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Superintendent Report

February 2020

by Dr. Galen Boldt



From the Superintendent February 2020

Greetings!!!

We are in full swing in the second semester and the clock seems like it just gains energy and speed!! Lots going on with things pertaining to JCC. I will touch on a couple of them in some detail, but would encourage you to let me know if you have questions or want to know more about other things happening at school.

At the Board of Education level, we are journeying down a path that could lead to a potential vote of the public on a bond levy that would combine some renovation with new construction to get all of our PreK-12 students to the Tecumseh site. The primary reason that Tecumseh would be the site for the move pertains to the large majority of our students (71%) that live within one mile of the current Tecumseh buildings. Inefficiencies in operations with aging buildings at two different sites are also driving our thoughts about a move to one location, but the safety considerations of shuttling over 200 students twice a day add an element to the discussion that requires attention.

If anything happens, we need to be very specific about costs, programming, and building details. In November, the Board interviewed 3 different architecture firms with the purpose of engaging someone that could provide those types of detail. Clark Enerson Partners (CEP) was chosen to engage in pre-bond design work, which means they will put together designs that suit our needs without charging for their services. They would continue to work side-by-side with us until such time as we would pass a successful bond, whether that was soon or in later years. They have reviewed all the information that was generated from our discussions last year as well as the facility assessments that were conducted, and are just beginning to meet with administrators and Board of Education Building Committee members to better understand what we believe would meet our needs now and in the future.

CEP put together a draft project schedule, and in summary the initial plans would include doing the work to conduct a special election in August. The August date provides the district a substantial savings if the bond were to be successful so that the levy could be assessed for the 20-21 school year, allowing the district access to the dollars necessary to start construction. Their timeline (remember this is a draft) includes:

- January – Preliminary Program Verification
- February – Preliminary Design
- March – Public Survey; Public Information Meetings
- April, May – Public Information Meetings
- June – BOE makes resolution for Special Bond
- August 11 – Bond Election

September - Begin Construction/Design Development
November thru February – Construction Documents developed
March 2021 – Bidding
April – Construction begins

It is important to remember that in order to understand the implications regarding future renovation and construction, the specific details must be determined by an architect working in conjunction with other professionals to get the best estimates regarding current construction costs. It is equally important to understand that the district is not subject to expenses for these services until a successful bond is passed by a majority of the people. As the draft schedule suggests, the Board of Education will not make a final decision about how to move forward until the June Board Meeting.

Well, the legislature is back in session and there is talk about addressing school funding and property tax issues again. This discussion has been ongoing for almost a decade now (or longer), and hopes are high that meaningful reform will happen to ease the burden of paying for schooling from our agriculture community. Johnson County Central, like many schools our size, gets a small amount of State Aid from Allocated Income Tax (\$51,955 this past year), but is not eligible to receive equalized dollars that make up the lion's share of Nebraska State Aid. The main bill that will be debated is LB 974, and it looks like the best language yet to give schools like JCC a better chance to receive more from the State. It has a 3 year reduction of property taxes built in with an aid per student amount to replace the property tax income that is lost as a result of the lower valuation. As presented, the bill does not raise income or sales tax, but relies on the projected surplus over the next few years. I would have some concerns that we base these new dollars on a "projected" surplus when we don't really know how much that will amount to. Regardless, it is a good sign that they are at least considering some changes, and hopefully there will be some compromises that will be good for kids.

Speaking of state aid, you all received a slip from the Department of Revenue about State Aid Allocated to Local Subdivisions Within the County. The slips says that JCC received \$403,895.17 in State Aid when in fact the Department of Revenue and the Department of Education are using the same term (state aid) to mean 2 different things. The Department of Revenue's version includes the same NDE State Aid, but adds to that the money we get from the state for Special Education and State Apportionment. The matter is confusing to me, but I was able to track down someone from the Department of Revenue to give me an answer that makes sense. This might all seem like a bit of rambling from me, but if you have further questions, I would be happy to have you come in and we can look at our audit together and compare those numbers to that slip sent out with you taxes. Seems like we make simple things more confusing all the time.



Go Thunderbirds!

