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Left: Junior class float.
Above: Freshmen clarinet players
Conner Gillespie and Jade Portillo.
Photos courtesy of Dick Smith.

Homecoming Parade

By ARLENA MILLER & MRS. MCALISTER

The week of September 23-27 was Homecoming 2019. STUCO chose the themes this year: Scrabble Day (favorite letter); Pajama Day (dress for comfort); Team Shirt (support those Wildcats!); Dress-up (show respect for the best); and Western Day (rodeo wear).

This year was also the first time in a long while that the school had a homecoming parade. The parade lined up at the NAPA parking lot and proceeded down 4th Street, around the north side of the square and ended on the east side of the square. Among the lineup were the city and county first responders--police, fire, and EMS; Golden Belt Telephone; the high school marching band; and the candidates. The senior candidates Trevor Tanner and Whitney Brummer were driven by STUCO sponsor Mr. Manderino. Next came the senior candidates Austin Woolf and Dayton Long, driven by SAFE sponsor Mrs. Patterson. The final senior candidates were driven by history teacher Mr. Bauer, Trey Fisher and Erin Crissman.

Each class was required to have a float that showed the Tigers winning over the Macksville Mustangs. The Juniors won the class competition with

their float "The Giddy-up" which featured a candy-filled pinata, confetti cannon, and Edwin Fernandez's live goat. The Freshmen float featured hay bales while the Sophomore float added musical instruments followed by a live horse ridden by Darby Smith. The final class float was the Senior's "Toaster Strudel Gang" float featuring a wooden corral with a masked mustang corralled inside.

At the conclusion of the parade on the east side of the square, the high school band was joined by the junior high band to play several pieces of pep music while the cheerleaders encouraged the crowd to cheer along. Then, the high school football coach, Mr. Hall, spoke a few encouraging words before the high school football team shared their usual game-opening team chant. Also enjoying the parade and pep rally were students pre-K through 12th grade, school office personnel, and members of the community. This year's parade was a huge success!

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Forensics: The Acting Kind

By ARELENA MILLER

Are you a know-it-all? Do you enjoy the competition? Are you looking to add some bling to your life? Is acting in your blood? If you think you don't fit into any categories or that you haven't found your talent, Forensics just might be the place to be! This club is full of excitement, enjoyment, being adored, and most of all, being yourself! Some acting parts include serious solo acting, humorous solo acting, duets, improvised duet, informative speech, persuasive speech, poetry, and prose. The competition season starts at the end of January and runs through to State competition on the first weekend of May. Each meet, students sign up for two events they want to compete in. Weekday meets have two rounds and a finals round while weekend meets have three rounds and a finals round. In order to make it to the finals round, a competitor has to be ranked within the top three in their room for each round. While each round has a single judge, the finals round has a panel of three judges. Depending on how a competitor is ranked in the final round, they could qualify for State Festival or State Championships.



Students showing off medals won at a Forensics tournament.



Jolly Workers Club 4-H Week display on the square downtown.

National 4-H Week

By CHRIS FERNANDEZ

The national 4-H program is all about supporting and believing in young people. 4-H is the biggest organization in the country. There are over 74,000 youth groups in the United States and have always been strong since it was created. If you join 4-H, you will have a chance to show what you have been doing for a living like you can show livestock, arts and crafts, and lots more. You can also raise a lot of money if you make it to the premium auction. Showing off all your projects takes place on the fairgrounds during the fair. In addition to showing projects at the fair, there will also be camps that you can go to that are awesome. You learn so much and make new friends. You can also do community service including baking food for people. According to Elijah Foote, "4-H is a fun program that everyone should do."

I'm in a club called Jolly Workers. What I do is show livestock including goats and sheep. It's very fun to do livestock because you learn how to feed, care for them, and show them properly. Once a month, there's a club meeting that all members attend. I have been doing 4-H for about 6 years and it has always been amazing.

October is the start of the new year for Kansas 4-H. It's only \$15 for to join for a whole year of fun. Enroll online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/>.

Stats and Effects of Bullying

- 1 in 4 students report being bullied during the school year.
- MOST** students won't report bullying.
- 64%** of victims don't report bullying.
- 90%** of students who are bullied offline are also bullied online.
- Looks, body shape, and **FACE** are the most common reasons for bullying.

Students who are bullied are:

- twice as likely to suffer from anxiety, depression, and other health issues.
- more likely to report high levels of suicide-related behavior.

Students that bully are:

- at greater risk for academic problems, substance use, and violent behavior, both now and later in life.

What you can do:

- **Take a stand!** More than half of bullying situations end when a peer intervenes.
- **Start a program!** Schools with bully prevention programs can reduce bullying by **25%!**
- **Get everyone involved!** Effective bully prevention involves everyone - students, parents, teachers, and community members.

www.aymondgeddes.com
Source: Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center

Advice from the Tiger



Bullying: Just Do Something!

By MELEA HEARN

Bullying-- an act that makes you not want to go to school or hide from certain people. A quick definition: bullying is a repeated behavior to harm, intimidate or coerce someone. What's not bullying is if you pick on a student first and they pick back at you. Now that's understood, some ways to solve the issue. First of all, think of what it's like to be them. They probably have things going on at home or are also being bullied. One of the ways to solve it is to try to ignore it. If they see they can't rile their victim, then they might leave you alone. Second, report it to a teacher or to a trusted adult. Third, if it gets out of hand, then go straight to the principal. If you ever witness bullying, then you should stand up for the victim. I know it's hard to stand up for someone instead of joining in because you don't want to be picked on, but it's the right thing to do. If you stand up for them, then you should go to the nearest teacher and report it. Finally, never be a bully, it just makes school a terrible place to be.

