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SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

Childcare is a clear need in our community as it is in areas across the state. While we have some quality options for childcare in our community and the county, there is a need for more. Little Blessings Daycare is now open in the school-owned building just south of the library. This building was donated to the school district by SJN Bank of Kansas last spring. We made a few modifications to the building and it is now an operating daycare facility.

Nikki Adams is the director of the Little Blessings Daycare. She can be contacted at littleblessingsdaycare2022@gmail.com if you need more information or are looking for childcare options. The Stafford County Childcare Committee in cooperation with Stafford County EcoDevo is in the process of getting two more daycares into the modular building just east of the school. The timeline on this is not established, but it will take several months before they are ready for business.

In prior articles, I have mentioned that our board hired Wiens & Company to do a facility needs assessment for our district's buildings. In late November, the facility committee (made up of school staff, parents and community members) met and took a comprehensive tour of the school buildings. Each committee member provided input on various areas of the campus. In December, the committee met again to review the findings of the initial assessment and begin to prioritize needs. Staff with Wiens & Company are now working to determine possible solutions to address the needs along with budget estimates that will be presented to the committee in the coming months.

The Mid-Winter Classic basketball tournament has a long history in our school and community. The St. John Lion's Club put on the boys' tournament for 52 years. In 2021, the Lions Club turned the operation of the tournament over to the school district. At that time, we added girls' teams to the tournament and we had 7 boys' and 4 girls' teams. It was a challenging year for all activities because of Covid, and this tournament was no exception. We were very limited on the number of people that could attend public events, so there were not a lot of people involved in the tournament.

This past month, we ran off the 55th annual St. John Mid-Winter Classic basketball tournament. In this 3rd year of a combined tournament, there were 8 boys' and 6 girls' teams. There is an established committee that helps to run the tournament. We are appreciative of the committee members and the many community volunteers that helped with the tournament this year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

REGIONAL HS SCHOLARS BOWL

Feb 2nd

MISS KANSAS VISIT

Feb 3rd @ 9am Elementary @ 10am HS

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Feb 14th @ Goodman Library

WINTER HOMECOMING

Feb 17th @ 5 pm

HOMECOMING DANCE

Feb 18th @ 9 pm

NO SCHOOL / STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Feb 20th

KMEA ALL STATE

Feb 23rd

JAG CDC

Feb 24th @ 8:30 am

JH SCHOLARS BOWL INVITATIONAL

Feb 27th

SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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January is School Board Recognition Month. I want to thank each of our board of education members for their incredible service to our community and our public schools. School board members develop policies and make important decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are entrusted by this community to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars and to ensure the success of each student.

Please join us as we thank our school board members for volunteering their time, for fulfilling this very important civic responsibility, and for advocating on behalf of every child in our community. The men and women serving the St. John-Hudson school district are: Derek Foote (president), Carl Behr (vice president), Vance Fisher, Katrina Hickel, Raymond Long, Shawn Ward, and Debby Waddle. I also want to recognize outgoing board member Darin Brummer for seven years of service to on the board. We welcome Mrs. Hickel to the board as she has been appointed to fill Mr. Brummer's vacant position for the remainder of the term.

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



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS!

by Angela Petersen, Elementary Principal

January was a month of competitiveness for our upper elementary students. Many were able to showcase their academic and artistic talents as well as visit other parts of the state.

Things kicked off with 6th grade students taking part in a Robotics competition in Garden City on January 14th. Four teams competed in “Put a Gear On It!” hosted by Buff Robotics. This was the largest event of its type ever hosted in Kansas. Students applied their skills in programming Vex IQ robots to work in this tournament that involved 16 school districts and 61 teams from all over the state. Representing St. John were Jackson Mawhirter, Jacob Rotert, Jaxsin Hicks, Mackenzie Kraushaar, Colt Davis, Charlotte Kellogg, Angie Guillen, and Aaliyah Gonzalez. Two of the four teams placed in the top half of the field and all students learned skills and traits that will help them in their future studies and careers. Thank you to Mr. Danny Smith for teaching robotics and sponsoring this trip!

Our Stafford County Spelling Bee was up next. This event took place in Macksville on January 25th. Fifteen St. John Students entered the competition including 4th graders Gatlin McMillan, Mara Feril, and Bryson Knight; 5th graders Kenyon Barney, Asher Hoffman, and Kyler Dickson; and 6th graders Brilee Fisher, McKinley Sanders, and Kalla Foote. After several grueling rounds



of oral spelling including complicated words like headdress, butterscotch, recoup, mantra, bedlam, grimy, and curries, Mara Feril rose to the top of our pack and finished in 3rd place in overall competition. All of these students represented our school with poise, grace, and displays of positive sportsmanship. We appreciate all of the excellent language arts instruction that takes place in all grade levels with a special thanks to Mrs. Tia Ward and Mrs. Andi Long for preparing these students for competition.

Finally, it was announced this month that 5th grader Kenyon Barney placed 2nd in his age category in the Kansas Historical Society photography contest. The theme for the contest was “What Kansas Means to Me.” Kenyon entered a picture he took of his brother DJ in a wheat field a few miles outside of Hudson, KS. The photo was titled “Amber Waves of Grain.” On January 27th twenty-five students representing schools all over the state of Kansas gathered at the state capital in Topeka to receive their awards from Governor Kelly herself. The 1st and 2nd place winners of 1st – 12th graders will have their picture displayed for a week at the capital and then archived at the Kansas Historical Society.

