



THUNDERBIRD NEWSLETTER

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Bond vs Building Fund + QCPUF

SUPERINTENDENT MONTHLY UPDATE

BY JON H. ROTHER

As valuations go up, the Building Fund “costs”, or collects more money, from tax asking. Over time, costs for repairs and materials go up as well.



With a bond, tax asking and the cost of construction of a new facility is “locked in” at a fixed rate. As valuations go up, this allows the district to adjust the bond levy or pay off the bond sooner. It also means the tax asking for the Building Fund and QCPUF can be minimized.

Since 2007, the JCC School District valuations have gone up an average of 7.2% each year. On a \$35 million bond paid for over 20 years at current interest rates, tax payers would end up paying approximately \$55 million for new construction.

With no bond, and continued repairs in the district’s future, the Building Fund and QCPUF (Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund) will need to continue to be utilized. Projecting at a conservative 5% increase in valuations each year, for the same time frame of 20 years, tax payers will pay approximately \$61 million. If valuations continue at an average of 7.2% over time, the cost to taxpayers through the Building Fund and QCPUF is approximately \$72 million.

Over time, the bond saves the tax payers money.

To sum it up:

20 Year Bond for \$35 million = \$55 million in Tax Dollars

20 Years of Building Fund + QCPUF Tax Dollars = \$61-\$72 million in Tax Dollars

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

As we welcome students and staff back to school, most of the high school renovations will be wrapped up and the building will be ready for JCC’s

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20th year! Interior doors are projected to be replaced after the school year starts. The renovations include:

- Smoke barriers between classrooms and hallways.
- Fire suppression (sprinkler) system.
- Total Heating & Cooling system replacement.
- Added ventilation.
- Replacement of all interior doors.

The board building and grounds committee (Justin Beethe, Dan Jones, Jon Schmid) have already begun talks with Clark Enersen engineers to plan the next phases for high school renovations. These will include, but are not limited to:

- Dual entry vestibules and doors for exterior entrances.
- Elevator.
- Complete window replacement.
- Track re-surfacing.
- Science classrooms/labs remodel.

Due to the extent of the renovations and remodeling, the district will need to continue to make use of the Special Building Fund and the QCPUF (Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund). The QCPUF is used for repairs that impact health, safety and infrastructure. Together, the two funds will generate approximately just over \$2 million (based on preliminary valuations) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. The needed renovations will utilize these funds in their entirety.

The Building and Grounds Committee, along with the rest of the board, will continue to evaluate the condition of the facilities and plan needed repairs and renovations. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members.

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2026-27 School Meal Prices

PK-12 Breakfast = \$2.45

Adult Breakfast = \$3.00

PK-12 Lunch = \$3.75

Adult Lunch = \$5.10

a la carte = \$2.20

Please remember that meals **MUST** be paid in advance. Payment can be made at any JCC office or by using the SchoolPay link on our website under the "Parent Information" menu. The link is also provided here: <https://www.schoolpay.com/>

Free/Reduced meal applications are available at any JCC office.

High School News

From Principal Justin Damme

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready for a great 2026-27 school year. Here are a couple of items to inform you about the upcoming school year:

PowerSchoolECollect

As part of our sustainability initiative, we transitioned to online forms last year with PowerSchool ECollect. Forms such as demographics, student contact information, etc. will be completed online. **If you do not have a parent PowerSchool account, parents and guardians are encouraged to contact the office staff at your student's building to create an account.**

OPEN HOUSE

We encourage students and parents of high school students to attend our Open House on Friday, August 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

- Get set up in PowerSchool
- Turn in important documents for the school year
- Meet the teachers and go through your class schedule
- Get important reminders of where information will be shared
- Ask Questions to Administration

CLASS SCHEDULES

All students should be receiving their pre-registration letter and schedule in the mail. Please review your classes for the 2026-2027 school year. If you would like to make some changes, you can meet with Mrs. Reuter (counselor) on Tuesday, August 4th, anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or during Open House on August 7th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Remember, you also have five school days to change classes after school starts (from Monday, August 10th through Tuesday, August 18th).

IPADS

All high school students will receive their iPad on the first day of school as long as you have the insurance form filled out and paid, and the policy and procedure form signed and returned to the office. We strongly encourage students to take care of this before school starts. Due to construction in the High School. You can come to the JCC Elementary School (Tecumseh Site) office anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for forms and payment or use our online eCollect form on PowerSchool. If

students have completed these instructions, they will get their iPad on the first day of school without any delay.

HANDBOOKS

I will be visiting with each class, going over the Student Handbook and Activities Handbook the first week. All students received an email with a copy of these handbooks on their iPad. Please take the time to view these handbooks at your convenience and return the receipts that are required. This can be done on PowerSchool or at the office. During these meetings, I will also have information for our ACT prep for any students interested.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

Our school picture day is scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2026.

STUDENT PASS SYSTEM

The district will implement the Securly Pass System for leaving classes to make the building more secure in the 2026-27 school year. Students will learn how to use this system during the first week of school.

CELL PHONE POLICY UPDATE

Cell Phones, Earbuds and Other Electronic Devices

Students may not use cell phones, earbuds or other electronic devices while at school, except as permitted in this handbook.

Students may use cell phones, earbuds or other electronic devices on the school sidewalks and in the common areas of the school before and after school, so long as they do not create a distraction or a disruption. Students may not use cell phones or other electronic devices while they are in locker rooms, restrooms or any place where there is an expectation of personal privacy. During the school day, cell phones must be powered off and left in student



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hallway lockers as designated by the building principal. Cell phones may not be stored in student athletic lockers during the school day. Smartwatches may be worn, but cannot be used for communication purposes. Students who need to have electronic devices in order to monitor health conditions will continue to follow their individualized plans.

Students may use cell phones, earbuds or other electronic devices while riding in a school vehicle unless the vehicle's driver has explicitly prohibited use for safety or disciplinary reasons.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the security of their cell phones, earbuds and other electronic devices. The school district is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage of a cell phone or earbuds or any calls made on a cell phone.

If a student possesses or uses a cell phone, earbuds or other electronic devices during the school day the following sequence of consequences will be applied.

