



Superintendent Monthly Update



..... **Budgeting**

Where the Money Comes From and What To Do With It

by **Jon Rother** . September 2020

Johnson County Central’s budget is developed by first using our “Budget Authority” set by the State of Nebraska. The Nebraska Department of Education looks at our school district, the number of students, growth, grants, summer school, poverty, LEP (Limited English Proficiency) and special education. With expenses for these programs, a school district’s budget authority will be determined by the greatest of one of the following three formulas:

- Budget Based Calculation (this was used for JCC)
- Student Growth Adjustment Calculation
- Formula Needs Calculation

A Budget Based Calculation is calculated using the following formula:

$$((\text{Previous Year's Budget} - \text{Special Grant Funds} - \text{Special Education Budget} - \text{General Fund Lid Exclusions}) \times 1.025) + \text{Basic Allowable Growth Rate (2.5\%)}$$

With the Budget Based Calculation, the state is basically saying we are going to budget for the same as the previous year after deductions have been made for any federal or grant money. Next they account for budget growth due to inflation. This then gives us our spending lid. We cannot budget for more than, or spend above, the Budget Authority.

We also cannot levy, or ask for, more than \$1.05 from our property valuations to budget for the school district. Our levy is how much each taxpayer will pay per \$100 of the value of their property. As an example, if a property was valued at \$100,000 then the owner would calculate their taxes to the school for a levy set at \$0.98 or 98 cents in the following way:  
 $(100,000/100) \times 0.98 = \$980$  total

For property valued at \$250,000:

$$(250,000/100) \times 0.98 = \$2,450$$
 total

According to the 2019 U.S. Census, the average home in Johnson County is valued at \$83,200. This means the *average* homeowner would be paying \$815.36 in property taxes to the school with the 98 cent levy example.

According to the 2017 U.S. Census of Agriculture, the average farm in Johnson County consists of 393 acres. According to the 2019 Nebraska Farm Real Estate Report the average acre of agricultural property in Southeast Nebraska is \$4,700 per acre. Currently, Johnson County’s assessment ratio for the purposes of property taxes on agricultural property is at 70% of market value. If the average farm is 393 acres with an average value of \$4,700 per acre taxed at 70% with a home on the property valued at \$83,200 then the average farm is paying \$13,486.47 per year in property taxes to the school district with a 98 cent levy.  $[(4,700 \times 393) \times .7] / 100 \times .98 + (83,200/100) \times .98 = \$13,486.47$

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Journey together...  
Creating opportunities...  
Committed to excellence!**

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Now that we've been down the "levy bunny trail" of where the money to formulate a budget comes from, let's get into budgeting. We know that we can't budget for more than our Budget Authority. And we know that to get the money for the budget, we can't ask for more than \$1.05 per \$100.00 of valuation. (Well, we could. But, that would take a levy override and we won't get into that right now.) The next steps are to look at our expenditures from previous years, upcoming expenditures and goals for the school district. Previous years' expenditures give us an idea of what to expect on all predictable expenditures like personnel, insurance, bussing, supplies and utilities. However, there may be new issues come up that we need to budget for. This is where some very important terms come into play; General Fund, Building Fund and Cash Reserve (or cash available).

General Fund = day-to-day operation of the school district; payroll, teaching supplies, textbooks, technology, school insurance, maintenance, transportation and all services.

Cash Reserve = money within the General Fund available for expenditures.

Building Fund = improvement and maintenance of facilities.

Money available in the budget for expenditures is dependent upon tax receipts coming in. A tax receipt is received when an individual actually pays their taxes. You see, it doesn't all come in at once as individuals pay their taxes at different times. The school can only pay bills if the tax money is there for use. If the tax receipts are not there, then the school may be forced to borrow money to meet the monthly obligation. However, if the budget has adequate cash flow (that is money in the bank for expenditures) then borrowing money would not be necessary. As it is, JCC has had to borrow money from its own building fund to get by. This is not good, as funds have been depleted for building issues. Department of Education finance experts recommend that each school district have *at least* three months worth of available funds in necessary cash reserve for any current and unforeseen expenses. For JCC this would be roughly \$2.1 million as our current monthly expenditures run about \$700,000 per month. As I write this our fiscal year is ending and we have about \$500,000 available in the bank. Quick math would tell you that we are about \$1.5 million short of our recommended goal for cash available in the bank.