The Kansas Historical Society keeps these photos for future generations to look back and see how Kansas has grown and changed.

Thank you to all of the teachers, families, and support staff who have helped our students develop the skills they need to be successful in competitions of all types! It was a great month to be a Tiger!



TANK ACHIEVES CERTIFICATION

By Kim Volker

Tank has completed his training and has successfully passed all his testing to become a Certified Therapy Dog. He has completed several obedience classes and therapy dog classes, passed his therapy dog obedience test, and 3 onsite visits to medical or nursing home facilities, plus one general public location such as Lowes. Tank is now a Registered Therapy Dog through Alliance of Therapy Dogs, ATD.

CONGRATULATIONS!



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

3RD GRADERS PUBLISH A BOOK

By Mrs. Foote

The 3rd graders celebrated after publishing their book Kindness Counts. Each student designed one or two pages about how they can be kind.



DRAWING CONTEST FOR K-12 STUDENTS

By Ixchel Mixon

Doodle for Google contest is opening soon for all K - 12 graders! Submissions must be turned into Mrs. Mixon by February 21st.



6TH GRADE ROBOTICS EVENT

by Danny Smith

Robotics in Garden City on Jan 14th. This is the largest robotics tournament ever held in the State of Kansas. Fun seeing our students interact with many different students from other schools.





SCHOLASTICS GOLD KEY WINNER

By Brad Emery

Jazlene Ramirez earned the highest award, the Gold Key, for her Trash to Trends dress in the Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards. Her entry was one of over 1,600 for the Eastern Kansas region and she will be competing against all other regional winners for national recognition. Her dress will be on display at Mark Arts in Wichita from February 10th - March 25th.



COMIC BOOK CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES

By Mark Bryant, Comic Book Club Sponsor

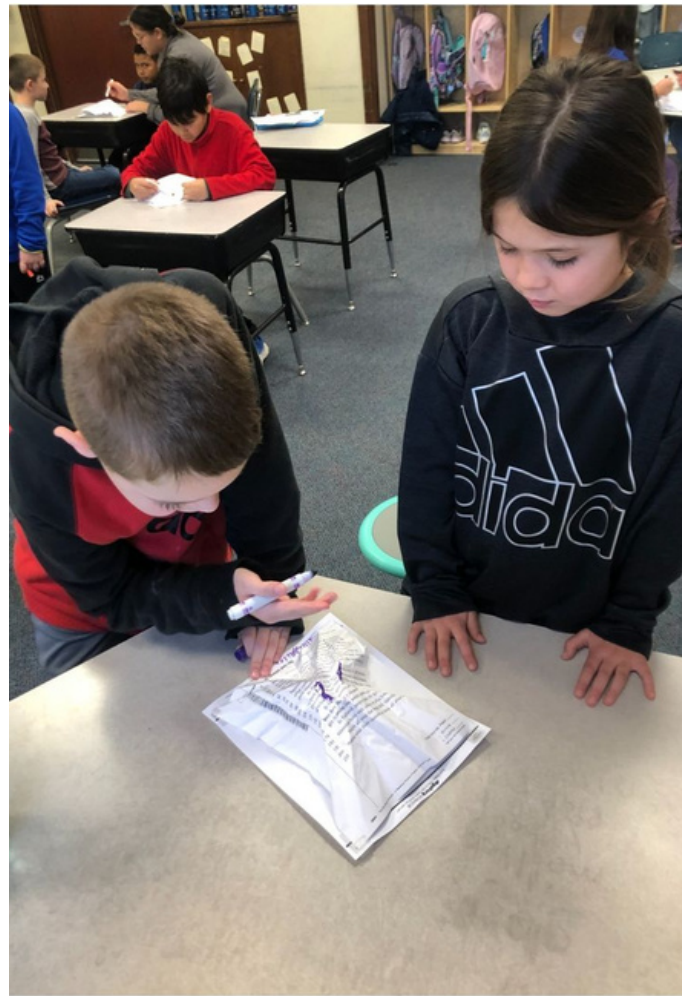
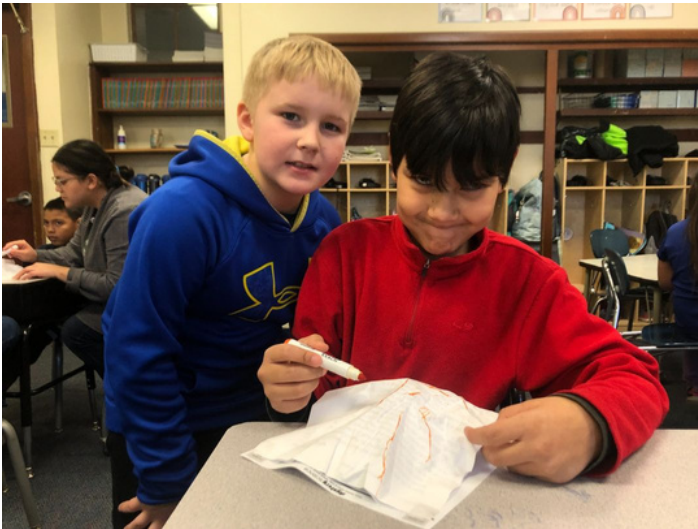
On Saturday, December 17th, 2022, Mr. Bryant and the St. John Comic Book Club went to see *Avatar: The Way of Water* in 3D and had a great time!