HANDBOOK CELL PHONE

First Offense:

Step 1: The teacher will contact the office and the cell phone, earbuds or electronic device will be collected and held in the main office for the remainder of the day. On the first offense, the cell phone, earbuds or electronic device must be picked up by a parent or guardian at any point during the day. The incident will be logged as an electronic infraction. If the student does not comply, move to Step 2.

Step 2: If the student refuses to turn over the cell phone, earbuds or electronic device, they will be removed from the classroom and escorted to the office and placed in ISS (In-School Suspension) for the remainder of the day. The cell phone, earbuds or electronic device have to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Second Offense:

Step 1: The teacher will contact the office and the cell phone, earbuds or electronic device will be collected and held in the main office for the remainder of the day. On the second offense, the student will be required to leave their cell phone, earbuds or electronic device at home, in their car or check the device into the office upon arrival for a duration determined by the building principal. The incident will be logged as an electronic infraction. If the student does not comply, move to Step 2.

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Art Contest Winner

In the fall of last year (SY25-26) our Nutrition Services Department participated in an Art Contest put on by the Nebraska School Nutrition Association (NSNA). Our kindergarten and first grade students participated in the contest.

They turned in their artwork and it was displayed in the cafeteria. The artwork was displayed for a couple of weeks, students and staff were invited to vote on their favorite. The artwork with the most votes was sent into NSNA for a chance to win \$50.

Leah Barnes, a first grader, won the most votes and her art work was sent in. Artwork from around the state was sent in for NSNA to decide the winner for each grade group.

Leah Barnes won first place from all the art work sent in across the state for the K-1 grade group. On June 30, the entire family made the trip to Kearney to receive her recognition. They attended a dinner hosted by NSNA and Leah was recognized for her artwork. Congratulations Leah!



2026-2027 School Calendar

July 2026						
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August 2026						
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September 2026						
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November 2026						
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December 2026						
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February 2027						
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March 2027						
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April 2027						
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June 2027						
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January		Student Days = 16	Teacher Days = 18
1	New Year's Day - NO SCHOOL		
4	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
11	NO SCHOOL		
18	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
25	NO SCHOOL		

February		Student Days = 16	Teacher Days = 19
1	ESU4 In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
8	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
15	NO SCHOOL		
22	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 11a-7p		

March		Student Days = 17	Teacher Days = 19
1	NO SCHOOL		
8	Teacher In-Service - ECNC Quiz Bowl @ JCC		
12	End of 3rd Quarter		
15	NO SCHOOL		
22	Teacher In-Service - MUDECAS Music @ JCC		
26-29	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break		
Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 40, Teacher Days = 46			

April		Student Days = 18	Teacher Days = 20
5	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
12	NO SCHOOL		
19	Teacher In-Service - District Music		
26	NO SCHOOL		

May		Student Days = 12	Teacher Days = 15
7	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
8	JCC High School Graduation		
12	Last Day for 3-Year Old Preschool		
13	NO SCHOOL for students - District Track		
20	Last Day for Students - End 4th QTR		
21	11 AM Dismissal - Teacher In-Service		
21-22	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
21-22	Class C State Track & Field		

Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 39, Teacher Days = 45
Total 2nd Sem. Student Days = 79, Teacher Days = 91

2026-2027 TOTAL = 154 Student Days
2026-2027 TOTAL = 177 Teacher Days

August		Student Days = 12	Teacher Days = 16
6-7	Teacher In-Service		
10	NSAA Official Start of Fall Practice		
14	First Day for Students - 1:00 PM Dismissal		
14	NO SCHOOL		
17	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
18	First Day for Preschool		
24	NO SCHOOL		
31	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		

September		Student Days = 18	Teacher Days = 20
7	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL		
14	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
21	NO SCHOOL		
28	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		

October		Student Days = 18	Teacher Days = 20
5	NO SCHOOL		
9	End 1st Quarter		
12	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 11a-7p		
19	NO SCHOOL		
26	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
Total 1st Qtr. Student Days = 36, Teacher Days = 42			

November		Student Days = 14	Teacher Days = 16
2	NO SCHOOL		
9	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		
16	NO SCHOOL		
25	1:00 PM Dismissal		
26-29	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break		
30	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students		

December		Student Days = 12	Teacher Days = 13
7	NO SCHOOL		
18	End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester/Teacher Work Day		
21-31	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break		
23-27	NSAA Winter Moratorium		
Total 2nd Qtr. Student Days = 39, Teacher Days = 44			
Total 1st Sem. Student Days = 75, Teacher Days = 86			

Middle School News

From Principal Marsha Bacon

As always, I find myself getting excited as the first day of school approaches. I greatly enjoy seeing students after a summer of relaxation and activities- seeing how much they change and grow in just a few short months!

This year we welcome many new faces to our staff at the Cook site. We are excited to welcome to the Cook elementary Mr. Kade Davis, 5th grade classroom teacher, Ms. Makenna Eisenbarth, 4th grade classroom teacher and Mr. Alberto Jaramillo, the 4th and 5th grade special education teacher. Ms. Tiffany Clifton is also joining the Cook site staff as a para educator working in both the elementary and middle school. Ms. Cheyenne Bishop will be joining the district as the new Instrumental Music teacher working at both the Cook and Tecumseh sites. Also working at both sites will be Mr. Macully Coffey. Mr. Coffey will be the K-3 Elementary Physical Education teacher at Tecumseh and the Middle School Technology teacher at Cook. Ms. Emily Gist is excited about her new position as the grades 6-12 Art teacher. She will also be splitting her time between the Cook and Tecumseh buildings.

This summer, all staff have been working to prepare their classrooms and curriculum for the upcoming school year. Many of the new staff have helped with the summer weight-lifting program, summer sports programs and have already made a positive impact on students!

We are excited to have all of these new staff members join our team!

Cook Site Walk-Through and Open House

The Middle School Walk-Through and 4th & 5th grade Open House will be held Thursday, August 6th at 6:00 with 6th-8th students starting in the main gym and 4th & 5th grades in their classroom.

We will continue our 1:1 iPad program for all students in grades K-12. The initial orientation for students and parents will be covered at the Walk-Through. As was the case last year, upon receipt of the signed iPad insurance form, all students, grades 6-8, will be loaned an iPad for the school year. The cord and charger are optional for students to take home. The insurance form will be handed out at the Walk-Through. iPads will be checked out to students during the first week of school if we have received the insurance form. This, and other information

will be shared at 6:00 in the main gym at the Middle School. We hope to see everyone on the 6th.