This brings us to the unforeseen. An example would be when a \$300,000 HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) unit is in need of repair or replacement during one of the hottest times of the year. Our school district wants to have the available funds on hand to make those repairs as soon as possible. Or, when a pandemic hits the world and suddenly a school district needs more transportation, more supplies and more staff in order to safely provide education for our children. Some other items would be roofs, buses, utilities (pipes, water lines, electrical, technology related, etc.), refrigeration units, and anything on the grounds.

Then, there are the planned items. The goals of the district; new curriculum, new buses, expansion of programs, technology updates, maintaining up-to-date needs of the students, and facility improvements. These items all must be budgeted for. And, if we would ever want to build anything new, we must be putting money into the Building Fund. The Building Fund can be "built up" to help pay for big ticket items. As I write this article, JCC has \$322,000 in the Building Fund.

Right now, our budget is designed to improve our available cash for our daily expenses. As we budget for the future, there will be two goals:

1. Generate a healthy Cash Reserve (at least 3 months of expenditures)
2. Develop a healthy Building Fund
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These are in addition to maintaining our current facilities, and maintaining quality programming and education for our students. All of this comes with a price and right now, that price is paid with property taxes. As stakeholders of our public school district, it is our responsibility to provide the best educational experience possible for our resident children in order to help them pursue their hopes and dreams. I believe we are on the right track.

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## Thunderbird Family,

As fall activities begin, our priority at Johnson County Central is to provide a safe and positive atmosphere where our students can compete and experience high school sports and activities. In addition, we want our families and friends to share in the experience as much as possible. Please be flexible with us as things will be changing for both home and away events. We will do our best to keep you up to date as conditions change.

As of now, these are our Game Day Protocols for **any home volleyball games at the high school gym in Tecumseh**. These protocols have been created with guidance from the Southeast District Health Department. Please note that these may change in accordance with our local health department.

All fans are encouraged to check out the JCC Striv live streaming channel on [striv.tv/jcc](http://striv.tv/jcc). We will attempt to live stream as many events as possible, including all home varsity volleyball and football games.

- **ADMISSION POLICY:** JCC will utilize pass lists to allow fans to attend games in person, while being able to observe proper social distancing based on our gym capacity. Each athlete will be given an allotted number of family members to attend each game. This number may change on a game-by-game basis.
- **ENTRANCES:** Thunderbird fans will enter through the south doors and visiting fans are to enter through the north doors. Handicap entrance will be available at the west doors. Temperatures will be taken as you enter the building.
- **SEATING:** Home fans will sit on the south side bleachers and visiting fans will sit on the north side bleachers. All fans are to sit in family clusters, observing proper social distancing. Social distancing will be expected.
- **CONCESSIONS:** Concessions will be located in the high school cafeteria with separate entrances/exits for home and visiting fans. The home fans will utilize the east doors/side (nearest the gym) and the visiting fans will utilize the west doors/side of the cafeteria.
- **RESTROOMS:** Due to our facilities layout, our restrooms will remain the same. The Men's restroom is located on the south side and Women's on the north. Patrons will be asked to utilize the corresponding assigned sides of the cafeteria to access restrooms.
- **MASK GUIDELINES:** Fans will be asked to wear masks in high traffic areas such as hallways, restrooms and concessions, except when sitting in the bleachers in family clusters. All JCC working personnel, such gate & concession stand workers, will be required to wear a face covering and gloves.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- No band.
- No students (unless they are a family member on the pass list)
- Visiting teams will use a classroom instead of sharing a locker room
- Volleyball will be wiped down in between every point.
- Teams will remain on designated benches throughout the match. (no alternating sets)
- No post-game handshakes.
- JCC Cheerleaders will be participating
- All children must be attended by an adult at all times.