2ND GRADERS IN SCIENCE

By Mrs. Taylor Behr

We began a new unit in science this month: Erosion and Earth's Surface. Pictured is our class with their paper mountains used to observe patterns of how water and rivers flow.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

By Mrs. Meagan Feril

The National Honor Society (NHS) was established in 1921 as a way to not only recognize academic achievement but character, leadership and service as well. Our local chapter is currently in the process of selecting members. All sophomores, juniors, and seniors who had a cumulative GPA of a 3.6 or higher were invited to apply. The applicants must complete sections on leadership, co-curricular activities, community service and work experience as well as write a personal statement about how they will benefit the organization.

In an effort to get a more complete picture of the applicant, faculty and staff are asked to fill out an individual evaluation rubric with regards to certain ideals of leadership, character, and service. After the applications and rubrics are completed, a 5 member faculty committee meets to go over the information. The members then vote and any individual who receives a majority vote will be invited to join NHS. To complete the process, students must also attend the induction ceremony on Sunday, February 26th at 2 p.m.

STUCCO: HOMECOMING

By Mrs. Meagan Feril

STUCO would like to announce the theme for this year's winter homecoming: Hollywood. Homecoming is February 17th and the crowning of the king and queen will be that evening during the basketball games. The community is invited to attend the pep assembly and crowning ceremony. Details will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

This year's senior king candidates are Justin Frink, Conner Gillespie and Fabian Gracia-Alvarez. The queen candidates are Blayr Doggett, Mackenzie Hacker, and Jade Portillo. The 1st grade attendants are Maris Axman and Kyler Christie.

STUCO will be hosting a hall and gym decorating contest between the classes and a mini float parade during the pep assembly. We ask that you come support the Tigers as they compete against Macksville!



Homecoming
Saturday February 18th
9-11pm
Semi-Formal Dance
Location: Skating Rink

SCHOLARS BOWL NEWS

By Felicia Spare, Scholars Bowl Sponsor

On January 9th the St. John HS Scholars Bowl Junior Varsity Team concluded their year with the Chase Tournament.




On January 12th the St. John HS Scholars Bowl Varsity Team competed at Central Plains and placed 3rd.



[<](#) **HS Scholars Bowl 2022-2023** [Edit](#)

Regionals (V) - Montezuma - South Gray

 From 04:00 PM Thu, Feb 02 2023
To 06:20 PM Thu, Feb 02 2023

Details

Dismiss - 1:05
Leave - 1:15
Start - 4:00
Please bring \$ for a meal.
Home - 9:30

Lineup

Eli Foote, Garrett McAlister, Brandon Henkle, Willow Murphy, Player 5

SCHOLARS BOWL QUOTES

"I really liked our team had a good sense of humor when we got a question wrong and how we were all friendly to each other."

"I liked that I could make better connections with my friends. My favorite moment was that time I wore concert back."

"My favorite memory of scholars bowl is when we got second at our meet."

"I really liked it when I answered Greek mythology questions. My favorite part was when I was told to answer 'Elton John'... and it was actually right."

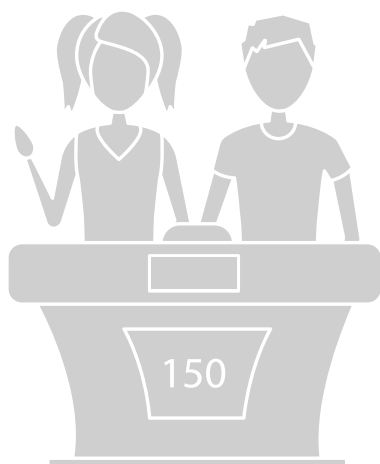
The HS Scholars Bowl team qualified for finals and placed 2nd at their CPL Tournament in Ness City. Garrett McAlister, Brandon Henkle, Eli Foote, Maylin Sanders, and Willow Murphy.



JH QUIZ BOWL

By Meagan Feril, Quiz Bowl Sponsor

The junior high quiz bowl team has been busy practicing during the month of January in preparation for a short but busy season. The team(s) will attend several round robin tournaments answering questions about social studies, language arts, math, science, and other miscellaneous topics. Teams consist of 6 players although only 5 can play each round. If necessary, three players can be counted as a team. Some of our tournaments have a JV and Varsity bracket so we would like to have at least 12 members. At this time we are a couple of members short, so if you are interested - come try it out!



The meets that we have scheduled are

2/9	Ellinwood
2/16	Kinsley
2/21	Otis Bison
2/27	HOME
2/28	LaCrosse
3/6	Central Plains

We are hosting a varsity tournament on February 27th and could use some volunteers to moderate, judge, keep time and score. No experience is needed! If you are interested in helping, please let Mrs. Feril know ferilm@usd350.com. We will also be hosting the CPL tournament but the date has not been determined at this time.

JH WRESTLING

By Mrs. Meagan Feril

Did you know that there is a sport season squeezed in between junior high basketball and junior high track? That's right - junior high wrestling! Several 7th and 8th graders are planning to travel to Stafford and participate with their athletes this season. Although the season is short, students will build a foundation of technical skills, promote good sportsmanship and develop mental toughness. Junior High students - if this sounds like something you would be interested in, then contact Mr. White and he will get you the details. Currently, there are four scheduled competitions and the students would love for you to come watch them compete.

