto of Tecumseh. He has one sister, Rita, who is a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. According to Juan, the best thing about being a senior is "leaving school soon." As for extra-curricular activities, Juan has been in Academic Decathlon, Quiz Bowl, Skills USA, and wrestling (his first two years of high school). His favorite high school classes were his shop classes because they were fun. His most difficult classes were his English classes because he dislikes writing. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Juan likes to hang out with his friends. As for future plans, Juan says, "My future plans aren't set because I don't plan for the future." In ten years, Juan says, "I will probably be working for the CIA or something."



Daisy Gardner

Daisy Gardner is the daughter of Gene and Sheryl Gardner of Cook. She has one brother, Mason. During high school, Daisy has been involved in many school activities including volleyball, band, FBLA, FFA, HOSA, Academic Decathlon, Yearbook, and theatre stage crew. According to Daisy, the best part about being a senior is that it is her last year. Her favorite high school class is JAG because students get to interact a lot with each other in the classroom and participate in fun activities. Her most difficult class was Algebra because although she does really well in other math classes, Algebra is difficult for her. Daisy's favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Daisy likes to hang out with her boyfriend. After high school, Daisy plans to attend the Bryan College of Health Science to earn a BSN degree. She plans on being a nurse, but she's not sure which area of nursing she wants to go into yet. In ten years, Daisy sees living on a farm near Cook. She sees herself married and starting a family. She will be working at Bryan Health as a nurse.

Michael Bernadt

Michael Bernadt lives in Tecumseh. His parents are Elva Bonilla and Doug Bernadt. He has one brother, Gabe. The best thing about being a senior, according to Michael, is that he will be graduating soon. His favorite high school class is strength training because it helps him stay in shape. His most difficult class was food science because it is sometimes hard to understand. Michael's favorite school lunch has been the chicken wrap. His school activities have included JAG, track, and BUDS. Outside of school, Michael likes to ride his ATV and help during calving. After high school, Michael plans to work on the farm. In ten years, Michael says he'll still be working on the farm.





Sulymar Pena

Sulymar Pena is the daughter of Belen Pena of Tecumseh. She has two siblings, Alvette (34) and Kevin (30). According to Sulymar, the best thing about being a senior is being the leaders of the school. Her favorite high school classes have been her Spanish classes because they always have lots of fun in those classes. Her most difficult high school class was advanced algebra because she is not good at math. Sulymar has been involved in cheerleading, journalism, choir, t-bird buddies, and volleyball during her high school years. Her favorite school lunch is chicken tetrazzini. Outside of school, Sulymar likes to binge watch TV shows on Netflix. After high school, Sulymar plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Kearney to major in Education. She hopes to get a job where she can use what she has learned in her history and Spanish classes. In ten years, Sulymar hopes to be in a committed relationship with a stable job, living an overall happy life.

Houston Bailey

Houston Bailey is the son of Jeff and Jodee Bailey of Tecumseh. He has three siblings, Boston, Sydnee, and Lyndee. The best part of being a senior according to Houston is, “The end is in sight.” His favorite high school class was strength training and his least favorite classes have been his English classes because it’s hard to learn all of the words and to do all of the writing. Houston’s extracurricular activities in high school have been Striv, bowling, unified bowling, golf, and Academic Decathlon. Outside of school, Houston likes to sleep. His favorite school lunch is bread. After high school, Houston plan to go into a trade to be certified in a field of his choice. In ten years, Houston sees himself living in Lincoln, Nebraska fixing motorcycles and owning a nice bike of his own.



Kaitlynn Plager

Kaitlynn Plager is the daughter of Darold and Holly Plager of Tecumseh. She has a 24-year-old brother named Steven. During high school, Kaitlynn has been involved in band all four years and Academic Decathlon for three years. She says that Academic Decathlon is really fun. She’d suggest it to anyone able to commit lots of time to reading. According to Kaitlynn, “The best thing about being a senior is most likely the prospect of finishing school soon. We spend a large part of our lives, 12 years, doing the same thing over and over again. We keep following through the same old schedules. Now that it’s so close to graduation, you learn that things are going to change. You need to find something else to do now, whether that be getting into the workforce or heading to college. It’s great, but it’s also scary.” Kaitlynn’s favorite high school class was psychology because she finds it interesting learning about how the brain works and the fascinating ways in which the mind works. Her most difficult class was definitely pre-calculus because it’s a hard subject to understand if you miss a day or two of class, and even if you don’t miss a few days, it can still be a long process. Outside of school, Kaitlynn spends time with her friends, having fun. After high school, Kaitlynn plans to go to Southeast Community College either in the fall or next spring. Her plan is to attend SCC for two years before transferring to a university to pursue a major in psychology. In ten years, Kaitlynn says, “I see myself working as a psychologist or a therapist, hopefully earning enough money to live comfortably while also getting things I really want to pursue. I want to keep a lot of my hobbies, like drawing and such. I want to be out in the world, living wide, rather than the straight and narrow. I’ve kept to this the past eighteen years of my life, I want to be joyous and vibrant out there.”



Music Calendar



Music Calendar for the remainder of the year:

May	6	Monday	ECNC Honor Band @ Auburn
	11	Saturday	HS Band at Graduation
	13	Monday	4-8 Spring Concert - Cook 7:00pm
	14	Tuesday	K-3 Spring Program - HS GYM, 7:00 pm



Here is a friendly reminder about School Pay!