2019-2020 School Event Calendar 2nd Semester

SEE CHANGES TO FEBRUARY CALENDAR

January 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January	
1 - 3	No School Christmas Vacation
3	Teacher Workday
6	2nd Semester Classes Begin
20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
20 student days 21 teacher days	

February 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

February	
14	No School for Students Teacher In-Service -
19	No School for Students Parent Teachers Conferences 12:00 pm- 8:00 pm
21	Early Dismissal 1:00
24	No School—PK—5 ONLY
18 student days 20 teacher days	

March 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

March	
5	End of 3rd Quarter
6	No School - Spring Break
9	No School - Spring Break
20 student days 20 teacher days	

April 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

April	
3	Early Dismissal 1:00
10	Easter Break - No School
13	Easter Break - No School
23	No School—District Music Contest
20 student days 20 teacher days	

May 2020						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

May	
9	Graduation
21	Last Day of Classes - End of 4th Quarter
22	Teacher Workday
15 student days 16 teacher days	
Total 2nd Sem. Student Days - 93	
Total 2nd Sem. Teacher Days - 97	

Census Collection Just Around the Corner

It is important for all of our Johnson County Central residents to understand the importance of an accurate accounting of our people for many reasons, but in particular for the benefit of our school. According to information from the US Census Bureau we all need to understand the importance of accuracy because:

- The Census determines how funds are spent for Early Childhood care, K-12 and higher education
- The Census determines how funds are spent for technology training

At Stake in the 2020 Census are some 300 federal programs that distribute more than \$800 billion in federal dollars to states. A recent analysis by George Washington University found that Nebraska in 2016 received just under \$4 billion through such programs. At those funding levels, each person missed in the 2020 Census costs the state about \$21,000 over the 10 years until the next Census. If the state count is off by one-tenth of a percent, it would cost Nebraska \$400 million over those 10 years.

Information regarding the collection will be coming out in Mid-March about how to respond to the invitation to participate. Please make a conscious decision to provide accurate information to the government that will result in benefits for the students at Johnson County Central.

Information taken from resources from:

US 2020 Census <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

US Census Bureau U.S. Census 2020

Be A Census Taker <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Winter is strengthening its grip on us with snow and bitter cold – try and stay warm. The month of February is our first step in preparation for next fall where our students will start pre-registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

What is pre-registration? The students choose their top eight classes and two options – At this time there is no set schedule. Once all pre-registrations are complete we'll plan the class schedule. Every student must sign their pre-registration form and their parent must also sign the form. This gives the parents the opportunity to see their student's class selections and "sign off" on it. Mrs. Reuter, the school counselor, is the final signature on every student's pre-registration form. She reviews each student's class selection to verify they are taking appropriate classes which are required for each grade and are meeting their graduation requirements.

Students will receive their pre-registration forms on Thursday, February 6, 2020. They will be due back to the office on Friday, February 28, 2020. This due date is necessary so that we can plan the class schedule. We try to create a schedule that accommodates the most students with the least amount of conflicts. Once we have the best class schedule created, Mrs. Reuter will personally meet with each student who has a class conflict. A student will only have a class schedule conflict if they are unable to get an eight period class schedule by using their eight selected classes or two options. Mrs. Reuter will then aid them in selecting an additional alternate class until we are able to fill their eight periods with an appropriate schedule.

After we have completed a successful class schedule, I will send out summer pre-registration letters to all students. Around the first week in August, each student will receive this letter which will contain their actual class schedule, complete with periods and teachers for every class. If the students and parents are satisfied with this schedule, nothing more needs to be done before the beginning of school next fall. If students desire to make changes to their class schedule they will have two days (to be announced), to meet with the counselor to make changes prior to the start of school. Students will also have the first five days of the 2020-2021 school year to change their class schedule.

I am encouraging every parent to work with your student to help them plan their 2020-2021 class schedule – your input and encouragement is essential.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

BY RICH BACON

Students who made the 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester Honor Roll were recognized at a school assembly in January. JCC teachers challenge their students on a daily basis with high expectations and challenging curriculum and these students excelled in the classroom during the 1st semester. These students worked hard, turned in assignments, studied for tests, and met each of their individual teachers' classroom expectations. The following students received special recognition for earning straight A's for the 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, and 1st Semester:

8th Grade: Catherine Blomstedt, Maya Straka

7th Grade: Gabe Burki, Salena Conley, Kali Drake, Keegan Jones & Lydia Mejia and

6th Grade: Ashley Beethe, Danny Kongmanyong, Levi Othmer, Briana Robeson,
Saige Rother, Wes Swanson & Owen Weber.