February 13 at Minneapolis

February 16 at Pratt

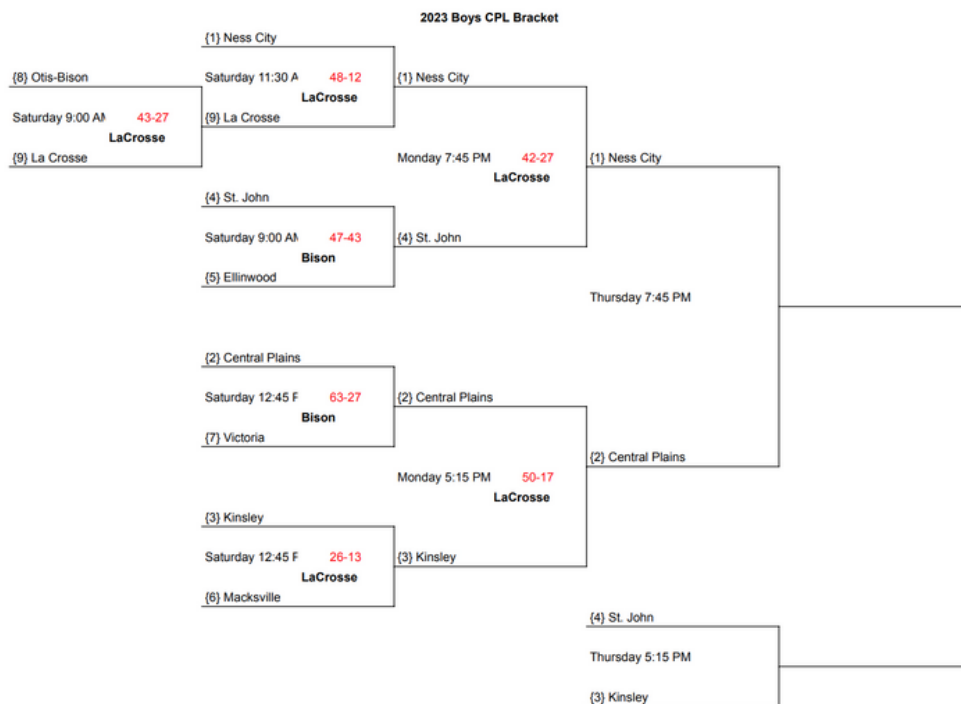
February 20 at Herrington

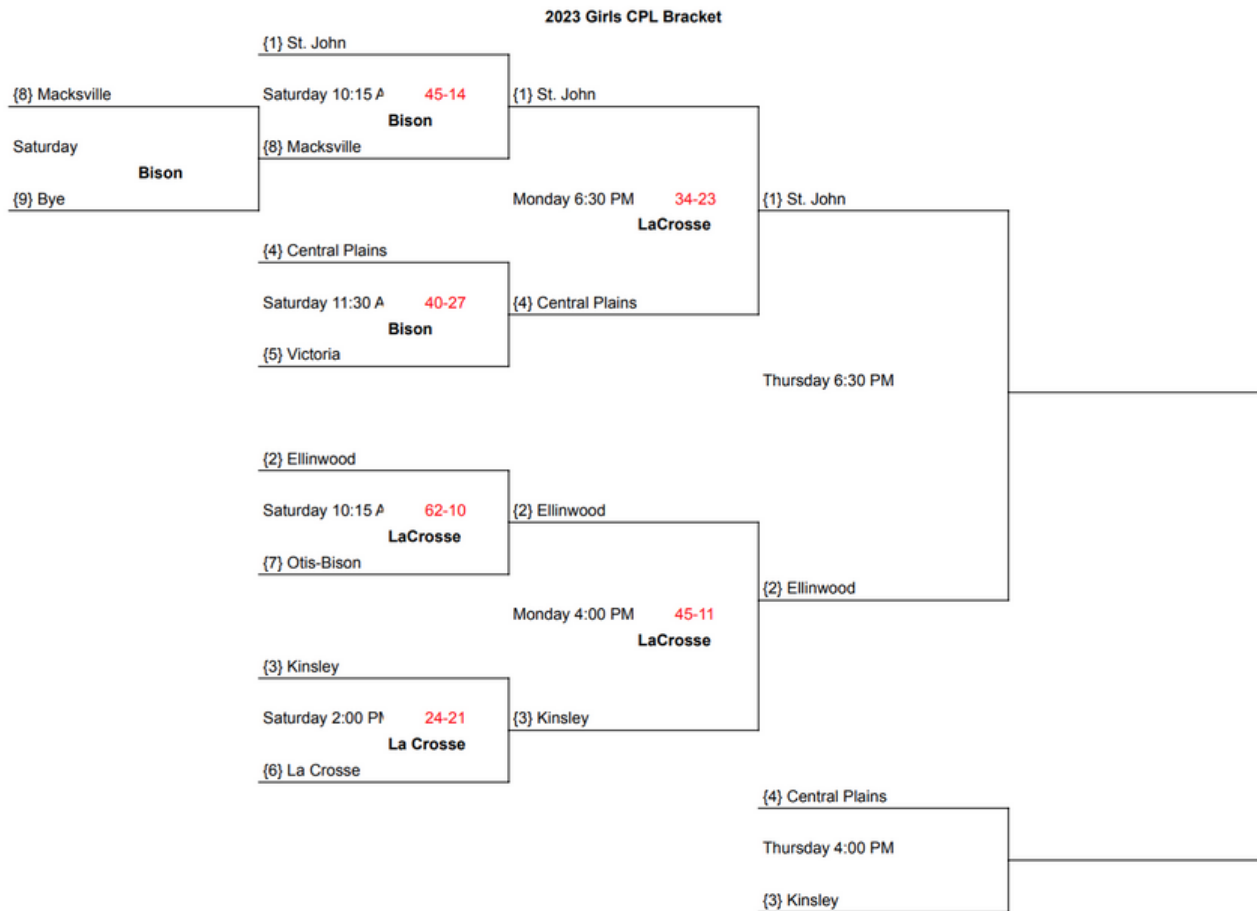
