



Where We Are & Where We're Headed

Insights and Foresights

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COVID

No doubt, COVID-19 has had a huge impact on all of us. Planning for the school year took on a new meaning as what goes on at school can greatly impact our community. Even though we are halfway through the school year, there are still many questions to be answered about what the rest of the school year will look like. We have our current school calendar, however depending on the illness and how it is impacting our world, minor changes may need to be made. As in past situations, I will try to communicate any changes to the public as quickly as possible. Looking forward, we hope to finish this school year with as much in-school learning as possible while also attempting to safely provide our students with all the opportunities, activities, and experiences we can.

The staff at JCC are fully committed to providing the best educational experience they possibly can. When our high school went to a hybrid-orange schedule, the teachers went without their regular planning periods and their duty free lunches. One staff member said they “would do whatever it takes to make it work”. The Tecumseh Site Elementary staff had a long discussion about moving to a fully remote school day. Again, there was a resounding, unified response of staff wanting to work together and make whatever sacrifices they needed to make to provide in-school learning. The concerns about going remote always were centered around the children. Who would watch them? If they are alone, will they get enough to eat? Who will help them?

To have in-person school through COVID takes more work. However, your teachers and staff are willing to put in the time and effort. This means elementary students are eating lunch in their classrooms, desks and chairs are being sanitized regularly, the organization of the classroom has been modified to allow for distancing of students, transparent barriers have been put in place, masks and sanitizer have been supplied in bulk, students are asked to space out CONSTANTLY. It is a tough thing for students to stay apart. They naturally want to be together. This all takes much added planning on the part of the teaching staff to accommodate needs for both on-site learners and remote learners. It takes a lot more work to do anything with a pandemic.

With individuals undergoing quarantine or isolation, substitute teachers have been scarce. I taught 2nd grade for over a week and Physical Education for several days. Dr. Galen Boldt and Laurie Badertscher also took turns in PE and in elementary classrooms. Marsha Bacon and Rich Bacon have subbed in multiple situations at the Cook Site between the elementary and the middle school settings. Mr. Lester and all the high school teachers have been helping out by subbing in classrooms during planning periods. The point is, we have a committed staff determined to make things work for our students without complaint. It hasn't been easy. But, at the end of the day, it is still rewarding work!

**JCC Mission Statement:
Journey together...
Creating opportunities...
Committed to excellence!**

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Having a staff member such as Registered Nurse Lisa Kuhl has been invaluable. Although it is not a perfect science, she has worked well beyond the school day and into the weekends to make sure students and staff with COVID, or those with symptoms, are identified, communicated with and are able to safely recover at home. She also walks through each case from the day of symptoms or a positive test, and back through the previous 48 hours to identify anyone who would be a close contact. Then, she contacts all the close contacts to notify them of their next steps. Mrs. Kuhl gets all this done within 24 hours. This is a feat as most contact tracing outside the school district will take anywhere from 5 to 14 days. Her efforts alone have been instrumental in keeping our school in session.

What does this mean for the future of JCC? I believe we have the kind of people that are willing to do what it takes to give our students the best education and experiences possible with the resources we have.

Budget

Currently, our budget is going right where we want it. The Special Building Fund continues to grow as well as JCC's available cash or cash reserves. Remember, the Special Building Fund is there for any building improvement or for new construction. The available cash, or cash reserve, is budgeted General Fund money on hand for any expenditures. COVID will make its mark on the budget. In the activities fund, we will generate very few gate receipts as open attendance at any event has been extremely limited. Although there have been funds from the federal and state governments, JCC will expend some funds to keep up with the costs of sanitizer and masks.