Middle School is a critical step in a student's education. It presents new changes and challenges. We hope to help make this a smooth transition with the Fall Walk-Through by allowing students to see their schedules, find their rooms and lockers, and meet with their teachers. This time will also allow the parents to see what is expected of their children in each class regarding homework, lecture notes, deadlines, note taking, etc.

The Middle School Fall Walk-Through will begin at 6:00 pm in the commons area where students will receive their 2026-27 schedules as well as forms to be completed. Following a short welcome in the main gym, students and parents will be dismissed to the student's 1st period class. Each period will meet for approximately 5 minutes. During this time teachers will explain their expectations and guidelines for their classes, plus provide an opportunity for parents and students to ask questions. After the last period, forms will be collected in the commons area. JCC staff will be available at that time to assist with online forms as well.

4th & 5th grade students and parents can go directly to their student's classroom upon arrival where they will meet their teachers, find their desks and drop off their school supplies.

Again this school year, the district will be utilizing the online forms from PowerSchool to help reach our goal. Parents need to plan to complete forms for items such as demographics, student contacts and other forms previously completed on paper, online this school year. Staff is anticipating that on August 1st the JCC PowerSchool ECollect System will be ready for parents to access. **If you do not have a parent PowerSchool account, parents and guardians are encouraged to contact the office staff at your student's building to create an account.**

Back to School Supplies

There are recommended school supplies for middle school students, they were printed in the summer newsletter and again this month. Students in grades 4 and 5 should have received a supply list for this coming school year last spring with their report cards

and they can be found in the newsletter as well. The recommended school supply list for each grade level can also be found on the school website, under the Parent Information tab. Also, as you shop for clothes, keep in mind the school dress code. Some clothing that students wear during the summer or on the weekend may not be acceptable for the school setting. All students and parents are strongly encouraged to read through the Student-Parent Handbook for further information about the school dress code.

Each student, grades 7-12, who plan to participate in NSAA sponsored activities during the upcoming school year will need to turn in a signed Parental Consent form. This must be done before a student is eligible for practice and compete in any activity that is under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska School Activities Association. The participating student and one of his/her parents or guardians must sign the certificate of consent and turn this certificate into the school office. By signing this consent form parents and students acknowledge that they understand there are risks involved in any activity. This parental consent form must be on file at school for every student who participates in NSAA activities.

All 7th grade students and each 8th-12th grade student who expects to participate in athletics this year will need to turn in a physician's certificate stating that he/she is physically fit for athletic participation. This physical examination must be given during the school year in which the student participates or during the summer vacation period which precedes the school year in which the individual participates. Coaches would appreciate it if this was completed before the start of organized practice, as you will not be allowed to practice until this is turned in.

I hope everybody is looking forward to the start of another school year. Middle school provides an excellent opportunity for students to make friends, connections and memories.

Handbook Update

Please look over the updated cell phone policy Mr. Damme in his article. I will plan to visit with parents at the open house and students on the first day of school to familiarize students and families with cell phone expectations.

Additional Reminders

*Lunch money, Activity fees, iPad Insurance and Instrumental rental fees will be collected in the

commons area following the Walk-Through. (Separate checks are requested for each separate

account). School lunches can also be purchased online. Use the link on the JCC school website: <https://www.schoolpay.com/>

All lunches are to be paid in advance. If you have a balance from last school year. Please pay the balance and add funds prior to the start of the 2026-27 school year.

Summary of Johnson County Central's Policy on Charged Meals:

If a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, the student will be provided and charged for up to five limited "courtesy meals," such as a plain sandwich. Thereafter, if a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, no food will be provided.

School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance.

If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a meal from home, and is not enrolled in a free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law.

*Free & Reduced lunch applications are available throughout the school year. They must be completed each school year in order to be utilized.

*School physicals are required for ALL students entering the 7th grade and immunizations must be up to date! School physicals are also required for all 8th grade students who are participating in any sport.

*School Physical forms/NSAA Parent Consent forms are available at the Middle School office, High School office or can be found on the school website: www.jccentral.org. Please bring your student's Physical Clearance Form and NSAA Student/Parent Consent Form to the Walk-Through.

All links and documents can be found on the Johnson County Central Schools website: <https://www.jccentral.org/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Middle School @ (402)-864-4181. Hope to see everyone on August 6th!



JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES



We are excited to offer your business an opportunity to showcase your school and community support while taking advantage of prime advertising during every game. But your support goes beyond game night. Your sponsorship also contributes to:

ACADEMICS



students can get hands-on experience beyond the classroom

ACTIVITIES



band, cheer and student government can all see benefits from your sponsorship

BUDGET



your business can help pay for the video board itself, and add to school funds

ATHLETES



students get pumped up when they see themselves in lights

GAIN THE HOME-FIELD/COURT ADVANTAGE PARTNER WITH JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HIGH

- 1 Stimulate sales
- 2 Increase brand loyalty
- 3 Drive traffic to your business
- 4 Create brand awareness and visibility
- 5 Set yourself apart from the competition
- 6 Show support for our community and students
- 7 Help keep athletic programs healthy and competitive
- 8 Enhance the fan experience and leave a positive impression about your business and our team
- 9 Reach local and out-of-town customers more effectively

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JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

FOUNDING PARTNERSHIP (4 TOTAL, \$7,500/YEAR)

STATIC SIGNAGE

One (1) logo on an ad panel on side of the outdoor video board, approximate size TBD.

One (1) logo on an ad panel above or below a scoreboard in the gym, approximate size TBD

OUTDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

Two (2) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

One (1) quarter of first down sponsorships per every home varsity football game. Sponsor logo will play on the Eagle's first down graphic on the video board for a whole quarter. Sponsors will each take one of the four quarters.