March 3 at Chase



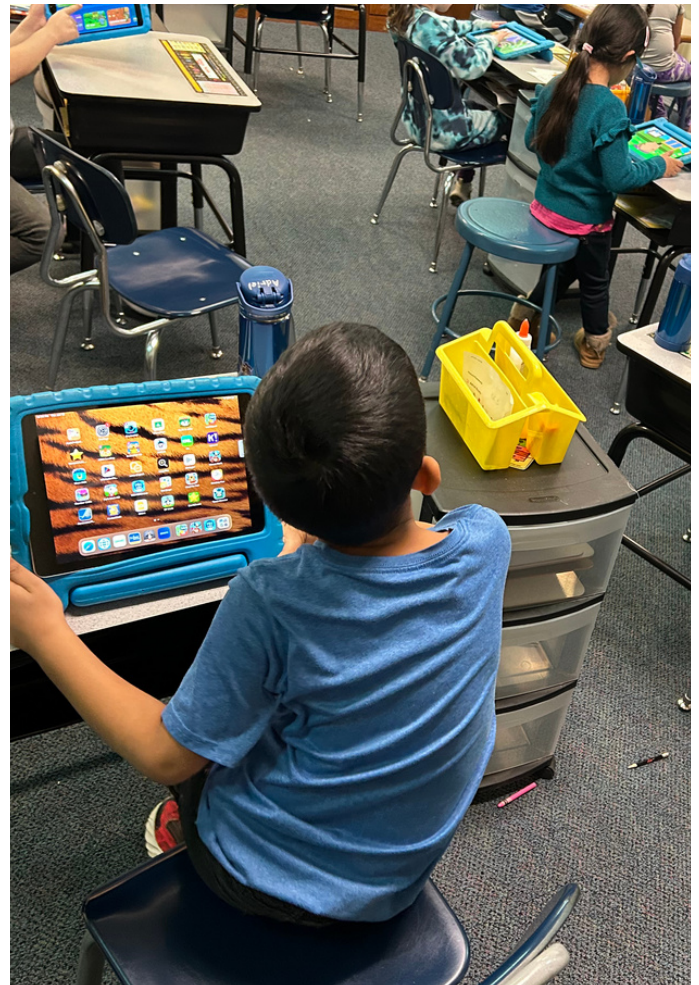
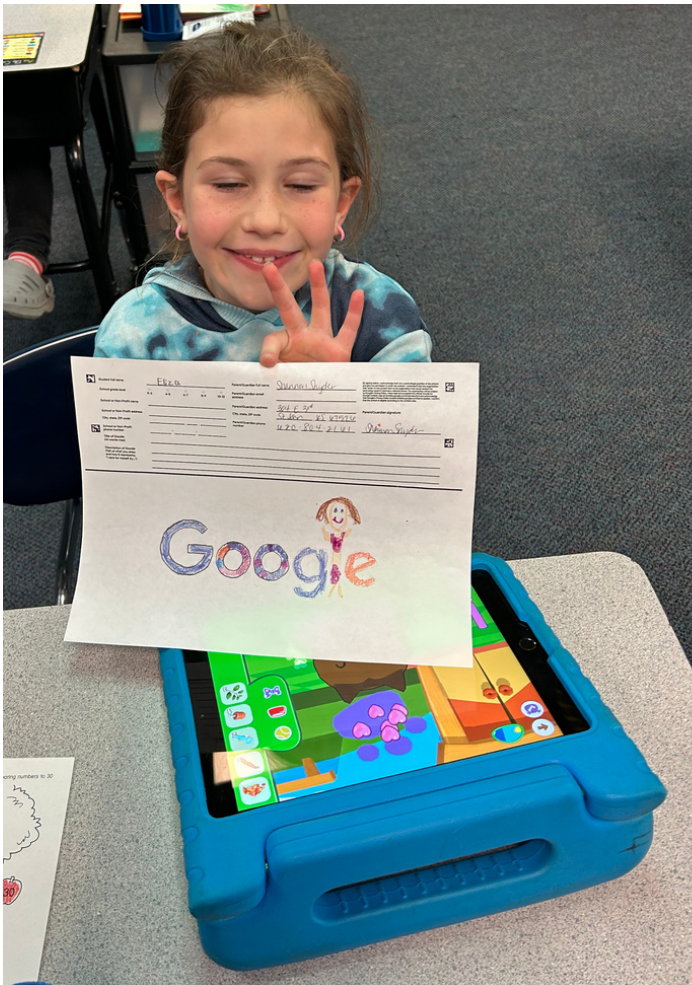
JH CPL BASKETBALL BRACKETS