Congratulations to all students who were recognized at the assembly.

The Junior High Boys' Basketball teams finished their season at the Malcolm Tournament in December. The A-team finished with a 7-4 record and the B-team finished with a 7-5 record and the C-team was 2-0. The A-team was the Runner-up at the Malcolm Tournament and finished in 3rd place at the JCC Invite & the Palmyra Fun Day Tournament. The B-team was the Elmwood-Murdock Tournament Champions and finished in 3rd place at the JCC Invite, the Palmyra Fun Day Tournament and the Malcolm Tournament. The Johnson County Central Junior High wrestling team and girl's basketball team started practice in early January in preparation of their upcoming season. There are several opportunities for our fans to watch them at a home contest or one close by. Please come and cheer on our athletes and coaches. Good luck to both teams and their coaches. Go Thunderbirds!

7th grader Lydia Mejia was selected to participate with the Singing Youth of Nebraska in North Platte in January. She was selected out of over 300 who auditioned from across the state. Lydia, along with 8th graders Catherine Blomstedt and Sunnie Rother also were selected to participate in the UNO Honor Choir which, after a weather-related postponement, will be held on February 21 on the UNO campus. **Congratulations** to Lydia, Catherine and Sunnie, as well as, Mr. Doran. Go Thunderbirds!

At the conclusion of each season the Nebraska School Activities Association and the Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association recognizes students who have been nominated by their schools based on their individual academic excellence and significant contributions made to their NSAA activity. To be eligible for this honor the following leadership and scholarship guidelines must be met:

1. A nominated student must be a varsity player or organizational leader who has played a significant role on the team or in the organizational activity.
2. A nominated student must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average, in all curricular subjects, of 93% or 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.
3. NSAA high schools may nominate a maximum of two students per NSAA activity program.

The following Johnson County Central students were recipients of the Fall 2018 NSAA Academic All-State Awards:

Football – Eli Waring & Trey Holthus;

Girls Golf – Vanessa Jimenez & Kaita Baird;

Girls Cross Country – Ashlei McDonald & Dakotah Ludemann;

Boys Cross Country – Calvin Antholz & Logan Barras;

Volleyball – Carrie Beethe & Saylor Rother;

Play Production – Eli Waring & Saylor Rother;

Unified Bowling – Carrie Beethe & Sam Buss.

Congratulations to these students for the leadership and example they have provided to the rest of the student body, and their commitment, hard work, and success in the classroom and their extracurricular activity.

Elementary News

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sat. Feb. 8—Johnson County Spelling Bee, 8 AM.
- Wed. Feb. 12—JCC School Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Tecumseh.
- Fri. Feb. 14—NO SCHOOL! Teacher in-service.
- Wed. Feb. 19—NO SCHOOL! Parent-Teacher Conferences. 12-8 pm
- Fri. Feb. 21—1:00 PM Early Dismissal.
- Mon. Feb. 24—NO SCHOOL PK-5 students only

No PK-5 on Monday, Feb. 24

JCC's Elementary is currently in the process of choosing a new Reading and ELA (English-Language Arts) curriculum. As part of that process, it is important that our teachers see the prospective curriculum in use and are able to talk with teachers using the curriculum. This will help us decide if the curriculum is a good fit for our school district. Therefore, on Monday, February 24, JCC's elementary staff will be visiting several area schools to view curriculum and visit with their staff. At the conclusion of the visits, JCC staff will convene to discuss their findings and come to some conclusions.

Over the past two years, JCC teachers have been narrowing the curriculum choices for Reading/ELA curriculum by:

- receiving samples of various curriculum to inspect lessons and content.
- meeting with representatives from various publishers via Zoom meetings.
- talking with teachers and staff from other school districts.
- reviewing curriculum alignment using the edreports.org website.

At this time, we have decided that we will be visiting schools with the Reading Wonders curriculum published by McGraw-Hill.