Sincerely,

Garrett Collin  
Activities Director, Johnson County Central High School



# Johnson County Central

## Return to School Plan

*(Southeast District Health Department will be the primary resource for aiding JCC in any COVID related decisions.)*

	GREEN	YELLOW	ORANGE	RED
<b>Transportation</b>	Temperatures will be taken prior to boarding school vehicles. Students with temperatures of 100 degrees or greater must stay home. Parents will be notified immediately to make arrangements.		All students will participate in remote learning from their homes. All activities will be suspended.	
	Masks will be required when social distancing on school vehicles cannot be maintained.	Masks will be required at all times on school vehicles.		
	Masks will be provided upon entry of the school vehicle should the student not have a mask/face covering. School masks will be collected by the vehicle driver when students exit at the end of the day.			
	Students will have assigned seats. When possible, students of the same household will be seated together.			
	Students will have a designated entry and exit order.			
	All school vehicles will be sanitized/disinfected after each use.			
		Additional shuttles will be utilized to maintain distancing of students.		
<b>School Arrival</b>	Students awaiting entry onto buses or the school will have temperatures taken and will have designated areas to congregate. Social distancing practices will be enforced and face masks/coverings will be in use where social distancing cannot be maintained.		Tecumseh Site Elementary students will have temperatures taken and will be sent in to their classroom. Cook Site Elementary and Middle School students will have temperatures taken and will wait for buses in designated areas.	
	Students will have designated entries to the buildings based on grade level and/ or teacher. Entry will be staggered by grade and classroom.			
<b>Breakfast</b>	Students will be served in the cafeteria. Social distancing practices will be observed.		Students will receive a bagged breakfast to be eaten in the classroom.	
<b>Classrooms</b>	Students will maintain social distancing with barriers in place where distancing cannot be maintained. Where distancing and barriers cannot be maintained or are not feasible, face masks/coverings will be utilized. <i>*In circumstances of higher risk, some classrooms will require masks at all times.</i>		In addition to distancing and barriers, face masks/coverings will be used to the extent practical. Additional spaces will be used for learning to limit the number of students in one space.	
<b>Lunch</b>	Additional spaces (gyms, commons, etc.) and classrooms will be utilized to distance students during lunch periods.			
	Elementary lunches will be delivered to their classrooms.			
<b>Recess</b>	Students will take recess with their classroom cohorts.		Recesses will remain separate and staggered, however due to space restrictions activities may be limited and face masks/coverings may be in use.	
	Multiple play areas will be designated and used in rotation.			
	Playground equipment will be sanitized after use.			
	Recess times may be staggered to allow for space.			
<b>Dismissal</b>	Students will be dismissed by grade levels with staggered dismissals through designated exits.			
<b>Bus Room</b>	Students will sit with social distancing in practice in assigned seats.		Students will wait in their classrooms for the arrival of buses.	
<b>Activities</b>	JCC activities will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The health of our students and staff, along with the health conditions of any participating schools, will be considered when making a decision about JCC's participation.			

*\*These protocols are subject to change in response to ongoing health regulations and the wellness of students at Johnson County Central.*

## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

School has started off great, students have their final schedule and extra-curricular activities are already in full gear – All this, and our students are doing very well practicing on wearing their mask and social distancing.

I met with each grade on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and had discussions over the student/parent handbook and the activities handbook – we went over some new policies and even hit some of the old ones as well. We also had discussions on the John Baylor Test Prep Program and we discussed the importance of this program. Bringing the John Baylor Test Prep Program on-line to JCC district is an investment by the district in our students ACT score: an important measure used for college admission and financial aid. Most test prep courses cost hundreds of dollars, JCC student's will complete the John Baylor ACT prep at school or home 24-7 free of charge. All JCC students will have full access to all the ACT prep sessions and bonus materials. JCC students can use the John Baylor ACT Test Prep as much as they want at school or home.

We truly believe the best and most efficient way for a student to maximize his/her potential on the ACT test is to take challenging core classes throughout their high school career. The John Baylor Test Prep Program is another tool to help students reach their potential on the ACT test. If you are interested in your student taking the John Baylor Test Prep Program, please make sure your student fills out the form they received at school.