One (1) :30 second IN-game sponsor supplied video commercial OR full color logo with corresponding announcement per regular season home varsity game

MULTI-MEDIA/PRINT/PROMOTIONS

One (1) grouped PA announcement at all home varsity events (boys and girls)

One (1) ad exposure on the JCC athletics live stream per regular season varsity event

PROMOTIONAL GAME SPONSORSHIP

One (1) game day sponsorship per year. School and sponsor will choose (1) home indoor varsity game per year. Game day sponsorship could include:

- Additional PA announcement and digital content recognizing sponsor
- Opportunity for promotional giveaway or contest
- Opportunity to promote or distribute specialty items
- On field recognition

INDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

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One (1) in game sponsor feature entitlement per home varsity basketball or volleyball game. Sponsor logo can play on animated graphics such as National Anthem, Starting Lineups, Halftime, Timeout, etc.





JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

ANCHOR PARTNERSHIP (6 TOTAL, \$3,500/YEAR)

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One (1) ad exposure on the JCC athletics live stream per regular season varsity event

INDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

Two (2) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

One (1) three point sponsor feature entitlement. A founding partner logo will play on the three point animation and founding partners will rotate the turns as three pointers are made.

One (1) :30 second PRE-game sponsor supplied video commercial OR full color logo with corresponding announcement per regular season home varsity game

PREMIER PARTNERSHIP (8 TOTAL, \$1,500/YEAR)

OUTDOOR DIGITAL CONTENT

PRE-IN-POST GAME rotating business name, logo, and/or tagline on video display. Messages will rotate with other partners for each regular season home event.

One (1) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

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One (1) in-game full screen static ad exposure per regular season home event

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One (1) ad exposure on the Eagle Eye Broadcasting stream per regular season varsity event



JCC OPEN HOUSES

**COOK SITE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH
BEGINS AT 6 P.M.**

STUDENTS GRADES 4 & 5 GO TO CLASSROOMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS GO TO THE GYM

**TECUMSEH SITE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH
BEGINS AT 6 P.M.**

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GO TO THE GYM

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO TO CLASSROOMS

**OPEN HOUSES PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIND
THEIR CLASSROOMS, MEET WITH THEIR TEACHERS, FIND THEIR
LOCKERS, AND ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE ANXIETY THAT STUDENTS
MAY FEEL ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE OPEN HOUSES!

**CREATE POWERSCHOOL
PARENT ACCOUNT!**



**PICK UP FORMS FOR
YOUR STUDENTS!**

ACTIVITIES UPDATE BY GARRETT COLLIN

Greetings Thunderbird Family

I hope all of you had a fantastic summer and got some much needed down time and time with your friends and family. I know our student-athletes have been working hard this summer and are excited to show you their improvements in their respective field of competition.

Speaking of competition, we are only a few quick weeks away from the first competition dates. But before that, practice begins. First official HS fall practices will begin on Monday, August 10th. Before athletes can practice they need to have the proper paperwork turned into the office. There is more on that detailed below. Please contact the school if there are any questions. *Athletes are expected to have their physicals completed before the start of their respective practices!

Listed below are the fall coaches for the upcoming school year. There have been a few changes and we are excited to have some new people coaching! They will be great additions for our athletes.

Cross Country: Nick Weber, Angela Huskey

Girls Golf: Ben Swanson, Linsey Meints

Football: Ryan Haughton, Neil Bowman, Brad Gabriel, Lance Beethe, Keaton Kleespies, Jon Rother

Volleyball: Tim Hedger, Cody Franklin, Leah Phillips, Anna Gyhra

Junior High Football: Keaton Kleespies, Aaron Turner, AJ Jaramillo

Junior High Volleyball: Ashley Juilfs, Zadie Plager, Jami Gabriel

Cheerleading: Andrea Jaquez, Amber Baehr

Please reach out to a coach and tell them thank you for all the time they put in and sacrifices that they make to help our athletes be successful!

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as we get started on this upcoming season! Go Thunderbirds!

Garrett Collin



****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

Each student, grades 7-12, who plan to participate in NSAA sponsored activities during the upcoming school year will need to turn in a signed Parental Consent form. This must be done before a student is eligible for practice and competition in any activity that is under the jurisdiction of the Nebraska School Activities Association. The participating student and one of his/her parents or guardians must sign the certificate of consent and turn this certificate into the school office. By signing this consent form parents and students acknowledge that they understand there are risks involved in any activity. This parental consent form must be on file at school for every student who participates in NSAA activities.

All 7th grade students and each 8th – 12th grade student who expects to participate in athletics this year will need to turn in a physician's certificate stating that he/she is physically fit for athletic participation. We do encourage any students who have a medical history (recent surgery or concussion, heart issue, etc...) to get a Pre-Participation Athletic Physical if possible, even if they are exempt this year. All incoming freshmen and 7th graders will still be required to provide the school with the Pre-Participation Physical Examination paperwork that is dated no earlier than May 1, 2026.

CONCUSSION INFORMATION

The [Nebraska Concussion Awareness Act](#) was signed into law Governor Heineman in April, 2012. The bill affects any schools having athletes 19 years old or younger, as well as any sports organization, including youth leagues, club sports, or any organization sponsoring a sporting activity where there is a cost to participants or where such costs are sponsored.

There are 3 primary components to the Nebraska Concussion Awareness Act:

1. **Education** – **(a)** concussion educational training must be made available to all coaches on how to recognize symptoms of a concussion, and how to seek proper medical treatment. **(b)** Athletes and parents must be provided concussion information prior to an athlete's participation on an annual basis that includes (i) signs & symptoms of a concussion, (ii) risks posed by sustaining a concussion, and (iii) actions an athlete should take in response to sustaining a concussion – including informing their coaches.
2. **Removal of Athlete** – an athlete presenting with signs or symptoms of a concussion thereby being “reasonably suspected” of having sustained a concussion **(a)** must be removed from participation, and **(b)** may not return to participation until evaluated by appropriate licensed health care professional, *and*,
3. **Written & Signed Clearance for Return to Play (RTP)** – an athlete having been removed from participation for the purpose of presenting with signs or symptoms or “reasonably suspected” of having sustained a concussion must have, before RTP or participation is allowed by a coach, **(a)** written and signed clearance from an appropriate licensed health care professional, and **(b)** written and signed clearance from the athlete's parents.

This law has changed the way concussions have been handled in the past. Schools/Organizations must notify a parent of a concussed athlete of the date and time of the head injury, the observed signs & symptoms, and action taken.