By Justin Nusser



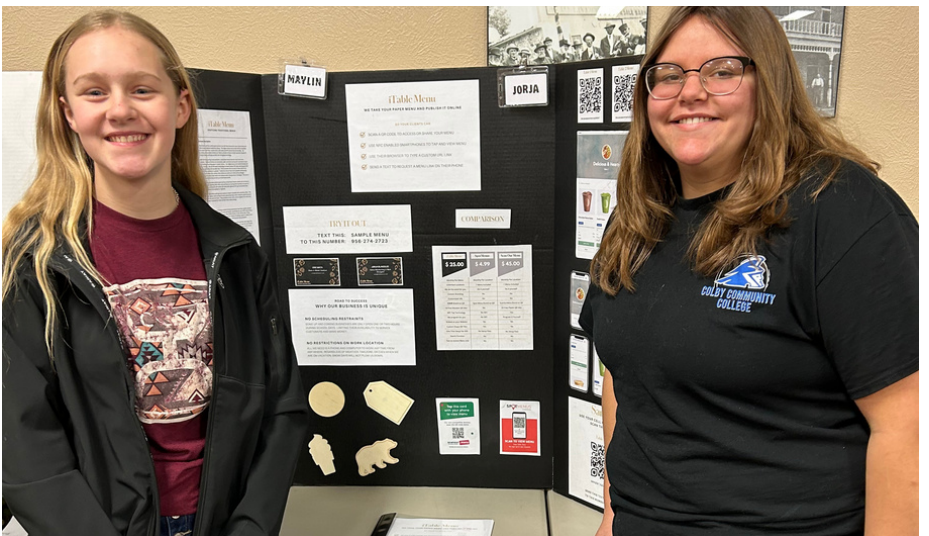
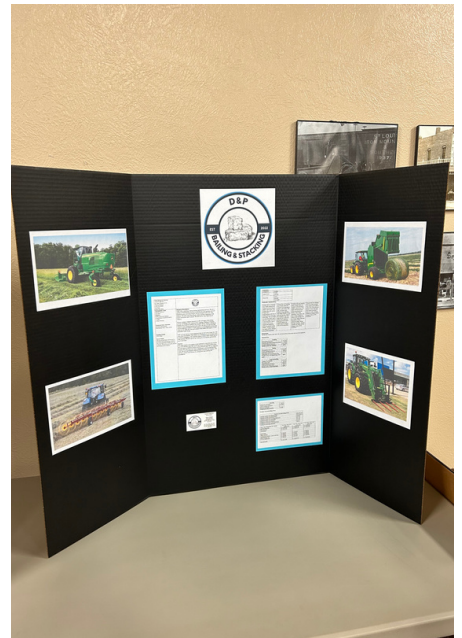
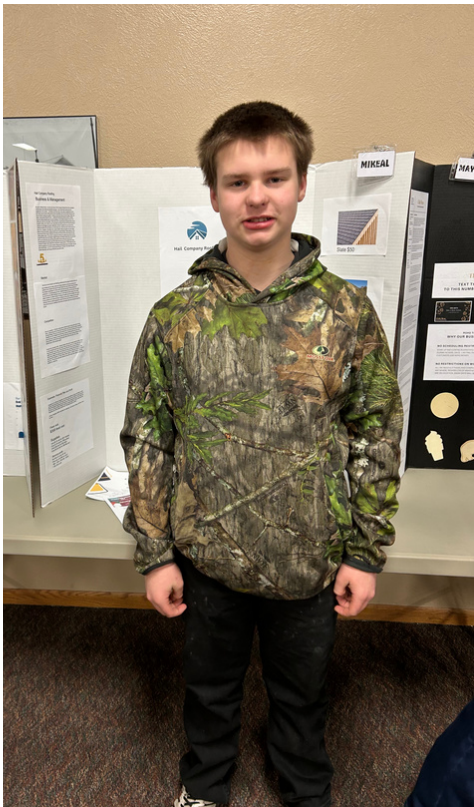
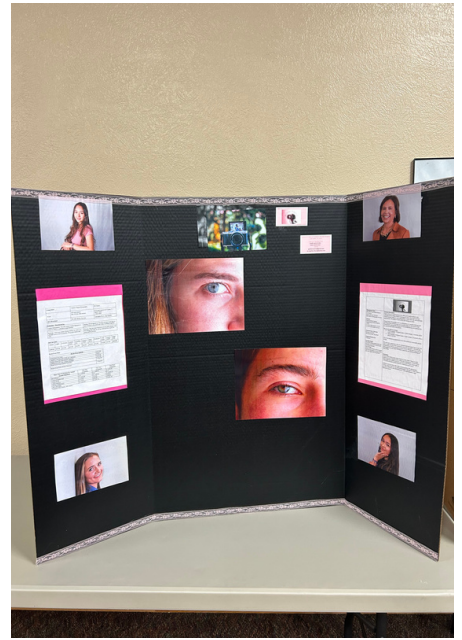
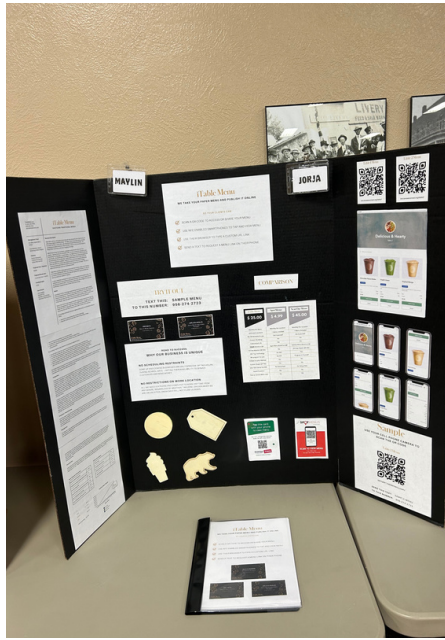