JCC is working very hard to continue going forward with our 2020 Homecoming festivities, with the emphasize of safety for all individuals involved, by wearing masks and social distancing. With this in mind, some traditional Homecoming activities might not take place due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

JCC 2020 Homecoming football game is Friday, September 11, 2020 vs. Weeping Water at 7:00 p.m. The Homecoming coronation will take place after the football game on the track. We will have the Homecoming parade only with the senior candidates and JCC cheerleaders being escorted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. The senior candidates and JCC cheerleaders will start the parade at the high school and proceed to downtown Tecumseh and go around the square and return to the football stadium where we will have a pep rally for the high school students only. The Southeast Nebraska Health Department advised us not to have any dances therefore, we are looking at other activity options after the Homecoming coronation instead of a dance. Below is a list of Homecoming dress-up days:

Tuesday, September 8	Color Wars
Wednesday, September 9	Favorite cartoon, Movie, TV character day
Thursday, September 10	Homecoming dance dress-up day
Friday, September 11	JCC Pride day

\*All students are asked to wear appropriate attire – we want spirit week to be fun and enjoyable.

# Go Thunderbirds!

# ***HOMECOMING 2020***

## ***SPIRIT WEEK***

September 8, 2020 - September 11, 2020

**MONDAY, September 7, 2020**

NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY!!

**TUESDAY, September 8, 2020**

Color Wars:

SENIORS	Black		5TH GRADE	Camo
JUNIORS	White		4TH GRADE	Plaid
SOPHOMORES	Blue		3RD GRADE	Rainbow
FRESHMEN	Pink		2ND GRADE	Stripes
8TH GRADE	Neon Yellow		1ST GRADE	Polka Dots
7TH GRADE	Neon Orange		PRE-K & KINDER-GARTEN	Red
6TH GRADE	Neon Green		ALL STAFF	Tie Dye

**WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2020**

**Favorite Cartoon, Movie, TV Character Day** - Appropriately dress up as one of your favorite characters from a movie, television show, or cartoon.

**THURSDAY, September 10, 2020**

**Homecoming Dance Dress-up Day** - Appropriately dress up in the attire you would have worn to this year's homecoming dance. Here is your opportunity to wear your dress or important outfit you would have worn to the dance.

**FRIDAY, September 11, 2020**

**JCC Pride Day** - Dress all out in Red, Black, and Gold!!

**\*\* ALL STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR APPROPRIATE ATTIRE!!!\*\***

**We want Spirit Week to be fun and enjoyable and the privilege not taken away!**

**Thank you and have a fun Spirit Week!!**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

BY RICH BACON

The 2020-2021 school year officially began with the Open House Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unlike in years past, we limited attendance this year to Preschool, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students due to concerns about crowding a large number of people into our building. We appreciated the large number of students and parents that attended this event. This year we welcome three new faces to the teaching staff at the Middle School. Mr. Ryan Haughton is teaching 4-8 physical education, Ms. Susan Sisco is 6-8 Art and Mrs. Leah Phillips is teaching 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

The first week of school arrived with the usual excitement and anticipation along with a little apprehension as students got used to the new routines and procedures of our health protocol during the pandemic. Here are some of the new procedures we are following at this time. Temperatures are being taken when students get to school or get on the bus. Shuttle buses and route buses are dropping students off at designated doors at the middle school. Students are currently required to wear masks on buses, in the hallways and in other areas where we can't social distance. Some teachers are also requiring masks in their rooms due to their health concerns. At the end of each period, students wipe down their desks and chairs so it is sanitized for the next class. Our elementary and middle school lunch periods are divided into two groups so not everyone is eating at the same time. This allows students to sit six feet apart as they eat lunch. Students are also bringing their own refillable water bottles as the fountains are shut off. In addition to these new procedures, students are being strongly encouraged to follow good hygiene practices, such as sanitize hands when entering and leaving a room, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, cough and sneeze into their sleeve. All of our students should be commended for how quickly they have adjusted to these new procedures. With just a few reminders, everyone has done an outstanding job following these new expectations. Students who are quarantined or have elected to do remote learning, also have some new procedures to adhere to. Teachers are recording the lesson part of each class where they have a student who is doing remote learning or doing a long-term quarantine. This lesson will be posted within 24 hours on Google Classroom. One day each week teachers will Zoom with students during an assigned time. Students are expected to attend the Zoom session with their teachers each week and are accountable for the work assigned.