Schools/Organizations will need to have concussion educational information readily available, and they must demand written clearance for RTP from a licensed health care professional and parent for any concussed athlete. Schools should anticipate the number of concussions, if appropriately “recognized”, to increase significantly; on average, 10% of athletes in a contact or collision sport, and 15%-20% of FB players. Coaches will not only have a duty, but will be required to know the “Signs and Symptoms” of a concussion, and will be responsible for “recognizing” concussions and the potential for head injury. Coaches will have to remove any such athlete “reasonably suspected” of having sustained a concussion, and not allow that athlete to RTP without the athlete first being evaluated by an appropriate licensed health care professional, and without the athlete having written clearance from both a licensed health care professional and parent.

So what's the reality of it? The most difficulty in complying with this law will be the understanding of what is considered a concussion by coaches and parents. The most painful aspect for coaches dealing with concussions will be: “a ding is a concussion”. An athlete that got “dinged” or had their “bell rung” is very likely to present with fairly recognizable signs and symptoms and is to be considered having sustained a concussion - regardless at what point the signs and symptoms may clear. Another point is, RTP of a concussed athlete will be essentially out of the hands of a coach, if at any point there are any signs or symptoms, or one is “reasonably suspected” of sustaining a concussion. No longer can there be any reasoning or judgment on the

part of a coach, or parent, as to how minor or severe a concussion might be as to when a coach might think it's OK for an athlete to RTP – RTP will be solely restricted to a licensed health care professional's decision. It will be prohibitive for an athlete presenting with signs or symptoms in a game, even briefly, to RTP within the same game, and may become a rarity for an athlete concussed in a Friday night FB game to return for the following week's game.

Conversely, an athlete could essentially resume play, provided an appropriate assessment was made where no such findings were apparent to a coach. Removal, evaluation by a licensed health care professional, and written clearance are necessary in the event "signs and symptoms" were present or a concussion was "reasonably suspected". Finally, asking an athlete "Are you OK, can you go?" will no longer be an appropriate means to assess their condition. Coaches will need to follow an appropriate method of sideline assessment for recognizing potential concussions.

[Adapted from the Nebraska Sports Concussion Network website]

A Parent's Guide to Concussion in Sports

Taken from the NSAA website and the National Federation of State High School Associations

What is a concussion?

- A concussion is a brain injury which results in a temporary disruption of normal brain function. A concussion occurs when the brain is violently rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body. An athlete does not have to lose consciousness ("knocked out") to suffer a concussion.

Concussion Facts

- It is estimated that over 140,000 high school athletes across the United States suffer a concussion each year. (Data from NFHS Injury Surveillance System)
- Concussions occur most frequently in football, but girls' lacrosse, girls' soccer, boys' lacrosse, wrestling and girls' basketball follow closely behind. All athletes are at risk.
- A concussion is a traumatic injury to the brain.
- Concussion symptoms may last from a few days to several months.
- Concussions can cause symptoms which interfere with school, work, and social life.
- An athlete should not return to sports while still having symptoms from a concussion as they are at risk for prolonging symptoms and further injury.
- A concussion may cause multiple symptoms. Many symptoms appear immediately after the injury, while others may develop over the next several days or weeks. The symptoms may be subtle and are often difficult to fully recognize.

What are the signs and symptoms of a concussion?

SIGNS OBSERVED BY PARENTS, FRIENDS, TEACHERS OR COACHES	SYMPTOMS REPORTED BY ATHLETE
Appears dazed or stunned	Headache
Is confused about what to do	Nausea
Forgets plays	Balance problems or dizziness
Is unsure of game, score, or opponent	Double or fuzzy vision
Moves clumsily	Sensitivity to light or noise
Answers questions slowly	Feeling sluggish

Loses consciousness	Feeling foggy or groggy
Shows behavior or personality changes	Concentration or memory problems
Can't recall events prior to hit	Confusion
Can't recall events after hit	Confusion

What should I do if I think my child has had a concussion?

If an athlete is suspected of having a concussion, he or she must be immediately removed from play, be it a game or practice. Continuing to participate in physical activity after a concussion can lead to worsening concussion symptoms, increased risk for further injury, and even death. Parents and coaches are not expected to be able to “diagnose” a concussion, as that is the job of a medical professional. However, you must be aware of the signs and symptoms of a concussion and if you are suspicious, then your child must stop playing:

When in doubt, sit them out!

All athletes who sustain a concussion need to be evaluated by a health care professional who is familiar with sports concussions. You should call your child's physician and explain what has happened and follow your physician's instructions. If your child is vomiting, has a severe headache, is having difficulty staying awake or answering simple questions he or she should be taken to the emergency room immediately.

When can an athlete return to play following a concussion?

After suffering a concussion, no athlete should return to play or practice on that same day. Previously, athletes were allowed to return to play if their symptoms resolved within 15 minutes of the injury. Studies have shown us that the young brain does not recover quickly enough for an athlete to return to activity in such a short time. Concerns over athletes returning to play too quickly have led state lawmakers to pass laws stating that no player shall return to play following a concussion on that same day and the athlete must be cleared by an appropriate health-care professional before he or she is allowed to return to play in games or practices. The laws also state that concussion educational training must be made available to all coaches on how to recognize symptoms of a concussion, and how to seek proper medical treatment.

Once an athlete no longer has symptoms of a concussion and is cleared to return to play by a health care professional knowledgeable in the care of sports concussions he or she should proceed with activity in a step-wise fashion to allow the brain to re-adjust to exertion. On average the athlete will complete a new step each day. The return to play schedule should proceed as below following medical clearance:

Step 1: Light exercise, including walking or riding an exercise bike. No weightlifting.

Step 2: Running in the gym or on the field. No helmet or other equipment.

Step 3: Non-contact training drills in full equipment. Weight-training can begin.

Step 4: Full contact practice or training.

Step 5: Game play.

If symptoms occur at any step, the athlete should cease activity and be reevaluated by their health care provider.

How can a concussion affect schoolwork?

Following a concussion, many athletes will have difficulty in school. These problems may last from days to months and often involve difficulties with short and long-term memory, concentration, and organization.

In many cases it is best to lessen the athlete's class load early on after the injury. This may include staying home from school for a few days, followed by a lightened schedule for a few days, or perhaps a longer period of time, if needed. Decreasing the stress on the brain early on after a concussion may lessen symptoms and shorten the recovery time.