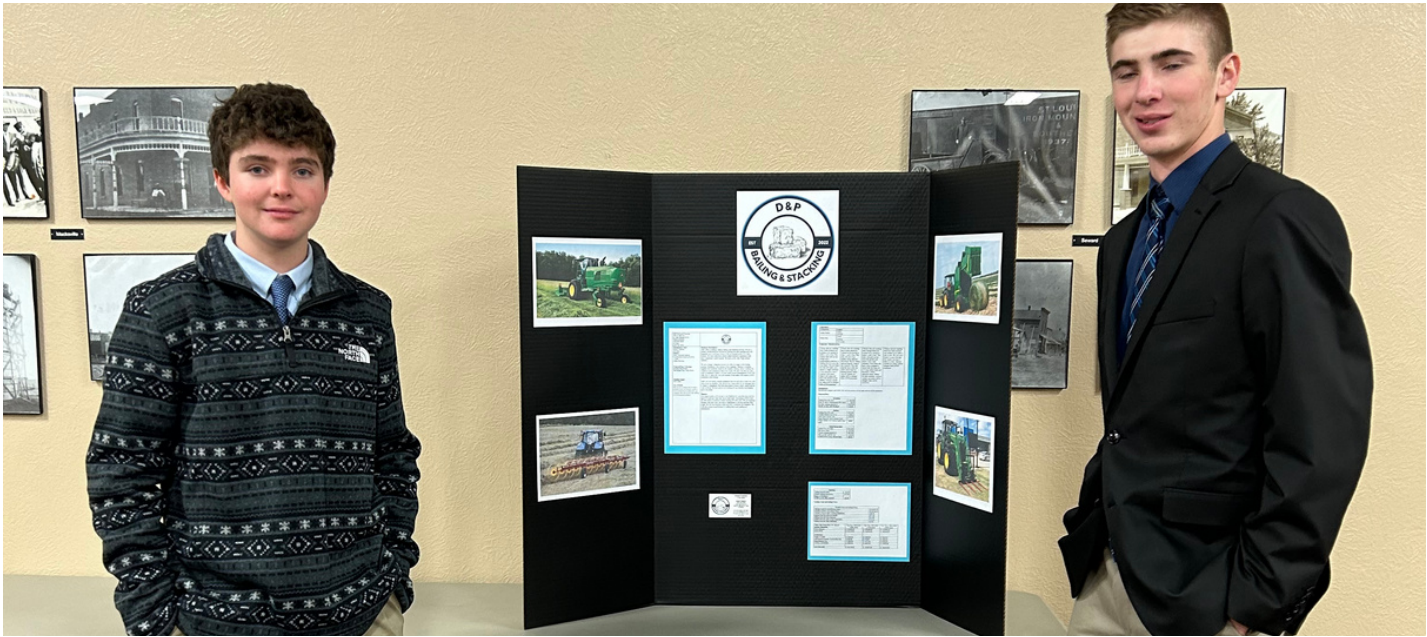
GALLERY



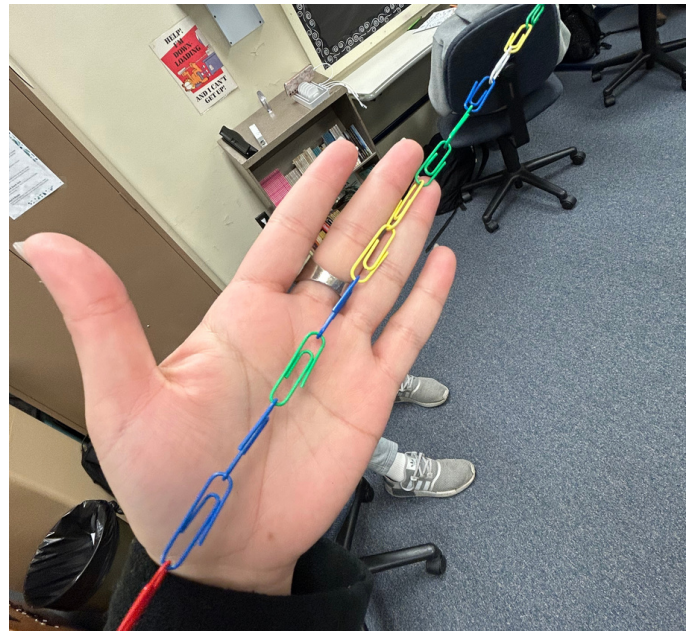




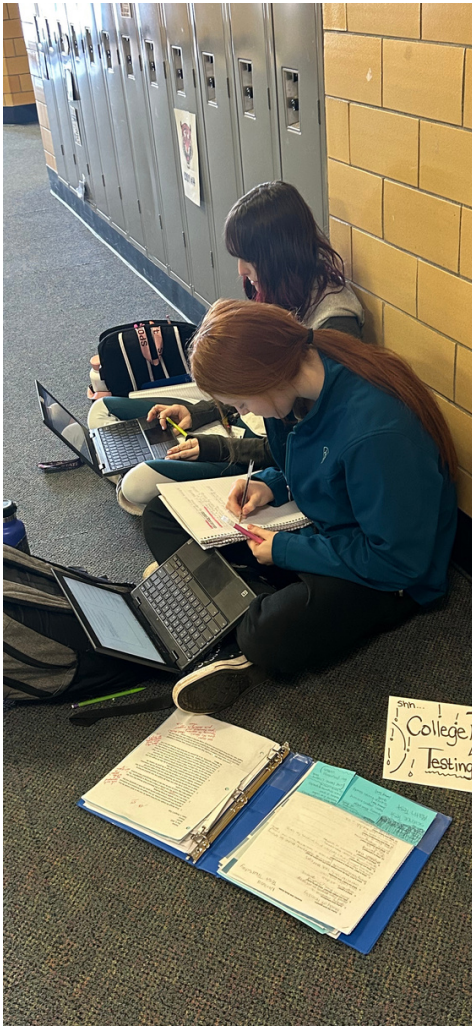








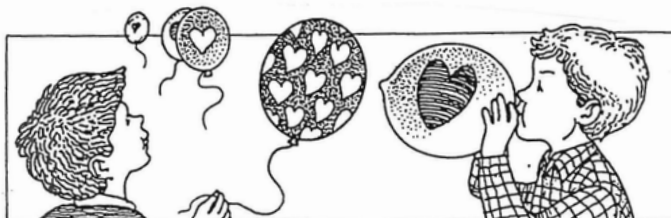




FOOD MENU



USD # 350				
FEBRUARY 2023				
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 BREAKFAST	2 BREAKFAST	3 BREAKFAST
		Biscuits & Gravy Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Mixed Fruit Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
		Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Sliced Peaches Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Quesadilla Lettuce Salad Refried Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Broccoli Pineapple Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk
6 BREAKFAST	7 BREAKFAST	8 BREAKFAST	9 BREAKFAST	10 BREAKFAST
Mini Waffles Peaches Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Burrito Pineapple Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Pumpkin Bread Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Ham & Cheese Sadwich Tater Wedges Baby Carrots Applesauce Cookie Fresh Fruit Milk	Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli Pineapple Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garden Salad Green Beans Sliced Pears French Bread Fresh Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Potatoes & Gravy Peas Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Cheeseburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
13 BREAKFAST	14 BREAKFAST	15 BREAKFAST	16 BREAKFAST	17 BREAKFAST
Pancake on A Stick Mixed Fruit Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Muffin Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Biscuits & Gravy Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks Pears Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Banana Bread Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Italian Pasta Bake Lettuce Salad Green Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit French Bread Milk	Chicken Patty Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Vegetables Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Chili Relish Plate Sliced Pears Cinnamon Roll Crackers Fresh Fruit Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Baby Carrots Corn Applesauce Fresh Fruit Milk	Soft Taco Lettuce & Tomato Cheddar Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk
20 BREAKFAST	21 BREAKFAST	22 BREAKFAST	23 BREAKFAST	24 BREAKFAST
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider	Mini Waffles Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Applesauce Grape Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Bar Pears Orange Juice Cereal Milk	Pumpkin Bread Peaches Pineapple/Orange Juice Cereal Milk
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
NO SCHOOL!!!	Hamburger/Bun French Fries Baked Beans Applesauce Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk	Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Baby Carrots Sliced Pears Fresh Fruit Birthday Cake Milk	Huntington Chicken Lettuce Salad Green Beans Peaches Hot Roll Fresh Fruit Milk	Cheese Quesadilla Baby Carrots Corn Pineapple Fresh Fruit Milk