Middle School students and staff are fortunate as we enter the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the 1:1 iPad initiative and, for the first time this year, we have been able to extend this to the elementary as well. In this time of remote learning we believe the iPad can be a tremendous resource which can be used to help students and teachers connect when students are unable to be in the building. However, with the iPads comes a great deal of responsibility for the students and their parents. Students and parents need to read and understand all JCC iPad policies and procedures and use the device in a responsible and ethical manner. And, as with all technology, parents should supervise their child's use of the iPad at home. As always, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Junior High football, volleyball and cross country practices are underway with their first contests rapidly approaching. At the start of any season we should take time to think about the purpose of athletics in a Middle School setting. While everyone wants to win and winning is our goal, it cannot be the purpose of our sports program at this level. Middle School activities need to encourage participation and the development of fundamentals that will help them succeed at the high school level. Instead of emphasizing winning and losing, we need focus on hard work and effort. If students can learn to work hard and give maximum effort at a young age they are learning two skills that will help them succeed for the rest of their lives. Please support our young athletes this year by attending games and cheering their efforts. GO THUNDERBIRDS!!



## **ImPACT Concussion Testing Program**

Johnson County Central is, once again, utilizing the ImPACT Concussion Testing Program for all athletes grades 7-12 to help improve the school's and coaches' care for athletes with sports-related concussions. The ImPACT Test is an online computerized test that is specifically designed for managing sports-related concussions. The test measures brain reaction time, processing speed, memory, attention, and allows medical professionals to obtain a "snap-shot" of how one's brain functions in normal conditions. Athletes are baseline tested in the pre-season, and if an athlete sustains a head injury, they are re-tested. Post-injury scores are then compared to pre-injury, baseline scores. If differences exist between the baseline and post-injury tests, athletes will be restricted from activity until further test results return to normal. As post-injury scores return to baseline, or normal, this indicates an athlete is recovered sufficiently to resume a step-wise progression back into activity and full participation. This form of testing and return-to-play helps avoid prolonging the recovery from a concussion, and prevents athletes returning to play too soon before the brain has had time to fully heal, risking serious or catastrophic injury.

This year Thunderbird athletes in 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades and any new athletes participating in contact sports (football, volleyball, wrestling, boys & girls basketball, and track-jumpers) will be tested. Post-Injury testing, if necessary, will be conducted by a health care professional trained in ImPACT and usual office visit charges will likely apply. School personnel have been trained to conduct baseline tests at school, and all coaches will have taken an online Concussion Training for Coaches course in an effort to improve the recognition of potential head injuries. Johnson County Central would like to thank Johnson County Hospital, Tecumseh Family Health and our area doctors for making the ImPACT Testing Program available to our athletic programs, and helping us ensure we are doing our absolute best in caring for your sons and daughters.



## JCC School song

### *Thunderbirds Fly*

Here's to the new, here's to the old.  
Here's to the red, the black, and the gold.  
Flying beneath the red, white, and blue.  
Proudly display our colors bright and true.  
United as one T-Birds will fly.  
Sing our affection to ol' central high.  
Loyal to her year after year.  
Crying the Thunderbird vic'try cheer.  
J--C--C-H-S, Thunderbirds, Thunderbirds,  
GO GO GO!

## ACTIVITY PASSES

All students, grades 7-12 who are involved in extra-curricular activities need to purchase a student activity fee. Fee waivers may apply. Upon payment of the activity fee, students will receive an activity pass which will allow entry to all home activities sponsored specifically by the school. Excluded from the activity fee are – conference. and NSAA activities; activities run by a specific group/activity (prom, booster club tournament, etc.).