Just remember:

- A concussion is a brain injury and all are serious.
- Most concussions occur without loss of consciousness.
- Recognition and proper response to concussions when they first occur can help prevent serious injury or even death.

Although sports-related concussions are in the news, a concussion can also occur from a fall or a blow to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. Health care professionals may describe a concussion as a "mild" brain injury because concussions are usually not life-threatening. Even so, their effects can be serious.

A concussion, no matter how mild it may seem at the time, is a brain injury. We know from studies that a concussion disrupts the brain on a cellular level. It challenges the balance between chemicals within the cell (potassium) and chemicals outside the cell (calcium). As a result, the brain cell, whose job is to efficiently supply the brain with fuel (glucose), is compromised. The more demand placed on the brain for fuel, the more potential for the student to flare with symptoms (Giza & Hovda, 2001).

Immediately after a concussion, the simplest physical or mental demand can bring about severe symptoms. Within a few days, the brain cells begin to heal themselves; therefore, light cognitive activity may still flare symptoms, yet symptoms are usually short-lived and respond well to intermittent periods of rest.

Physical and cognitive rest is the best intervention for healing the brain cells. In the first few days, sleeping as much as possible has the highest yield. The rule of thumb is that if a student is physically or mentally exerting to the point of flaring a symptom, then physical/mental activity should be cut back. One size does not fit all in severity of concussion and amount of time for recovery.

Since a concussion is a medical event, and its recovery spans the home and school setting for several weeks, the management of the concussion is best accomplished by a seamless system of communication and collaboration among parents, the school, and the healthcare providers (McAvoy, 2009).

This multidisciplinary team approach to concussion management lends itself to consensus decision-making. It is best practice that the concussed student always returns to school with a signed release of information in place allowing for two-way communication between the school and the healthcare provider.

What can I do?

- Both you and your child should learn to recognize the "Signs and Symptoms" of concussion as listed above.
- Teach your child to tell the coaching staff if he or she experiences such symptoms.
- Emphasize to administrators, coaches, teachers, and other parents your concerns and expectations about concussion and safe play.
- Teach your child to tell the coaching staff if he or she suspects that a teammate has a concussion.
- Monitor sports equipment for safety, fit, and maintenance.
- Ask teachers to monitor any decrease in grades or changes in behavior that could indicate concussion.
- Report concussions that occurred during the school year to appropriate school staff. This will help in monitoring injured athletes as they move to the next season's sports.

Thunderbird Golf Classic 2026

4 PERSON
SCRAMBLE!



Saturday, September 26
Tecumseh Country Club
9:00 AM

Contact
Ben Swanson (402) 921-0870

Welcome Back to School Greetings From the Elementary!

by Beckie Robeson

Welcome to an exciting new school year at Johnson County Central! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and was able to rest and recharge. I am thrilled to see all the familiar faces returning and to welcome our new students and families to the Thunderbird community. As we get ready for the first day, please note the following important details and dates listed below.

Our Open House will be on Friday, August 7th from 6 PM to 7 PM. During this time, students will have an opportunity to meet their new teacher and drop off their school supplies. We will also have staff available to assist with completing required paperwork and registration forms, and with pre-paying snack milk and meals before school begins. We hope to see everyone there!

August 2026



New Teachers

- Mr. MJ Coffey will be joining us this year as the new K-3 PE teacher and the Middle School Technology teacher. Mr. Coffey comes to us from Blue Hill, Nebraska. He earned his degree from Concordia University, where he played on the men's basketball team. Along with teaching classes, Mr. Coffey will coach high school basketball and junior high track.

Paperwork

- Please ensure that you have completed all necessary physicals and have up-to-date shot records.
- Meals and milk snacks are to be paid in advance.
- Complete all the necessary paperwork and registration forms, including contact information.

Important Dates

- **Friday, August 7:** Please join us for our Tecumseh Site Open House starting at 6:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 10:** First Day of School! We will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on this day.
 - Morning Supervision outside in front of the school begins at 7:30 a.m.
 - Breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m.
 - The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:50 p.m.
- **Friday, August 14:** No School
- **Monday, August 17:** Teacher In-service, no school for students
- **August 10-13:** Preschool Home Visits
- **Tuesday, August 18:** First Day of School for Preschool Students.
- **Monday, August 31:** Teacher In-service, no school for students
- **Friday, September 11:** School Picture Day!

Contact Info:

Please feel free to contact me at anytime during the school year

email: beckie.robesson@jccentral.org phone: 402-335-7839

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A few notes to get started...

Morning Drop-Off

To ensure the safety of all students, morning drop-off begins at 7:15 a.m. Please do not drop students off before then, as staff will not be available to supervise earlier. If your child eats breakfast at school, they will begin serving at 7:15 in the high school.

Afternoon Pick-Up

The school day ends at 3:50 p.m., however, we do have supervision until 4:25 p.m. for students who ride route buses. If you're running late or have an emergency, let the school office know as soon as you can so we can help.

Every Day Counts

Coming to school every day is key to student success. Each day in class helps children build reading, writing, math, and problem-solving skills, make friends, and learn important social skills.

When students arrive on time and attend school regularly, they can join class discussions, work with classmates, and continue building on what they learn each day. If your child will be absent, please let the school office know early so we can support their return.

Staying Connected

Good communication between home and school is important for student success. This year, we'll use **ParentSquare** as our main channel for sharing news. With ParentSquare, you'll get announcements, updates, reminders, event info, and important messages all in one place.

We encourage all families to activate their ParentSquare account once it is available and check it often. Staying informed helps us work together to support your child and makes sure you don't miss any important news.

Learning Together

Young children learn best when families and schools team up. What starts in our classrooms gets even stronger with support at home. Reading together, talking about the day, practicing letters, sounds, numbers, or math facts, and asking your child to share what they learned all help reinforce learning. This year, our teachers will encourage students to think critically, ask questions, solve problems, and become confident, independent learners. We celebrate growth, perseverance, and effort, knowing every child develops at their own pace. By working together, we can help each student gain the skills and confidence they need for success in and out of the classroom.