JCC uses a secure online payment platform called SchoolPay where parents can create accounts to pay for some of the student fees and lunch balance. The website is <https://www.schoolpay.com/login> and from there you can create an account for yourself and associate with your child/children. There is also a direct link from the JCC website: Quicklinks > SchoolPay (Online Payment)

Previously the link was listed as "Online Lunch Payment."

Not only can you pay for lunches, some of the other items that can be paid for online are iPad Insurance, Instrument Rental Fee, Student Activity Fee, Adult Activity Pass, & After School Program. There is a FAQ page on the website that answers common questions about how to create an account and add your children.




May 2024

Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice “This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”</p>					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<p>Br Chicken Patty/wg Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	<p>Spaghetti Meat Sauce Hot Veggie Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	<p>Hot Dog /wg Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	<p>No School District Track</p>	<p>Sh. Pork wg Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<p>Chicken Tenders Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	<p>Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	<p>PB Jelly/ Cheese Stick Elem. Hoagie HS Sun Chips Bug Bite Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p>	<p>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 11:00 a.m. Dismissal</p> 		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			<p>Have A Great Summer Break!! See You In August!!</p>			
			29	30	31	

May 2024

JCC Activities Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>	<p>1 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade MAP Testing Preschool Track & Field Day @ JCC HS Track-2:00 pm HS Honors Day @ JCC HS-2:30 pm</p>	<p>2 4th & 5th Grade MAP Testing Golf Boys JCC V Invite @ Tecumseh Country Club-9:00 am Track V Invite @ JCC HS- 10:00 am</p>	<p>3 4th & 5th Grade MAP Testing 1s Grade Field Trip to The Rose Theater, Omaha-8:00 am Track JH ECNC Meet @ JCC HS-10:00 am NHS Induction Ceremony @ JCC HS-6:45 pm</p>	<p>4 Track JH State Meet @ Gothenburg HS-11:00 am <i>JCC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION @ JCC HS Gym-2:00 pm</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 ECNC Honor Band MS & HS @ Auburn-9:00 am Golf Boys V Invite @ Hidden Valley Golf Club-9:00 am</p>	<p>7 6th Grade MAP Testing Cook-PreK Class Picnic -9:30 am Track JH Relays @ Auburn HS- 4:00 pm</p>	<p>8 6th, 7th & 8th Grade MAP Testing 3rd Grade Field Trip to Henry Doory Zoo-9:00 am 8th Grade Orientation @ JCC HS-2:45 pm <i>JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC HS-6:00 pm</i></p>	<p>9 NO SCHOOL Track V District Meet @ JCC HS</p>	<p>10 Pre-K Last day for 3 year olds Elementary K-6th Grade Track Meet @ JCC HS-1:00 pm</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 4th -8th Grade Spring Concert @ JCC MS Cook Site-7:00 pm <i>Happy Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>14 Golf Boys V District Meet @ Quail Run Golf Course 6th Grade Field Trip to Henry Doory Zoo-9:00 am Kindergarten Graduation @ JCC HS-6:00 pm K-3 Spring Program @ JCC HS- 7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 Pre-K Last Day for 4 year olds 1st Grade Field Trip to Henry Doory Zoo, Omaha-8:15 am Preschool-both classes Graduation Practice & Park @ Tecumseh MS Honors Programs 4th & 5th Grade -1:00 pm 6th, 7th & 8th Grade-2:00 pm @ JCC MS Cook Site Preschool-Both Classes Graduation & Reception-Tecumseh Elem Aud-6:00 pm Athletic Banquet @ JCC HS Gym-6:30 pm</p>	<p>16 End of 4th Quarter/2nd Semester LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL- 11:00 AM</p>	<p>17 Teacher In-Service Track Varsity State Meet @ Omaha Burke HS-9:00 am</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Teacher Work Day & Golf Outing</p>	<p>21 Golf Boys Varsity State Championships TBD Girls BB Youth Camps @ JCC HS Grades 3-5-9:00 am Grades 6-8-10:30 am</p>	<p>22 Girls BB Youth Camps @ JCC HS Grades 3-5-9:00 am Grades 6-8-10:30 am</p>	<p>23 Girls BB Youth Camps @ JCC HS Grades 3-5-9:00 am Grades 6-8-10:30 am</p>	<p>24 Boys BB Camps JH (6-8-7 Grade) - 9:00 am Elem (3-5 Grade) 1:00 pm HS Team-7:00 pm</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 JCC Boys HS Team Camp @ JCC HS-7:30 am</p>	<p>29 JCC Boys HS Team Camp @ JCC HS-7:30 am</p>	<p>30 Boys BB Camps JH (6-8-7 Grade) - 9:00 am Elem (3-5 Grade) 1:00 pm HS Team-7:00 pm</p>	<p>31 Boys BB Camps JH (6-8-7 Grade) - 9:00 am Elem (3-5 Grade) 1:00 pm HS Team-7:00 pm</p>

Bus Drivers Wanted!



JCC is seeking route, shuttle and activity drivers for the current school year and upcoming 2024-2025 school year.



\$35 per route
\$35 per shuttle
\$25.00 per hour for activities



Contact Mr. Rother or Laurie Badertscher if interested.
402-335-3320

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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

Thursday, May 9th

No School for Students

JCC HOSTING DISTRICT TRACK MEET

T h u r s d a y , M a y 16 t h -

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