The curriculum should meet several needs:

1. Align to current Nebraska ELA/Reading Standards.
2. Have components of Phonics, Phonemic Awareness, Fluency, Vocabulary & Comprehension.
3. Can meet the needs of English Language Learners.
4. Contains materials for resource and special education needs.
5. Is approachable and accessible to our students.
6. Provides a clear and viable curriculum for our students.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or your child's teacher.

Johnson County Spelling Bee



Saturday, February 8, 2020

JCC Tecumseh Site Elementary Gym

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Competition



Kindergarten Round-Up

WHEN: Monday, April 27, 2020
9:00-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Johnson County Central Elementary
Building in Tecumseh.

WHO: Children residing in the Johnson County Central
school district who are, or will be,
age 5 on or before July 31, 2020.

Individual letters will be sent in April to the parents of all
Kindergarten ready students residing in Johnson County
Central's school district. If you do not receive a letter,
please call the school and let us know that you will be attending the
2020 Kindergarten Round-Up.



If applying for early registration (child will be 5 years old on or after August 1 and on or before
October 15), JCC must have received your written request by March 13, 2020.

PARENTING

All parents wonder if they're getting it right.

You're not alone. Sometimes it's hard to tell what your child needs, what her behaviors mean and if you're doing right by him. Imagine what it might feel like if you could make sense of what your child is really asking from you.

Circle of Security™ Parenting is an opportunity to join other parents just like you, for an 8-week class where you'll learn to:

- Strengthen your relationship with your child
- Be present with your child during the best and toughest of times
- Recognize your child's needs and make sense of his or her behavior
- Meet your child's needs by being bigger, stronger, wiser and kind

Who should attend: Parents or Guardians of Young Children (Ages 0-5)

Location: First Baptist Church Activity Center, 333 Jackson Street, Tecumseh, NE

Dates: February 10, 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020 Times: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Childcare and a light meal will be provided. Please indicate ages of children needing care when you register.

Cost: FREE Contact Leanne Manning by February 3, 2020 at leanne.manning@unl.edu or 402-821-2151.

How to register: Contact Leanne Manning at leanne.manning@unl.edu or 402-821-2151.

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**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll
Second Quarter 2019-2020**

Grade 8

Catherine Blomstedt (All A's)

Brett Bohling (All A's)

Arely Cabrales
Jadeyn Grobler
Ava Klein

Wyatt Ludemann (All A's)

Nathaly Martinez
Sulymar Pena

***Kaitylnn Plager**

Sunnie Rother (All A's)

Kaityn Schuster
Keven Silos

Bailee Sterup (All A's)

Maya Straka (All A's)

Terry Trew
Sergio Valles

Grade 7

Kayden Badertscher

Gabriel Burki (All A's)

Salena Conley (All A's)

Alexander Cruz (All A's)

Kali Drake (All A's)

Jersey Graham

***Juanita Grobler**

Madison Jansen

Keegan Jones (All A's)

Lydia Mejia (All A's)

Dawn Sejkora

Tucker Thomas

Logan Topp (All A's)

Nolan Wellensiek (All A's)

Grade 6

Ashley Beethe (All A's)

Charlyn Bobadilla

Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland (All A's)

Ezekiel Burki

Wyatt Case

Trevin Huskey

ChanhviLay Kongmanvong (All A's)

Harley Lubben

Marisol Mandl (All A's)

Caden McDonald

***Abriella Mejia**

Levi Othmer (All A's)

Briana Robeson (All A's)

Saige Rother (All A's)

Wesley Swanson (All A's)

Jack Waring (All A's)

Owen Weber (All A's)

***Catherine Wendt**

Cameron Werner

Honor Roll students have no grade lower than a B.