A Strong Home-School Partnership

We believe that education is a partnership between families and school staff. Open communication, mutual trust, and shared goals create the strongest foundation for student success. Together, we can create an environment where children feel known, valued, and encouraged to do their very best each day.

Thank you for trusting us with your children each day. We're excited to learn, grow, and celebrate with them this year. Together, we'll make this a year full of discovery, achievement, kindness, and great memories. We can't wait to see all our students on the first day and start an amazing year of learning together!

Contact Info:

Please feel free to contact me at anytime during the school year

email: beckie.roberson@jccentral.org phone: 402-335-7839

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THUNDERBIRDS

JOIN OUR PTO TEAM!



Make a difference in your child's education! We're looking for passionate parents to help support school events, fundraisers, and programs that benefit all students.

WAYS TO HELP

- ✓ School Event Planning
- ✓ Fundraising Support
- ✓ Classroom Volunteering
- ✓ Committee Participation

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- SIGN UP AT THE TECUMSEH ELEMENTARY OFFICE
- ATTEND A PTO MEETING
*LOOK FOR DATES IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN
- CONTACT BECKIE ROBESON
BECKIE.ROBESON@JCCENTRAL.ORG



Important

Please
Read!

SCHOOL LUNCH NOTICE!



★ EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026 ★



If you have **NOT** received a letter notifying you of your 2026–2027 meal eligibility status, your meal status will automatically change to **FULL PAY** beginning **OCTOBER 1, 2026**.



If your child qualified for **Free** or **Reduced-Price** Meals last school year through income eligibility or **Direct Certification**, and you did **NOT** receive a notification letter for the 2026–2027 school year, your meal status will change to **FULL PAY** on **October 1**.



To **AVOID** an interruption in meal benefits, please complete a **FREE & REDUCED-PRICE MEAL APPLICATION** as soon as possible.



Questions or need assistance?

Please contact:
KENDRA GOTTULA
402.335.3320



Thank you for helping us keep our students
HEALTHY, HAPPY & READY TO LEARN!





2026-27 School Supplies

Johnson County Central Public Schools



Preschool – Half Day (3yr/4yr olds)

Please label all items with student's name.

- Backpack (full size)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 3 baby wipe packages
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 3 jumbo glue sticks
- Change of clothes including socks and underwear
- Reusable water bottle (*no straws please, dishwasher safe*)

Preschool – All Day (4 yr olds)

Please label all items with student's name.

- KinderMat & pillow case
- Backpack (full size)
- Beach towel
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 3 baby wipe packages
- 3 jumbo glue sticks
- Change of clothes including socks and underwear
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- Reusable water bottle (*no straws please, dishwasher safe*)

Kindergarten

(Mrs. Mrs. Michelle Borrenpohl & Ms. Jami Gabriel)

Please label all items with student's name.

- Book Bag
- Pencil Box
- Eraser
- 10-12 Sharpened Pencils
- 4 Boxes of Crayons: 24-pack (Crayola preferred)
- 8-10 Glue Sticks
- 1-2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 3-4 Containers of Anti-Bacterial Wipes
- 4-6 Black Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Small water bottle – 20 oz. or less
- Rug, towel, mat, or small blanket for rest time

2nd Grade

(Mrs. Maggie Badertscher & Mrs. Kayleen Doeden)

- 1 box of colored pencils (12 or 24 count)
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of pointed Fiskars scissors
- 1 spiral notebook
- 2 big erasers
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 small pencil bag or box
- backpack
- PE shoes
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of anti-bacterial wipes
- 1 pair of extra clothes to keep in your locker

1st Grade

(Ms. Eryn Snethen & Mrs. Robyn Faris)

- 2-dozen sharpened pencils
- 3 packs of 8-count crayons
- 1 large pack of crayons
- large pencil box
- paint shirt
- 12 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of Elmer's glue
- 1 pair of scissors (no sharp points)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 4 2-pocket folders: 1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, & 1 yellow
- 1 drawing tablet/sketch pad
- 1 2-inch binder
- 2 containers of antibacterial wipes
- 3 rolls of paper towels
- 1 box of quart OR gallon Ziploc baggies
- PE shoes

3rd Grade

(Mrs. Anna Gyhra & Ms. Zadi Plager)

- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of markers
- 1 box of crayons
- 1-3 big erasers
- 1 red checking pen
- 4-6 black Expo dry erase markers
- 1 pair of pointed Fiskars scissors
- 3-4 boxes of Kleenex
- 3 wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- 1 container of antibacterial wipes
- PE shoes
- pencil bag
- backpack



2026-27 School Supplies

Johnson County Central Public Schools



4th Grade

(Mrs. Kelli Dorsey & Ms. Makenna Eisenbarth)

- colored pencils
- crayons
- 12 yellow-six sided #2 pencils (sharpened)
- 2 red pens
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 3 containers of antiseptic wipes (if possible)
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of white glue
- PE shoes to be left at school (we change every day)
- 1-2 in pink eraser
- scissors (Fiskars if possible)
- No large trapper keepers or binder
- No pencil sharpeners

6th Grade

Math & Science (Mrs. Mandy Goodrich)

- 1 composition notebook - graph paper
- zippered pencil bag
- pencils - wooden OR mechanical, at least 24
- erasers - block or pencil tip
- 2 glue sticks
- scotch tape - 1 roll (for the classroom)
- colored pencils (optional)
- magnetic pencil cup for locker (optional)

Language Arts (Ms. Ashlee Twohig)

- 2 single subject notebooks
- pocket folder
- pencils, pens
- box of Kleenex
- 1 inch 3 ring binder
- composition notebook

Social Studies (Mr. Keaton Kleespies)

- pencils, pens, folder, text book cover

5th Grade

(Mrs. Tanya Crotty & Mr. Kade Davis)

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS: mechanical pencils, trapper keepers, pencil boxes, & block erasers.

- 24 pencils
- 24 count crayons or colored pencils
- 4 pocket folders
- 3 spiral notebooks
- 1 red pen & 1 black or blue pen
- cap erasers
- 4 glue sticks
- 3 large boxes of Kleenex
- 3 large containers of disinfecting wipes
- PE shoes (these are important so that the gym floor doesn't get scratched)

7th & 8th Grades

Science:

- 2 notebooks

Math:

- notebook
- folder
- pens (not black)
- pencils
- scientific calendar recommended

Other supplies:

- pencils
- pens
- large 3 ring binder 2-3 inch
- 3 boxes of Kleenex
- loose leaf paper
- spiral notebooks for each class
- colored pencils
- pocket folders
- highlighters

Physical Education:

All middle school students are required to change into exercise clothes and tennis shoes for PE.