Building & Grounds

Discussions about a unified JCC at one-site have died down a bit, we continue to keep this goal in sight. NioCorp continues to seek financing for the Elk Creek project, however COVID has slowed progress on this as well. The addition of a NioCorp mine in the Johnson County Central school district would certainly help with the additional valuations it would bring, in turn having the potential to lower the tax asking of our local landowners. This does not stop us from continuing to plan and prepare for a future site and facility. Until that time, we will continue to take care of what we do have; to make both sites and all three buildings, facilities that our communities can be proud of. This is not always an easy task, but one that JCC is willing to take on and do well. Russ Waring and Larry Naber spend countless hours problem solving, diagnosing, calling for guidance and finding the right people to keep our facilities operating at a high level. Running between two sites, getting to know various HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) systems and learning about all the nuances of the various time period construction and components of the facilities is a challenge. However, JCC has the right people of the right mind to get the job done right.

Community

We have had times in our community when we have felt closer together. I believe there have been times when we've felt farther apart. The strong sense of community and support I've felt throughout the COVID pandemic has been overwhelming. It is this support that helps all of us manage the situation with confidence and hope. It is my goal at JCC to continue to build a sense of unity within the district. The best way this is done, in my opinion, is through talking with and investing in people. Relationships. Investment. Both of these lead to a sense of unity, community, and pride. We have to be willing to reach out. We have to be willing to accept help. We have to be willing to take a chance. We have to be willing to disagree and then move on together. We have to be willing to invest. I understand not everyone will, but I also have faith that there are those that will invest and will make an impact.

Celebrate safely this holiday season
Avoid the Three Cs:

- 1 Crowded Places**
Avoid gathering in groups where you can't maintain 6 feet of distance from others.
- 2 Close Contact**
Wear a mask or maintain 6 feet of distance when you're with people you don't live with.
- 3 Confined Spaces**
Avoid enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.

For more information visit: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

Slow the Spread

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Assistant Superintendent Report - December

Dr. Galen Boldt

I want to begin by saying it has been a privilege to serve this school district for the past 2 ½ years, 2 of which in the role of interim superintendent. Coupled with my prior service to Tecumseh Public Schools for 7 years, I have enjoyed renewing acquaintances as well as forging new ones. It has been interesting for me, as well, to get a better understanding of the circumstances surrounding the history of how Johnson County Central was born into existence. In my prior role as principal and boys' basketball coach at Tecumseh, I got to know Nemaha Valley administrators Gary Oxley and Gary Anderson very well as I served with Tecumseh administrators Jim Ossian and Tom Rother. I hold each of these men in high esteem, understanding that I learned from each of them and carried many of the lessons into the remaining 27 years of my administrative career. Nemaha Valley and Tecumseh both enjoyed success in many different areas, and both schools were characterized by a tremendous spirit embraced by staff, students, and patrons of each community. My last year at Tecumseh was 1988, and in my return 20 years later as the Interim Superintendent, I have had the cause to reflect about the changes that have led to the consolidated school district and thoughts about what the future holds for the district's students. My thoughts can be summarized as follows:

The people are still the same.....I mean, everyone is community oriented, hard-working, school supporting, fun-to-be-around, and kid-centered. The circumstances of the last few years where property tax issues have caused everyone to pause and think about how we can be good stewards and still be educationally progressive have been hard. The issues of COVID-19 have compounded the challenges with implementing procedures that limit the spread of the virus, preventing teachers from returning to the teaching strategies they have refined over years of experience, and causing our students the loss of a normalcy that has eliminated time honored traditions of many years. Through it all, the students, staff, patrons, and community members still represent the best of what Nebraska Schools should be.

The property tax issues look to be stabilized. The Unicameral seems to have come to an agreement about the best way to provide property tax relief, and the passage of the gambling initiatives look to provide more revenue to the state directly tied to helping fund our schools. While the resulting changes might not be exactly what we want at JCC, they at least will provide the opportunity to plan future budgets with a degree of certainty where the funding will come from. I hope that discussions about equity in State Aid distribution will continue to focus on those schools who are not receiving equalization aid currently, and how that might happen in the future. In addition, the prospects of a vaccine to fight COVID-19 appears to be imminent. With the good news of the science behind the urgency to develop a vaccine, the prospects for returning to schooling that looks like learning that we all recognize, seems to be close at hand. This represents a development that allows all of us to embrace a hope that better times are ahead.