Cost for the activity fee is - \$25 for High School students, \$25 for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> students. K-6 students may also purchase an activity pass for \$15. No family would be required to pay for more than the two oldest students. These may be purchased through the middle school and high school office.

Adult Season Passes are available for \$65 each, and Seniors 60 years of age or older may receive a free lifetime pass.

## **NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

### **Mrs. Olivia Reuter**

#### **Senior ACT Testing- September 22, 2020**

All JCC seniors will take the ACT test on September 22<sup>nd</sup> here at school. This test replaces the one they were supposed to take last April that was cancelled. All seniors test for free and their scores can be sent to the colleges and universities they are interested in attending to meet admission requirements. Seniors must be here at school ON TIME on September 22<sup>nd</sup> so they can take this free test.

#### **2020 Fall ACT National Test Dates**

The remaining ACT testing dates and registration deadlines for 2020 are listed below. The registration deadline for the September test has already passed, so the next test to register for is the one in October. The cost of testing this year is \$55, however students on free/reduced lunch can ask me for a fee waiver so they can test for free.

##### ACT Test Date

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Saturday, December 12, 2019

##### Registration Deadline

Friday, September 17, 2020

Friday, November 8, 2019

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 locations such as locations in Beatrice, Palmyra, Lincoln, etc.

Students may register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Online registration is possible 24/7 on any computer connected to the internet. A MasterCard or VISA credit or debit card must be used to pay fees online.

#### **Apply to College Morning for Seniors/College Fair for Juniors- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 8:30- 10:30 AM**

On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, JCC will host an Apply to College morning for seniors. All seniors will have the opportunity to come to the gym and apply to the colleges and universities that they are interested in applying to from 8:30- 9:30 AM. All college reps and students will wear masks, and tables and chairs will be spaced apart so that we are practicing social distancing. After the seniors are done, juniors will be able to come and talk to college representatives from 9:30- 10:30 AM if they would like to. Colleges and Universities who will be attending this event as of now are Chadron State College, Doane University, Midland University, Peru State College, Southeast Community College, the University of Nebraska- Lincoln, and Wayne State College. There are more who may attend. The University of Nebraska- Omaha and Metropolitan Community College said they will not attend in-person events but they are available if students want to schedule virtual visits with their admissions departments.

## **Education Quest Financial Aid/ FAFSA Information Session for Seniors and Parents-Virtual Event This Year**

Unfortunately, Education Quest will not be coming to schools to present their financial aid and FAFSA information to seniors and their parents this year. Instead, they will offer virtual opportunities only. I highly encourage seniors and their parents to attend at least one of these virtual sessions. It is very important for seniors who are going to college to complete the FAFSA. Not only is it the document for applying for financial aid for college, it is also required by some schools in order for students to receive institutional scholarships. Here are the dates of the virtual events.

Monday, Sept. 21: Spanish - 5:30 p.m. CT; English - 6:30 p.m. CT  
Tuesday, Sept. 22: English - 12:00 p.m. CT; Spanish - 5:30 p.m. CT  
Wednesday, Sept. 23: Spanish - 12:00 p.m. CT; English - 6:00 p.m. CT  
Thursday, Sept. 24: English - 12:00 p.m. CT; Spanish - 6:30 p.m. CT

I will send seniors the links to sign up for each of these events. Parents and seniors can sign up for the same session or different sessions, whatever works best for each family.

### **Applications Open: Horatio Alger Scholarships/ Aksarben Scholarships**

Seniors who are US citizens, who have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.0, who are involved in extra-curricular and community service activities, who display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, and who demonstrate critical financial need (\$55,000 or lower adjusted gross family income) are encouraged to apply for Horatio Alger scholarships including Nebraska Aksarben scholarships. The application deadline is October 26<sup>th</sup>, however seniors should start applying now as the application is quite long and requires supporting materials. To learn more and apply, visit <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/66358-Horatio-Alger-Association>

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR THIS FALL!**

Education Quest will host four virtual college fairs this fall that parents and students may register to attend in place of the in-person events they usually host.