***Honor Roll with distinction is based on student's having all A's with only one B**

**Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll
First Semester 2019-2020**

Grade 8

Catherine Blomstedt (All A's)

Brett Bohling (All A's)

Arely Cabrales

Daisy Gardner

Jadeyn Grobler

Marco Hernandez

Ava Klein

***Wyatt Ludemann**

Nathaly Martinez

***Kaitylnn Plager**

Sunnie Rother (All A's)

Kaityn Schuster

Keven Silos

Bailee Sterup (All A's)

Maya Straka (All A's)

Terry Trew

Sergio Valles

Grade 7

Kayden Badertscher

Gabriel Burki (All A's)

Salena Conley (All A's)

Alexander Cruz (All A's)

Kali Drake (All A's)

Jersey Graham

***Juanita Grobler**

Madison Jansen

Keegan Jones (All A's)

Levi Mahoney-Boardman

Lydia Mejia (All A's)

Dawn Sejkora

Hailey Stafford-Thompson

Logan Topp

***Nolan Wellensiek**

Grade 6

Ashley Beethe (All A's)

Elizabeth Bstandig-Rowland (All A's)

Ezekiel Burki

Wyatt Case

Trevin Huskey

ChanhviLay Kongmanyvong (All A's)

Harley Lubben

Marisol Mandl (All A's)

Abriella Mejia

Levi Othmer (All A's)

Briana Robeson (All A's)

Saige Rother (All A's)

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Parents/Students K-5

Title 1 Book Bingo
at the **JCC High School Cafeteria**
in Tecumseh

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Students can play Bingo
and get a chance to win a book!



FREE DRINK AND POPCORN!
CHANCES TO WIN FREE
BOOKS!



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ART DEPARTMENT NEWS. SPRING 2020 JFox

EAST Central Nebraska Conference 2020 High School Art Exhibit

J.C.C. is a member of the East Central Nebraska Conference; each year the conference hosts a High School art exhibit during March, “Youth Art Month”. The show features 10 art works from 11 schools.

The E.C.N.C. exhibit will be on display in the Wells Fargo Bank Atrium, downtown Lincoln, February 28th – March 24th. Our conference exhibit represents high-school artists during Nebraska’s Youth Art Month. The display space is generously provided by NAI FMA Realty.

How are the top ten works chosen?

Johnson County Central art students are encouraged to submit their best art projects created during the current school year. J.C.C. school faculty, staff, administrators, and students are invited to serve as judges. The judges are asked to look for creativity, originality, and craftsmanship. This year on site judging will take place February 18th and 19th.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR Ms. Olivia Reuter

2019/2020 ACT Test Dates

The remaining ACT testing dates and registration deadlines for the 2019-2020 school year are listed below.

ACT Test Date

Saturday, April 4, 2020
Saturday, June 13, 2020
Saturday, July 18, 2020

Registration Deadline

Friday, February 28, 2020
Friday, May 8, 2020
Friday, June 19, 2020

Students must electronically submit a photo with the application and the admission ticket will have the student's picture printed on it. When students go to take the test, they must have a state or school issued picture ID (driver's license, school ID card, etc. and their ACT admission ticket. They will not be allowed to test without those two items. All students must also indicate the school they attend when registering. Johnson County Central High School's **school code number** is **282-319**. Students choose their testing location as a part of the registration process. Many JCC students test in Auburn, but there are other test center options in other area locations.

Students may register online at www.actstudent.org. Online registration is possible 24/7 on any computer connected to the internet. A credit or debit card must be used to pay fees online. (Fee Waivers are available for juniors and seniors who qualify-see Mrs. Reuter for waiver eligibility).

Apply Now- Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich Scholarship

JCC seniors who plan to major in business, medicine, or religion are encouraged to apply now for the Wayne J. and Wanda M. Lillich scholarships. The Lilliches wanted to give something back to the community in which they were raised. Having been reared during the Depression, Wayne and Wanda appreciated every little thing they received in those early years. When they had the opportunity to gain some wealth, they never forgot their roots. Two scholarships worth \$1800 each are available to be awarded to JCC seniors who meet the scholarship's requirements, fill out the application completely, and attach all required materials. The deadline to submit applications is 11:59 PM on March 15th. To apply for this scholarship, seniors apply through the Lincoln Community Foundation at <https://lcf.academicworks.com/>

Seniors- Apply for Scholarships Now

The local scholarship form along with many other scholarship opportunities and forms have been emailed to all JCC seniors in the past month. Seniors are welcome to ask Mrs. Reuter for help with any of these scholarships. It is very important that they start working on these scholarship forms well before the deadline dates as several require a number of steps to complete. Many also require teacher or counselor recommendation letters. Students will need to ask for these letters at least a week or two ahead of time.

