



**Purpose - Passion - Pride**

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to ensure that students will find their purpose and become successful, lifelong learners and positive contributors in a changing world.

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# **USD 350 St. John-Hudson Newsletter**

**December 2019**

## **Notes from the Superintendent**

*Josh Meyer*

Bullying is always a tough situation for schools to deal with. Often times we get too caught up with trying to determine if a particular behavior is bullying or not. Bad behavior is bad behavior whether it rises to the level of bullying or not. The adults in our schools do their best to address problem behaviors, but it is also important that we provide students with skills to be able to handle situations on their own. This becomes more critical the older they get since they do not have adult supervision at every point in their lives.

Recently, we had Jason Marshall present to the students about resilience. He specializes in teaching youth how to be emotionally resilient and motivates them to live by the Golden Rule to stop the cycle of bullying and aggression. We had students from Macksville and Stafford join us for this assembly. This was a great cooperative effort to bring in this national speaker and was made possible by the USD 350 Education Foundation.

Recently, the school board approved students in grades 6-12 to participate in the Kansas Clay Target League this spring. Police Chief Adams and some other community volunteers will coach the team. Coaches and participants will be required to earn a safety certification before the season begins. The team will shoot here locally and submit scores to the league. The team will then have the opportunity to compete in the state tournament in Sedgwick in June. It's exciting to have another opportunity for students to be involved in a structured activity.

Architecture students from Kansas State University are working with Stafford County Economic Development on a housing project here in St. John. They are designing a Net+ house that is affordable in our housing market. Net+ means that the energy generated by solar panels is equal to or more than the energy consumed thereby making energy costs essentially zero.

The home is designed to be very affordable, so it is small with an estimated construction cost of around \$120,000. Construction of the home will be done with insulated panels manufactured at KSU. They will bring the panels to St. John this spring and assemble the house in a matter of a few of days. The finish work on the home will take a few weeks. SJH students will have a great learning opportunity to be involved with the design and construction process.

The general election for city and school positions was held last month. There were four school board positions up for election. Darin Brummer, Derek Foote, and Debby Waddle were re-elected to their

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***Superintendent Cont.***

current positions on the board. Raymond Long was elected to fill the seat vacated by Chad Fisher. The new board will be sworn in on January 13th, and board members will elect a new president and vice president at this time.

As the year draws to an end, many of you are considering charitable donations. You might consider the USD 350 Educational Foundation for any charitable giving. The Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides an avenue for patrons, businesses, and organizations to financially support the mission of St. John-Hudson schools.

Our Foundation really captures the giving spirit of this great community. The Foundation accepts donations to support student scholarships, library funding, and various student and school programs. Donations can be given for a particular purpose or to be used at the discretion of the Foundation board to support our schools. Recently, the Foundation provided grants for woodshop equipment, technology tools for 1st & 2nd grades, beef processing for the Farm-to-School program, and presenters for student assemblies. Information about the Foundation can be found on our school district's website.

On behalf of the USD 350 school family, I want to wish you all a happy holiday season and a very Merry Christmas. As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with Purpose, Passion, and Pride.

*-Josh Meyer – USD 350 Superintendent*

## Therapy Dog

By ERIC MATA

Why do the 7th and 8th grades have the career class on Wednesday during L.S.? Mr. White explained that he wanted a way to prepare for the new experience of Genius Hour. That time period was perfect for students to talk about social and career skills. Mr. White then shared the idea with Mrs. Volker who expressed the desire to spend time with the students instead of being forced to complete paperwork all day, every day. When she applied for the K-12 social-emotional counselor, she also got a dog as a gift. It's called the therapy dog. Before the dog came, it had to be trained in obedience and therapy dog classes. After that, it had to take a test at the kennel club. After it passes, it gets evaluated 3 times. Finally, it will become a therapy dog and it gets a special little scarf. The dog is very helpful because it makes people at ease and it helps stress levels go down faster. The kids can take the therapy dog for a walk so they can talk about their problems.



*Mrs. Volker and Tank the therapy dog.  
Photo by Eric Mata.*



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND  
 THE OPEN HOUSE AND RE-DEDICATION  
 OF THE  
 IDA LONG GOODMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY,  
 406 N. MONROE AT ST. JOHN, KANSAS  
 DECEMBER 6, 2019

8 A.M. – 4 P.M. PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

RE-DEDICATION

2:00 P.M. – LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
 WITH RECEPTION UNTIL 4 P.M.

IDA LONG GOODMAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE

8 A.M.	FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COFFEE & CINNAMON ROLLS
8:30 A.M.	KINDERGARTEN CAROLERS
9:30 A.M.	VICTROLA DEMONSTRATION
1:00 P.M.	VICTROLA DEMONSTRATION
2:00 P.M.	RE-DEDICATION OF LIBRARY WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
2:30 P.M.	HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMERS
ALL DAY	LIBRARY DISPLAYS