College reps from across the state, region, and nation will be available to answer your questions about their schools – all from your computer or device!

Here's how it works:

**Step 1: Register for the virtual college fair at**  
<https://gotocollegefairs.swoogo.com/educationquest/begin>

**Step 2: Watch live college-prep presentations.**

Experts will be live on September 27 to explore topics such as:

College admission	Selecting a major
Campus visits	Scholarship tips
Paying for college	

Space is limited, but sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

**Step 3: Visit college booths.**

Use the filter option to find schools that match your criteria. The booths will feature videos, live chats, and information about the school.

Reps will be available during these times, but you can visit the booths anytime.

- Sunday, September 27 – 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CT
- Monday, September 28 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. CT
- Tuesday, September 29 – 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CT
- Wednesday, September 30 – 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. CT

# JCC BOOSTER CLUB

GET YOUR GRILLED BURGERS AT THE FOOTBALL GAMES  
SEPTEMBER 4, 11, + 25



COME SUPPORT  
THUNDERBIRD ATHLETICS!



Save the Date!

**Saturday,  
October 17th, 2020  
Tecumseh, NE**

**2nd Annual  
Miles For Music 5K**

**Come Run-Walk-Skip or whatever your  
heart desires to raise money for the  
band department.**

**Let's Have a Book Fiesta!  
Scholastic Book Fair in September  
Elementary and Middle School Libraries**

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.

Reading is vital to every child's success, and raising kids as readers means getting involved while they're young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent's direct involvement in his/her child's education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair.

**Book Fair Dates: September 14-18, 2020**

**Online Book Fair Dates: September 6-19, 2020**

**Shopping Hours: Mon., Tues., Thur., and Fri. 3:35-4:00 p.m. and Wednesday during P/T Conferences 12:00-8:00 p.m.**

**COVID Safety: Please be sure to wear a mask if you are visiting the book fair in person. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the door. Small children should be supervised please. Online shopping is available.**

We look forward to having you participate in our Fair, and remember, all purchases benefit our school libraries.



September 2020

# Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Cheeseburger /WG Bun Potato Fruit Milk	2 Sloppy Nachos Salsa Fruit Veggie Bread Stick Milk	3 Hot Dog / WG bun Baked Beans Fruit Milk	4 Pizza Salad / Veggie Fruit Milk	5
6	7 <b>No School</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	8 Popcorn Chicken Elem. Popcorn Chicken Bowl MS & HS Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	9 Shredded Pork / WG Bun Green Beans Fruit Bug Bites Milk	10 Spaghetti /Meat Sauce Fruit Veggie Garlic Bread Milk	11 Chefs Choice Milk	12
13	14 Chicken Tenders Potato Veggie Fruit WG Dinner Roll Milk	15 Br. Pork Patty /WG Bun Cowboy Beans Fruit Veggie Milk	16 NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	17 Sloppy Joe Potato Veggie Fruit Milk	18 Pizza Baked Carrots Fruit Milk	19
20	21 Breaded Mozz. Sticks Marinara Sauce Fruit Veggie Milk	22 Sub Sandwich Corn Chips Fruit Veggie Milk	23 Chicken Alfredo Peas Fruit Bread Stick Milk	24 Hamburger /WG Bun French Fries Corn Fruit Milk	25 Cowboy Cavatini Green Beans Fruit Garlic Bread Milk	26
27	28 Crispito / Cheese Sauce Lettuce Salad Veggie Fruit Milk	29 Hot Dog Mac Salad Fruit Veggie Milk	30 Pizza Burger Fruit Veggie Cookie Milk	<b>Fruit &amp; Veggie Options for MS &amp; HS Daily</b> <b>Menu is Subject to change without Notice</b> <b>"This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider"</b>		