Looking Ahead- Education Quest Spring College Fairs

These free events will feature colleges across the state, region, and country to help you find the right fit. Before you attend: Register for a barcode at NebraskaCollegeFairs.org and come up with questions to ask college representatives. The two fairs nearest Tecumseh are:

Lincoln Area College Fair

March 29, 2020

Southeast Community College - Lincoln
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Central Time
8800 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68520

Omaha Area College Fair

April 5, 2020

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Central Time
Sapp Fieldhouse - UNO
6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68182

Meet the Class of 2020

This month, I am continuing to feature the Class of 2020 in my newsletter article. Here are the next four senior profiles.

Gabriel DeFreece



Gabriel (Gabe) DeFreece is the son of Steve and Paula DeFreece of Tecumseh. He has one sister, Schyler, who is 21 and one brother, Jonathan, who is 11. His favorite class in high school has been strength training and his most challenging classes have been physics and calculus. Gabe's activities during high school have included choir, striv broadcasting, jazz band, and track and field, and his hobbies/activities outside of school include baseball, music, and building and learning about computers. His favorite school lunch is Stromboli. Gabe's favorite thing about being a senior is, "That I'm finally graduating," and his advice to freshmen is, "Take classes that will help you in the future." After high school graduation, Gabe plans to attend Southeast Community College- Lincoln and enter into the computer information technology program.

Jordan Hunzeker

Jordan Nicole Hunzeker lives on a farm near Tecumseh and is the daughter of Greg and Karen Hunzeker. She has two sisters, Erin (21) and Erika (22). Her favorite high school class is government because they get to debate on many topics and her most challenging class has been pre-calculus. Jordan's school activities at JCC have been golf, basketball, track, one-act, and FBLA. Her hobbies outside of school are sports and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Her favorite thing about being a senior is that she misses school a lot for activities and her advice to freshmen is, "Show up to school because Saturday school is boring." After she graduates high school, Jordan plans to go to the University of Nebraska- Lincoln and major in Business. In ten years, she sees herself graduated from college, working at a big girl job in the field of business, and living in Lincoln with a husband and kids hopefully.



Manuel Ramirez



Manuel De Jesus Ramirez is the son of Jose and Emilia Ramirez of Tecumseh. He has two sisters, Daisy (23) and Nancy (22). His favorite class at JCC was geometry because it was easy and they did a lot of fun activities in that class and his most challenging class was chemistry since he had to learn a lot of material and it took a while to get the hang of things. During high school, Manuel has been involved in vocal music all four years and basketball his freshman year. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Manuel works in Elk Creek with some of his high school friends. According to Manuel, the best thing about being a senior is, "Enjoying the last moments that I will have with my fellow senior classmates. Also, it feels great to be the top dogs in the school and

have kids younger than us look up to us." Manuel's advice to freshmen is, "Work hard and never give up on achieving your goals in life. Don't listen to what other people say and don't be afraid to challenge yourself." After he graduates from high school in May, Manuel plans to work during the summer in Louisiana with his dad doing construction work and then return in August to attend Metro Community College in Omaha to study in the electrician program. He wants to become an electrician because that's what his father does and he finds it interesting. He believes that college will teach him a lot more about electricity and will give him better ideas about how things work. In ten years, Manuel sees himself working in his dream job as an electrician making good money and having a nice home. He sees himself married and living where the weather is warmer. By this point in life, he feels that he will have accomplished a lot of his goals with the best one achieved being making his parents proud.

Tanner Kerner



Tanner Kerner lives just outside of Tecumseh and is the son of Vince and Gina Kerner. He has an older sister named Sara who is 31 and an older brother named Spencer who is 28. Tanner's favorite class at JCC have been all of his science classes because they have helped him figure out what he wants to do in life. His most challenging class has been calculus. Tanner's school activities in high school have been football, golf, FFA, quiz bowl, basketball, one act play, and HOSA and his hobbies outside of school are fishing, hunting, and just being outside. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. After he graduates from high school, Tanner plans to attend either Northwest Missouri State or the University of Nebraska- Kearney and major in Biology and minor in Wildlife Management. The best thing about being a senior according to Tanner is, "Knowing I get out of school earlier than everyone else." Tanner's advice to freshmen is, "Don't procrastinate." In ten years, Tanner sees himself living in Montana or Wyoming, having a family, and a job as a wildlife biologist.