27 BREAKFAST	28 BREAKFAST			
Pancake on a Stick Pineapple Apple Juice Cereal Milk	Breakfast Pizza Peaches Grape Juice Cereal Milk			
LUNCH	LUNCH			
Chicken Tetrassini Garden Salad Green Beans Peaches Fresh Fruit Hot Roll Milk	Bar-B-Q Rib/Bun Tater Wedges Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Fresh Fruit Milk			



HELLO FEBRUARY!

by Blain White, HS Principal

To me February seems to drag on a bit. I'm not sure what it is. Maybe it's the weather, maybe it's the anticipation of the fury of activity that hits after spring break, maybe it's because January seems to go by so fast, maybe it's just the 7th inning stretch. Whatever it is, the shortest month of the year sometimes seems like the longest to me. This is the time of year that I have to really concentrate on being positive. If February feels the same to you, or any time of year really, I encourage you to find a way to stay positive. There are a many different studies out there that provide data that prove that maintaining a positive mental attitude has a profound impact on both your physical and emotional health, your relationships, your behaviors and even your success in your career and family life. As Roy T. Bennett said in *The Light In The Heart*, "More smiling, less worrying. More compassion, less judgment. More blessed, less stressed. More love, less hate."

Here are just a couple of things we have going on this month that you can be looking forward to. Sometime within the next few weeks we will start the process of pre-enrolling students in classes for the 2023-2024 school year. This is an important part of planning because it tells us which courses students are requesting and lets us begin the scheduling process. We are also exploring new courses for students to take that we haven't been able to offer in the past. Our pre-enrollment process will give students an opportunity to express their interest in these classes. Pre-Enrollment will open for student submission on Feb. 13th and will close the online pre-enrollment process at the end of Spring Break. Students or parents with questions about enrollment should contact Mrs. Hacker.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

On March 6th and 7th we will have Parent Teacher conferences. Scheduling for these conferences will start soon so parents have time to organize their schedules. At the Junior High and High School, the student's LS teacher will work with them to schedule a time and day. Students will be encouraged to communicate with parents when choosing a time. You will get a letter that tells when your scheduled time is. If you need to change the time/day, you will be able to do so by contacting your child's LS teacher.

Have a great month. As always, it's a great day to be a TIGER!!!

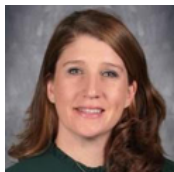


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