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Girls Golf Tri vs Auburn & Syracuse @ Auburn Country Club—1:30 pm VB—JV/Varsity vs Mead @ JCC High School—6/7 pm	2	3 VB Varsity Tri vs HTRS & Falls City @ JCC High School—5 pm	4 <b>SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!</b> Cross Country—JCC Invitational @ Tecumseh Country Club—9 am Girls Golf—vs Tri/Country Invitational @ Hidden Acres, Beatrice—9 am JCC Booster Club Grilled Burgers Fundraiser—6:30 pm Varsity Football vs Southern @ JCC High	5 VB JV vs Syracuse JV Invitational @ Syracuse High School—8:30 am
6	7 <b>LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL</b>	8 Class Color Wars Dress up Day JH Football vs Freeman Freeman—4:30 pm JV Football vs NC Lourdes @ Nebraska City—5 pm VB Varsity Tri vs Freeman & Wilber JCC High School—5 pm	9 Favorite Cartoon, Movie/TV Character Dress up Day JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC Middle School Media Center—Cook—6:30 pm	10 Homecoming Dance Dress up Day Cross Country vs Bergen Invitational @ Calvin Crest Camp, Fremont—4 pm VB JV/Varsity vs Palmyra @ JCC High School—6/7 pm	11 JCC Pride Dress up Day JCC Booster Club Grilled Burgers Fundraiser—6:30 pm Varsity Football vs Weeping Water @ JCC High School—7 pm Homecoming Coronation following the Football game	12 VB JV vs Syracuse JV Invitational @ Syracuse High School—8:30 am
13	14 Apply to College Day for Juniors & Seniors @ JCC High School Gym—8:30 am VB Varsity—MUDECAS—TBA @ Beatrice Cross Country—Yutan Invitational @ Walnut Grove Park, Omaha—4:30 pm JV Football vs Freeman @ JCC High School—6 pm	15 AHA Blood Drive @ JCC High School Gym—8:30 am Girls Golf vs Bennington Invitational @ Stone Creek Golf Course, Omaha—9 am VB Varsity—MUDECAS—TBA @ Beatrice VB JH vs Palmyra @ JCC High School—4 pm JH Football vs HTRS @ HTRS—4 pm	16 <b>NO SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 12 pm to 8 pm</b>	17 Girls Golf vs JCC Invitational @ Tecumseh Country Club—9 am VB Varsity—MUDECAS—TBA @ Beatrice VB—JH vs Wilber-Clatonia @ Wilber-Clatonia—4:30 pm	18 Varsity Football vs Thayer Central @ Thayer Central—7 pm	19 VB JH vs Louisville Tournament @ Louisville—9 am HS Band @ Apple Jack Parade, Nebraska City—1 pm
			Schlastic Book Fair @ both Libraries			
20	21 Girls Golf vs HTRS Invitational @ Kirkman's Cove, Humboldt—9 am VB 9/10 vs Johnson Brock Invite @ Johnson Brock—4 pm JV Football vs HTRS @ JCC High School—6 pm	22 ACT/MAP Testing—All High School Students @ JCC—8 am Cross Country vs Malcolm Invitational @ Branched Oak, Raymond—4 pm VB 9/10, JV & Varsity vs Elmwood Murdock @ JCC High School—5 pm	23	24 Girls Golf HTRS Dual @ Tecumseh Country Club—4 pm VB JH vs Syracuse @ Syracuse—4:30 pm Cross Country—Randall Smith Invitational @ Hebron Country Club—5 pm	25 JCC Booster Club Grilled Burgers Fundraiser—6:30 pm Varsity Football vs HTRS @ JCC High School—7 pm	26 VB Varsity vs Louisville Booster Tourney @ Louisville—9 am
27	28 Girls Golf vs Auburn Invitational @ Auburn Country Club—9 am VB JH vs Tri County @ Tri County—4 pm VB JV Tri vs Pawnee City & Sterling @ JCC High School—5:30 pm Football JH vs Elmwood Murdock @ JCC High School—5:30 pm	29 VB JH vs HTRS @ HTRS—4 pm VB Varsity Tri vs Louisville & Weeping Water @ Louisville—5 pm	30			

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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.



*School Pictures  
will be taken on  
September 4th.*

*Both Sites*

***Everyone's picture will be taken.***

*Purchasing pictures is optional with order form/envelope given to the students.*

*Payment and order envelope need to be presented to the photographer the day of pictures on September 4th.*