In my reflection on the past 2 ½ years I cannot escape a viewpoint that is uncomfortable for me to express, yet comes through as reality. The consolidation of the two school districts was successful in merging land values and creating new learning opportunities, yet the spirit of community consolidation remains incomplete. I get the feeling that there are issues that some folks in each of the individual communities that comprise the JCC community are holding on to that prevent a unity of purpose. I'm not talking about the students here, but the patrons that

remember the schools as they were before the consolidation. As a matter of fact, I see JCC students as some of the finest students that I have been privileged to be around. In a school that can boast of wonderful diversity, our kids do not recognize differences but embrace each other as individuals of worth because of who they are. Our adult community would do well to embrace the same concepts. Don't get me wrong, there could be plenty of reasons why we have not consolidated the spirit of the two individual schools, and you could make an argument for a wide array of rational thinking including:

- Our best facilities are at the Cook site
- The Tecumseh site is not big enough to put all of our students
- The expenses of a building project are too great for our district to handle
- The time is not right to be thinking of new construction

I'm sure there are many other things that could be added to this list and many things that happened 10, 20, or 30 years ago that could contribute to hard feelings about what happened. The fact is, we all need to "get over" whatever these issues of the past are, and embrace the issues of creating the environment needed to help our students pursue their hopes and dreams moving forward. It's easy to get trapped in a time warp of who to blame about the past, but it is also exciting to think about how pulling together in one purpose means for the future.

The future for this school district is as bright as any school in Nebraska. The Board of Education has made a fundamental decision that will have a lasting impact on the quality of JCC when they hired Jon Rother to be the superintendent of schools. Jon's familiarity with the district and his commitment to the community provide him insight that few others would have. He has demonstrated tremendous leadership in his past roles at Tecumseh and Johnson County Central and will only improve as a leader with experience. In addition, the staff at JCC is as good-as-it-gets!!! I see people dedicated to putting the needs of students first and working together to "git 'er done"! This attribute has been on full display working through the challenges of educating students during a pandemic. My observation saw every staff member taking the challenge of remote learning, dealing with a reduction in available staff, maintaining a safe environment, and furthering the education of individual students while working countless hours beyond what the normal school day would require. The Board of Education has taken some bold steps to pursue the purchase of land for potential new construction, and has been advised by some outstanding professionals who can help them make the best plan for a new school. While the timeline for actual building has not been determined, they are determined to set the stage for generations to come by providing quality schooling while maintaining good stewardship principles. They have demonstrated the practice of being efficient with every day spending and will find the right combinations of potential staff reductions while still meeting the needs of students by spending tax dollars wisely. Throw in the high prospects of additional property tax revenue from the Niocorp project that could be a game changer in helping fund the school, and THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Again I want to thank the Board of Education, the students, the staff, and the entire JCC community for welcoming me back to the area. It has been an honor to serve. God Speed in the actual fulfillment of the vision that is being discussed and the completion of a consolidated spirit and unity that will make it all great fun!!!!

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

I hope everyone enjoyed their extended Thanksgiving break and ate just enough turkey and stuffing. The weather has turned cold and that means the beginning of our winter sports season for basketball and wrestling. The student athletes have been practicing hard and are ready to compete.

We're getting close to the end of first semester and Christmas break, which brings up the topic of semester exams. Semester exams are given in the core curriculum classes and count as 5% of the student's final grade. Once your student knows their exam schedule, I encourage you as parents to assist them in their preparation for these exams. Urge your student to study ahead of time instead of cramming their studying into the night before the exam. Help them by providing a quiet environment in which to study, and encourage them to get plenty of rest, and to eat good meals as they prepare to take their semester exams.

Another topic we need to discuss is about students changing classes for second semester. Students that are interested changing their classes for second semester need to see Mrs. Reuter any time before the end of Christmas break. Students will also have five school days to make changes to their class schedule at the beginning of second semester, from Tuesday, January 5 through Monday, January 11.