JCC BOOSTER CLUB

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FEB. 13TH

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JCC Vocal Music – Thomas Doran

We are back into a routine in the vocal music realm and what a whirlwind the first part of this semester has been. Starting with January 5 & 6, Vanessa Jimenez & Emma Walters traveled to Crete and participated in the Doane Vocal Festival. This busy, two-day festival allowed the students to rehearse, watch the Doane choirs in concert, attend a dance, and present a final concert.

The Nebraska Choral Directors Association sponsored the bi-annual Singing Youth of Nebraska Honor Choir in North Platte, on January 11. This auditioned honor choir consists of 120 Nebraska 7th, 8th & 9th grade singers. JCC students who were selected and participated were Hayden Huskey (9th grade), Lydia Mejia (7th grade), & Tanner Woods (9th grade).

Catherine Blomstedt, Lydia Mejia, & Sunnie Rother auditioned and were selected for the UNO Middle School Honor Choir. They will sing in Omaha Friday, February 21, 2020.

Tuesday, March 3, JCC will host the 27th annual Freshmore Clinic. This is a clinic Mr. Doran started in 1994 to help strengthen the younger voices (Freshmen and Sophomores) for choirs from area schools. We'll rehearse all day in the Elementary Auditorium and present a 6:30 PM concert that evening. The concert is free so come join us! This year's clinician is Fred Ritter retired director from Columbus high school and our accompanist is Karen Reynolds retired director from Tri County high school.

Here are some interesting facts about Freshmore:

- There have been 44 schools participating (some of which are no longer around): Adams; Ashland-Greenwood; Auburn; Beatrice; Columbus; Conestoga; Crete; Cross County; Dawson Verdon; Diller-Odell; Doniphan-Trumbull; Fairbury; Falls City; Falls City Sacred Heart; Freeman; Gretna; Johnson-Brock; Johnson County Central; Lewiston; Lincoln Christian; Lincoln Lutheran; Lincoln Northeast; Lincoln Southeast; Louisville; Lourdes Central Catholic; Malcolm; Mead; Meridian; Nebraska City; Nemaha Valley; Palmyra; Parkview Christian; Pawnee City; Plattsmouth; Southeast Consolidated; Syracuse; Table Rock-Steinhauer; Tecumseh; Tri-County; Wahoo; Waterloo; Waverly; Weeping Water & Yutan.
- There have been a total of 62 different directors who have brought students from those 44 schools.
- A total of 3882 singers have performed (not including guest show choirs) which averages to 155 a year. The high participation was 260 the low was 75. We have had only one cancellation due to weather.
- Four have been held on March 4, three each March 7 & March 8, and two on March 5 (my birthday). While the others have been spread around the months of February & March with 1 in April.
- 84 different songs have been performed.
- 2 of those songs have been written for us.

BACKPACKS ARE AN IMPORTANT PROJECT

Greetings in a new year from the Backpack Program of Johnson County! This program provides 72 backpacks to families of Sterling, St. Andrews and Johnson County Central. Students grades K-High school are eligible.

The items in the backpack are intended to supplement the family's meals over the week-ends. The backpack helps families provide a little more on weekends when the students aren't eating breakfast and/or lunch or both at school during the week.

In some week's backpack, there is a bread or egg voucher included to be redeemed at Tecumseh Central Market in Tecumseh or at The Jet Stop in Sterling.

Thank you to all those individuals, businesses, organizations and Church groups who have donated toward this most important project. Please consider donating if possible. Please direct any questions toward Jon Rother at JCC 402-335-3320 or Nicole at SENCA at 402-335-2134.

Each backpack costs \$250 a school year per family. If you are able to donate any amount toward a backpack, please write your check to JCC Schools and on the memo line, write Child Hunger. Please mail donation to: Johnson County Central, Attn: Daisy P.O. Box 338, Tecumseh NE 68450.