Have a question or need advice? Ask the Tiger by emailing mcalisterj@usd350.com and labeling it **Ask the Tiger**.

BYSTANDERS!

Bystanders are bullies if they:

- join in with the bully
- laugh with or cheer on the bully
- copy what the bully is doing
- show support for the bully
- do nothing to stop the bullying

Bystanders can help to stop the bullying if they:

- object to what the bully is saying or doing
- show support for the target
- report the bullying

October Birthdays

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1 Ian D | 21 Riley M |
| 6 Payton S | 24 Kaylynn C |
| 8 Paige M | |
| 10 Bam P | |
| 11 Andrew M | |
| 16 Caitlin H | |
| 18 Mariah S | |
| 20 Dominic M | |



Capital Tour

By ERIC MATA

The company World Classrooms contacted Mrs. Hacker one morning last spring. She agreed to the idea of taking students from grades 7th through Sophomore on a visit to Washington, D.C. Hacker stated, "It was educational and a good idea".

The trip includes such sites as the Martin Luther King, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Thomas Jefferson memorial. Additionally, they plan to tour the memorials for WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Wars as well as the Marine Corps War Memorial from Iwo Jima. Finally, museums visited will include the Smithsonian's Museums of Air & Space, Natural History, and American History.

Although she originally thought it was a bad idea because of the money and the long trip, she realized it would work out if there was a year for the trip to be planned out and paid for. Also, the monthly pay apparently cost less than an "Latte a day".

She'd like to continue the trip for future teens. After all, there is no better place to learn about the beginnings of our country than the nation's capital.

QR code to World Classroom's website with more information about the trip.



World Classroom's poster about the trip.

Joke of the Day

By MACKENZIE HACKER

Grandson: Grandpa, why are there so many speed bumps?
Grandpa: Because we're in a school zone. Now, where are my glasses?

School Dayz

By ELI FOOTE



SJH Football

By ADANELLI GONZALES

The high school football team is not doing the best this year with a win-loss record of 0-6. They have been trying their best and are working on getting better each game. Coach Hall stated, "I believe the kids are getting better and doing some good things."

Some of their goals for this season are to work hard every day to gradually improve their performance and to lay a foundation for the future of the program. They are slowly making improvements to meet the goals they set, as it takes time to build. The football team currently has 11 players and they hope that more kids are willing to play in the future. They would like to set a foundation on how their program runs and what the expectations are moving forward. The biggest issue for the team is how many kids are willing to play. Many times, in small town schools, you need as many kids as you can get to be competitive.

The football boys work extremely hard and often step out of their comfort zones to support their team.



Freshman Marco Ibarra throwing the ball during the Homecoming game. Photo courtesy of Dick Smith

Freshman Caden McCandless taking a hit during the Homecoming game. Photo courtesy of Dick Smith



SHOW: Students Helping Out

Warriors

By ISAC MATA



Police Chief Adams. Photo courtesy of Dick Smith

City of St. John Police Chief Allen Adams joined the military right after he graduated from St. John High School. He served in both the US Coast Guard and the Army National Guard. He originally worked interdiction narcotics and search and rescue with the Coast Guard. In the Army, he deployed as a tanker then infantry before becoming a flight crew chief on Black Hawk helicopters. His total military service was 14 years. When asked about how many tours of duty he completed and what countries he's been to, he responded: "Between the military and private contracting, I've completed 4 tours and I've been to Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Romania, Cuba, and Germany." Adams clarified that a tour in the Army can be 12 months at a time.

When asked if he had any problems during his time in the Army, he said that he had no major problems other than typical on-duty assignments. "Pretty much everyday was an adventure. When you are on downtime, you try to find things to enjoy time together and bond with the other soldiers," Adams states. Recently, Adams was employed through an outside-military-service as a dog handler in the Middle East looking for roadside bombs.

In addition to his time in the military, Adams has served 20 years on police forces, including a K-9 unit and 18 years as a DARE officer. While serving as a school resource officer at Valley Center, Adams created the program SHOW (Students Helping Out Warriors). "It's a school activity that the students will do honoring military veterans." In addition to helping past and present veterans, it will promote patriotism and share information about the armed services. Adams shared that there are several other Kansas schools that have the program and that it will be an extracurricular program at St. John. The culminating event for the program is a trip to Wichita to assist veterans there and enjoy a game of Bingo.

Homecoming 2019



Queen Erin Crissman & King Trey Fisher.
Photos courtesy of Dick Smith



Seniors Whitney Brummer & Trevor Tanner.
Photos courtesy of Dick Smith



Seniors Dayton Long & Austin Woolf.
Photos courtesy of Dick Smith



Juniors Bam Panyayai & Uriel Calleros.
Photos courtesy of Dick Smith



Sophomores Payton Meyer & Elijah Delp.
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Freshmen Mackenzie Hacker & Conner Gillespie.
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1st graders Colt Brummer & Kate Hickel.
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