K-3 October Thunderbirds of the Month

Kindergarten

Josephine McCoy
Baylee Shirley
Elijah Turner
Ethan Barnes
Gunner Goes
Brylee Cropp
Lily Bilslend
Kaylen Najera

2nd Grade

John Golden
Ian Robeson
Ada Goodrich
Brock Carter
Lucy Rademacher
Eleanor Burgett
Preston Hartman
Presley Juilfs

1st Grade

Alivia Gottula
Everest Droge
Quinlynn Beethe
Maelyn Hamilton
Abby Oenbring
Dakotah Daniels
Clayton Weber

3rd Grade

Sophia Rainey
Journi Brooks
Tayden Borrenpohl
Brynn Weber
Hudson Harrifeld
Lydia Bilslend
Lila Britt
Jay Barot
Lucas Cropp

MIDDLE SCHOOL & ATHLETIC NEWS

BY RICH BACON

Red Ribbon Week activities were held during the week of October 26. For each day of the week students were encouraged to dress up for a particular theme. Monday, October 26 was Wear Red! day – students were “Red-y to Stay Drug Free”. Tuesday was Wear Camo! day – “Drugs can’t Find Me”. Wednesday was Wear your Favorite Sports Team Jersey! day – “Team Up Against Drugs”. Thursday was Wear Cowboy Attire! day – “Give Drugs the Boot”. Friday was Wear your Halloween Costume day – “Say Boo to Drugs”. The Middle School Leadership Team also visited our elementary classrooms to present Red Ribbon Week activities. We had good student participation throughout the week and the Leadership Team did an outstanding job in the elementary classrooms.

The list of activities affected by the current global pandemic continues to grow. Our annual Holiday Music Concert will not be held as a live, in-person event. Instead, Mr. Doran and Mrs. Fricke and their students will be presenting recorded concerts. Our students will be recorded during class time as they perform their musical numbers. A link of the recordings should be available by December 18. While it is disappointing to not be able to watch our students perform at a live concert, I am positive that Mr. Doran, Mrs. Fricke, and their students will do an outstanding job for this virtual concert.

On Wednesday, November 11, Johnson County Central honored local veterans for their service to our great country. In lieu of the normal Veterans’ Day program we normally have at school, this year we took the celebration to the veterans. A Color Guard and small group of students visited the homes of some local veterans and performed for the public at the Veterans’ Memorial at the Court House, at Belle Terrace and Ridgeview Towers in Tecumseh, and at the Cook Community Building. Emma Walters, Jacob Graham, Diego Becerra, Tanner Woods and Cameron Daniels performed musical numbers and Maya Straka played Taps. Thank you to all veterans for their service to our country.

The Junior High Boys Basketball team has started their season with 21 boys participating. We hope to see you at a game this season. Go Thunderbirds!

As we approach the Holidays, please remember to take precautions to keep yourself and your loved ones safe. Wear a mask in public, social distance, avoid large gatherings, wash hands, and sanitize regularly. We need everyone working together to keep our students safe and in school.

Go Thunderbirds!

Red Ribbon Week

JCC Students in Grades PK-8 participated in Red Ribbon week during the last week of October. All students were encouraged to make healthy choices and to say no to drugs and alcohol. Students got into the spirit with daily dress-up days and door decorations!



The Middle School Leadership Team taught lessons to students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade during Red Ribbon Week. Students created a PowerPoint and completed an activity with the elementary students. The JCC Middle School Leadership Team includes 8th grade students Madison Jansen and Lydia Mejia; 7th grade students Ashely Beethe, Briana Robeson and Saige Rother; 6th grade students Harrison Bacon, Addison Borrenpohl, Amelia Britt, Regan Campbell-Thies, and Molly Weber. It was a great day of interactive learning!



NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Ms. Olivia Reuter

Sign Up for the February, 2021 ACT Test Now

Students interested in signing up for the February 6th ACT, should do so now. The deadline to sign up without paying late fees is January 9th. They can sign up to take the test at any available test center. The closest test centers for the February test are located in Auburn, Beatrice, Nebraska City, Falls City, and Lincoln. Students sign up online at www.act.org. The cost to test is \$55. Students on free/reduced lunch may get this fee waived. They need to ask for a waiver form from Mrs. Reuter. They can use up to two of these waivers during their high school years.

Seniors: Apply for a Susan Buffett Foundation Scholarship Now

Apply for a Susan Buffett Foundation Scholarship if you are eligible. The online application for this program is open from November 1st to February 1st. As part of the application, students must attach a seven-semester high school transcript. Seniors can request their seven-semester transcript from me starting on January 7th. They can complete all other parts of the application before then. For more information and to apply, visit <https://buffettscholarships.org/>

To be eligible for a scholarship from The Susan T. Buffett Foundation, a student must:

- Be a resident of Nebraska
 - Residency is determined by the institution where you enroll
- Graduate from a Nebraska high school or earn a Nebraska GED
- Achieve at least a 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA in high school
- Be a first-time freshman when entering college
 - Students obtaining dual enrollment credits in high school are still eligible to apply
 - **Nebraska Community Colleges** - CCC, MCC, MPCC, NECC, SCC, or WNCC;
 - **Nebraska State College System** - Chadron State, Peru State, Wayne State; or
 - **University of Nebraska** - NCTA, UNK, UNL, UNMC, or UNO
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend school
 - **Note:** Students do not need to be Pell Grant eligible to qualify.
 - Students must have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the FAFSA below \$10,000. Students' EFC numbers are on the SAR form that they receive after they complete the FAFSA online. Many students end up qualifying to apply because this scholarship allows higher family income levels than many need-based scholarships.

Seniors: Complete the FAFSA as Soon as Possible

- First, create an FSA ID for you and one for a parent at fsaid.ed.gov. You'll need it to access and sign the FAFSA. Click here for instructions.
- Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov. You may also complete it via the new myStudentAid app for iOS and Android.
- For free help with the FAFSA, see FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org or call EducationQuest to make an appointment: Omaha – (888) 357-6300 or Lincoln – (800) 303-3745



Meet the JCC Class of 2021

Here are the first four senior profiles of the JCC class of 2021.

Jackson Leuenberger

Jackson Fred Leuenberger is the son of Christian and Heather Leuenberger of Cook. He has one sister, Megan, who is 17. Jack's favorite classes in high school have been his shop and ag classes. He likes shop because he gets to work with his hands on projects, and he loves learning more about agriculture in his ag classes. His most challenging class has been chemistry and his favorite school lunch is pizza. Jack's hobbies outside of school are hunting, fishing, and helping his grandpa build things. For extracurricular activities, Jack has been in FFA, Striv, unified bowling, wrestling, golf, and one act. The best thing about being a senior according to Jack is, "I have more freedom with the classes I take and I don't have to do MAPS testing." Jack's advice to freshmen is, "Work hard and enjoy the high school experience. Take every advantage you can get." In the future, after high school, Jack plans to attend either Northwest Missouri State University or the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He plans to major in either Ag Business or Agronomy. In ten years, Jack sees himself either working at an agriculture-related business or cooperative as an agronomist. He hopes to live in the country away from as many people as possible. He'd like to think that he will be married and following God's plan for his life.



Nevaeh Weber

Nevaeh Autumn Weber is the daughter of Julie Simmons and Chris Hattan. She lives in Tecumseh. Nevaeh has three older siblings, Ashley (28), Natalie (26), and Anthony (24). Her favorite class at JCC has been journalism and her most challenging classes have been her math classes. Outside of school, Nevaeh enjoys walking her dog. Her extracurricular activities during high school have been choir, yearbook, and basketball. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Her advice to freshmen is, "Keep your grades up and don't be afraid to go out for sports." After high school, Nevaeh plans to go to college for nursing. In ten years, Nevaeh sees herself working as a nurse and married with hopefully three kids.