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February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 BB V Boys & Girls ECNC Tourney—TBD Speech Contest —Nudecas @ HTRS—8 am BB Girls Jr High Tourney @ JCC Middle School, Cook—8:30 am
2 3 BB V Boys ECNC Tourney—TBD FFA 2020 Annual Educational Risk Mgmt Ag Mtg @ Auburn - 2 pm	4 Strive Winter Summit @ Midland, Fremont—9 am BB V Girls ECNC Tourney—TBD	5 Jr & Sr Visit to Wayne State—10 am	6 BB V Boys ECNC Tourney— TBD BB JH Girls vs Palmyra @ JCC MS Cook—4 pm	7 BB V Girls ECNC Tourney—TBD Wrestling ECNC Tourney @ Weeping Water—2 pm	8 Johnson County Spelling Bee @ JCC Elem Auditorium, Tecumseh—8:00 am BB V Girls & Boys ECNC Tourney—TBD Wrestling Invite @ Weeping Water—10 am	
9 10 BB C Team Boys vs Elmwood Murdock @ JCC HS Tecumseh 6 pm	11 Wrestling V Invite @ Lincoln High—3:30 pm BB Girls JH vs Weeping Water @ Weeping Water 4 pm BB Girls V vs Elmwood Murdock @ JCC HS Tecumseh 6 pm BB Boys JV/V vs Elmwood Murdock @ JCC HS Tecumseh - 4:30/7:45 pm	12 FBLA Peru Business Contest @ Peru State College—8 a.m. JCC Board of Education Meeting @ Tecumseh Site HS Cafeteria—6:30 pm	13 JCC Booster Club HOT BEEF Dinner—JCC HS Cafeteria 5-7 pm BB Girls V vs Yutan @ JCC HS Tecumseh—6 pm BB Boys JV/V vs Yutan @ JCC HS Tecumseh— 4:30/7:45 pm	14  NO SCHOOL Teacher In Service Wrestling V District Tourney @ St. Paul—TBD	15 Wrestling V District Tourney @ St. Paul—TBD BB Boy & Girls C Team Tourney @ JCC MS Cook—9 am	
16 17 BB Girls JH vs Syracuse @ Syracuse— 4:30 pm	18 BB Girls V Sub Districts @ Diller Odell—TBD Wrestling JH Triangular @ Ashland Greenwood HS— 4:30 pm Book Bingo @ JCC HS Tecumseh 7:00 pm	19 NO SCHOOL (For Students) Parent/Teacher Conferences 12—8 pm	20 BB Girls Varsity Sub Districts @ Diller-Odell—TBD	21 EARLY DISMISSAL—1 pm BB Boys JV/V vs Auburn @ Auburn—6/7:30 pm UNO MS Honor Choir— UNO Omaha—8 am	22 BB Girls JH Tourney @ Palmyra—8 am	
23 24 NO SCHOOL Prek-5th Grade only BB Girls JH vs Pawnee City @ JCC MS, Cook 4 pm	25 BB Boys V Sub Districts @ Auburn—TBD	26 ECNC Speech Contest @ Louisville—9:00 am FFA District Welding @ SCC Lincoln—9 am	27 BB Boys V Sub Districts @ Auburn—TBD BB Girls JH vs Falls City @ Falls City—4 pm Wrestling JH Invite @ Falls City—4:30 pm	28 Wrestling JH Invite @ Weeping Water—4 pm Peru State College Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash—Grades K-2 Peru State College—1 pm	29 Wrestling Varsity State Championships— CHI Health Center—Omaha—February 20—February 22	

Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 Hot Ham & Cheese Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	5 Chili Cheese Stick Cinnamon Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6 Chef's Choice	7 Spaghetti / Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	8
9	10 Taco Salad WG Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Hot Dog / Wg Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	12 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Shredded Pork WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14 No School Teacher In-service	15
16	17 Beef Finger Mashed Potato Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 Sloppy Joe WG Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 No School Parent Teacher Conference	20 Cheeseburger WG Bun Cowboy Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 Elem. PB & Jelly HS & MS Stuffed Baked Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	22
23	24 Chicken Tender Wrap Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	25 Sloppy Nacho Black Bean Salsa Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Ash Wednesday Chefs Choice	27 Breaded Beef Patty WG Bun Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28 Cheese Pizza Rice Crispy Bar Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	29
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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 Dr. Galen Boldt, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

NO School—February 14th
Teacher Workday

NO School—February 19th
Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:00 pm—8:00 pm

1:00 Dismissal - both Sites
Friday, February 21

NO School - February 24
PreK-5th Grade ONLY