They are not to wear their street shoes on the gym floor.

JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL

WELCOMES NEW STAFF FOR 2026-2027!



Alberto (A.J.) Jaramillo
MS Special Education



Macully (M.J.) Coffey
EL P.E. & MS Tech



Kade Davis
5th Grade



Cheyenne Bishop
Instrumental Music



Allie Swanson
Nutrition Services/Custodial



Phillip Buck
Technology Integration



Makenna Eisenbarth
4th Grade



Linda Jaquez
High School Spanish



2026-27 Census

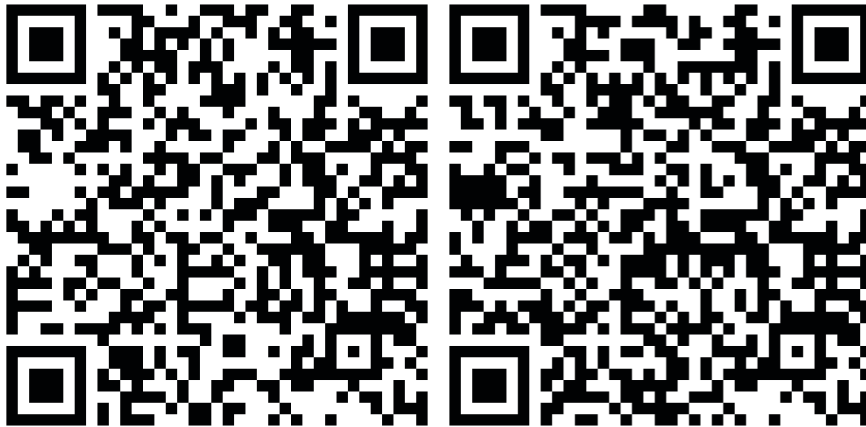
Every year Johnson County Central Public Schools is required to conduct a school census. We are making every effort to complete an accurate census, and your help would be appreciated. This information is used to determine State and Federal funding and for long term planning.

Please complete the following information for a child living in your household from birth to age 18. If you have more than one child in the household, please complete the form for each child you have living in the household.

If you have any questions please contact Kendra Gottula at 402-335-3320

English

Spanish



*News from the Director of Student Services
and Special Education
Dr. Laura Rademacher
August 2026*



Summer has come and gone once again—and somehow it seems to move a little faster every year! As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, we are excited to continue building on the progress made last year and look forward to another year of learning, growth, and success for all students.

We have a few updates to share within our **Special Education Team**:

- **Mr. AJ Jaramillo** will be joining JCC as our **Grades 4–5** Special Education Teacher
- **Dr. Jessica Radford** will be joining JCC as our **Remote School Psychologist**
- **Mr. Matt Dierking** will be transitioning from Grades 4–5 to our **Grades 6–8** Special Education Teacher

Across the state and nation, there continue to be changes in special education processes and guidance. The Nebraska Department of Education and Office of Special Education are developing a new **state Model IEP**. This update will not change the individualized services and supports students receive at JCC; instead, it will update the way IEP information, services, and instruction are documented.

At the federal level, the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) has transitioned from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services, and Section 504 oversight has transitioned to the Office for Civil Rights. These are organizational changes at the federal level and do **not** impact the supports, services, or learning opportunities provided to students at Johnson County Central Public Schools.

We understand changes in education can bring questions and uncertainty. At JCC, our commitment remains the same: **to ensure every student has access to the support, resources, and opportunities they need to learn, grow, and succeed**. We will continue working alongside families, staff, and students to provide a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or would simply like to learn more. I look forward to another great year partnering with our JCC families!

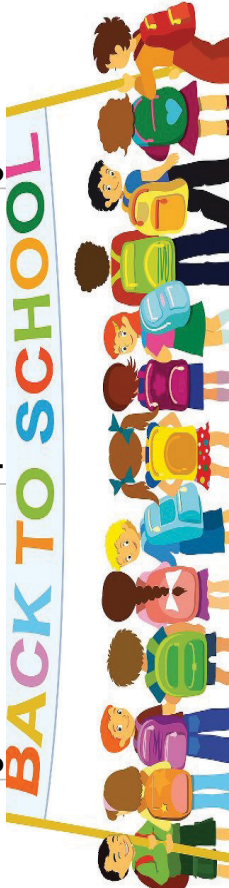
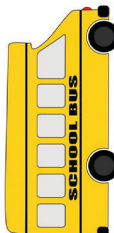
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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2 Otoe County Parade - 2 PM	3	4 New Staff Orientation @ Cook Site - 1 PM	5	6 Teacher In-Service Cook Site Open House 6 PM	7 Teacher In-Service Tecumseh Site Open House 6 PM	8
9	10 First Day of School Early Dismissal 1 PM FALL PRACTICES BEGIN	11	12 JCC School Board Meeting - 6 PM @ HS Computer Lab (Rm 204)	13	14 NO SCHOOL HS GYM CLOSED For Floor Refinishing	15 HS GYM CLOSED For Floor Refinishing
16 HS GYM CLOSED For Floor Refinishing	17 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service HS GYM CLOSED For Floor Refinishing	18	19	20 Football Sports Drink Scrimmage 6:30 PM	21	22
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25	26 All School Fall Pep Rally 3:30 PM - HS Gym 5th Grade Instrumental Night with Dietz Music 6 PM - Cook Site Music Room	27	28 Football @ Elmwood-Murdock 7 PM	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
QR Code for JCC Event Calendar on Google!						

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
2	3 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00 PM Comdog Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Chicken Tenders Hot Veggies Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	12 Chicken Quesadilla Refried Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Meatball Sub Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	18 Turkey & Cheese Wrap Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Chicken Patty/WG Bun Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Taco Salad Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 Hamburger/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	22 
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Rib Patty/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 Pizza Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28 Sloppy Joe/WG Bun Sweet Potato Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	29
30 	31 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	Menu is subject to change without notice "This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider"				

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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.