# Veterans Day Program

By CHRISTOPHER FERNANDEZ

Veterans Day is the day that we celebrate all the men and women who have fought, or are currently fighting, for ours and others' freedom. They also remember the ones who have died and didn't make it back. This year, St. John-Hudson K-12 put on a program to thank local veterans. There were around 50 community and former military members that came to listen. The program started with a welcome by district superintendent Mr. Meyer, followed by the pledge of allegiance by Zayrelli Reyes (JR). Mr. White then explained the SHOW program, whose members participated in the Veteran's Day program, and thanked USD 350 veterans. Then, Erin Crissman, (SR) discussed the \$618.92 7-12th grade KAYS/Kayettes raised in a coin drive for the Kansas Honor Flight program. Following that, Mr. Meyer presented the winning first grade class with pizza pajama party and a check for \$1, 371.72,

the amount grades K-6 raised in a coin drive for Passageways of Wichita, a program that helps homeless veterans. Next, Breanna Clark (JR) read a piece about veterans day followed by the K-6th graders singing "America the Beautiful". Then, Aden Robertson (2nd) read a poem he had written and Neveah Fischer (SO) read another patriotic poem before Mariah Sanders (8th) introduced the speaker, 20 year army veteran Chris Roth. The program concluded with the 7-12th grade students singing the Armed Forces Salute and Mr. Knight performing taps. Mrs. Patterson's FACS classes prepared refreshments for the veterans as well as KAYS/Kayettes providing the opportunity for people to write thank you cards to be sent to Adopt A Soldier, a program that sends mail to veterans in VA hospitals or soldiers stationed abroad.



*Clockwise, upper right: Chris Roth; Mr. Knight; Ms. Talbot and Aden Robertson; Mr. Meyer, Mr. Falk, Mrs. Wycoff, and first graders; 7-12 grade choirs; Zayrelli Reyes, 11th grade; Erin Crissman, 12th grade; Neveah Fischer, 10th grade; Breanna Clark, 11th grade. Photos courtesy of Dick Smith.*



# ST. JOHN BASKETBALL 2019-2020



## MAKE 'EM BELIEVE



Dec. 6  
Dec. 9-14  
Dec. 17  
Dec. 20  
Jan. 3

@ Stafford  
@ Keady Classic  
@ Central Plains  
@ Hesston  
vs. Otis-Bison

Jan. 7  
Jan. 10  
Jan. 14  
Jan. 27-31

@ Kinsley  
@ Ness City  
vs. Ellinwood  
@ Hilltop Classic  
Hosted by Barton CC

Feb. 4  
Feb. 7  
Feb. 10  
Feb. 11  
Feb. 14

@ Hoisington  
vs. Central Plains  
@ Cimarron  
vs. LaCrosse  
vs. Victoria

Feb. 18  
Feb. 21  
Feb. 24-29  
Mar. 5-7  
Mar. 11-14

vs. South Central  
@ Macksville  
Regionals  
Sub-State  
State



# Christmas Music Programs

**Kindergarten-3rd grade  
Tuesday, December 3**

**4th-6th grade  
Tuesday, December 10**

**7th-12th grade  
Thursday, December 19**

**All Shows start at 7pm  
in the Auditorium**



# December 2019

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		7:00pm K-3 Music Program	Winter Sports Pictures	5:45pm JHBB v Victoria (H)	4:00pm HSBB @ Stafford FCCLA Christmas Door Judging PreK Friday	HS District KMEA
STUCCO Food Drive						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	6:00pm BOE Meeting 4:00pm JHBB @ Spearville	7:00 pm 4-6 music program	<b>Late Start</b> 10:00 am Start/Staff Development	5:45pm JHBB v Ellinwood (H)		ACT Exam
HS BB - Keady Classic @ Larned						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	5:45pm JHBB v Ness City (H)	4:00pm HSBB @ Central Plains		7:00pm JH/HS Band & Choir Concert	End of 2nd 9 weeks FCCLA Ugly Apparel Contest 4:00pm HSBB @ Hesston	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
No Sports Practices						
Christmas Vacation - No School						
29	30	31				
	No School	No School				

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## DECEMBER

2019

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2 BREAKFAST</b> Pancake on a Stick Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk	<b>3 BREAKFAST</b> Biscuits & Gravy Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	<b>4 BREAKFAST</b> French Toast Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	<b>5 BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Pizza Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	<b>6 BREAKFAST</b> Banana Bread Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b> Sloppy Joe/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Fajita Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Corn Fresh Fruit Pineapple Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Lasagna Lettuce Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Baby Carrots Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk
<b>9 BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Bites Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	<b>10 BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Burrito Peaches Orange Juice Cereal Milk	<b>11 BREAKFAST</b> NO <b>BREAKFAST LATE START</b>	<b>12 BREAKFAST</b> French Toast Sticks Applesauce Apple Juice Cereal Milk	<b>13 BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Bar Mixed Fruit Orange/Pineapple Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b> Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Corn Peaches Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Broccoli Applesauce Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Chili Relish Plate Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Cinnamon Roll Crackers Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
<b>16 BREAKFAST</b> Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	<b>17 BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Pizza Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk	<b>18 BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Orange Juice Cereal Milk	<b>19 BREAKFAST</b> Biscuit & Gravy Sliced Pears Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	<b>20 BREAKFAST</b> Banana Bread Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk
<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Cowboy Cavatini Lettuce Salad Corn Pineapple French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Turkey & Dressing Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Hot Roll Cherry Crisp Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Pepperoni Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	<b>LUNCH</b> Taco Salad Lettuce & Tomatoes Cheddar Cheese Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk
<b>23 BREAKFAST</b> NO SCHOOL !!	<b>24 BREAKFAST</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS !!	<b>25 BREAKFAST</b> NO SCHOOL !!	<b>26 BREAKFAST</b> NO SCHOOL !!	<b>27 BREAKFAST</b> NO SCHOOL !!

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