Jason Kettelhake

Jason Alan Kettelhake is the son of Vernon and Joann Kettelhake. He lives on the outskirts of Tecumseh. He has a 21-year-old sister named Sara. His favorite classes at JCC have been academic decathlon and physical education and his most challenging class has been physics. Jason's extracurricular activities have been FFA, cross country, Striv, basketball, and academic decathlon and his favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. His hobbies and interests outside of school include driving around with friends and helping on the family farm. His advice to freshmen is, "If times get tough just keep pushing through whatever it is and it will get better." The best thing about being a senior according to Jason is, "Looking forward to the future and seeing how close we are to moving onto the next step in our lives." In the future, after he graduates, Jason plans to attend Concordia University and major in agricultural business. In ten years, Jason sees himself having completed college, having figured out exactly what he wants to do in agribusiness, living somewhere around this area of Nebraska, possibly being married, and possibly having kids.



Zadie Plager



Zadie Grace Plager is the daughter of Glenn and Rebecca Plager of Elk Creek. She has one older sister, Kelsee Sayer, who is 33. Her favorite class at JCC has been strength training because it puts her in a good mood and because she loves to work out. Her most challenging class has been chemistry. Her high school activities have included volleyball, basketball, track, FBLA, HOSA, National Honor Society, student council, class officer, and play production. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Zadie likes to hang out with friends, shoot hoops, and spend time with her nieces. Her advice to freshmen is, “Get involved in as many things as possible, it will make your high school experience a lot more fun!” According to Zadie, the best part about being a senior is, “Knowing that I am going to graduate and start a new chapter in my life soon.” After graduation, Zadie plans to attend either Wayne State College or Northwest Missouri State to major in elementary education. In ten years, Zadie sees

herself working as an elementary teacher in a smaller school somewhere in Nebraska and hopefully married with one or two kids.

Greetings Thunderbird Family!

Fall sports have now ended and it is time to look forward to our winter season. But before we get there let’s take a look back at how the fall season finished up.

First, I would like to thank each coaching staff for the sacrifices and time that they have put into developing our student/athletes.

Volleyball: Tim Hedger, Cody Franklin, Leah Phillips

Football: Gabe Meints, Kirk Faris, Ryan Haughton, Neil Bowman, Jon Rother

Girls Golf: Ben Swanson

Cross Country: Nick Weber, Angie Huskey

One-Act: Matt Dierking, Amy Little

Also, a thank you to all the athletes for all the time and effort they have put into their respective seasons!

Winter Sports:

At the writing of this letter, the winter sports season is about a week into practice. The coaches and athletes are preparing for a season that will most likely have some adversity due to the pandemic. Games, tournaments, invites, and practices are always subject to change at a moment’s notice.

The NSAA has released their guidelines for the winter and here are some of the highlights. Please note that this is subject to change at a moment’s notice and we will be getting our home protocols out as soon as possible!

- Participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during competition.
- Coaches and non-active participants are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Spectators are required to wear face coverings at all times while attending indoor events.

Thank you and have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Garrett Collin

“Election Days” in Kindergarten-

Mrs. Borrenpohl

On November 3rd, the 14 students in Mrs. Borrenpohl's class participated in their very own classroom debate! After learning about voting, we held our own election over the best tasting cookie. The two contestants were the all American chocolate chip versus the Oreo. Students completed their own registration cards before being able to fill out their voting ballot and cast their vote. Once all votes were in, we tallied up our total and elected a winner! It was close but the winner was.....the OREO COOKIE!





JCC Holiday Music Schedule

Due to COVID-19, there will be no live holiday concerts at either site this year.

We will be presenting recorded concerts (like the Veterans Day Program) with all of our music groups.

All recordings will take place during the students scheduled class time


A link of the recordings will be provided to the public once they are completed.

Our target date is December 18.

Thank you Marcus Scheer and the JCC STRIV crew for the work & time you give to produce such quality productions!



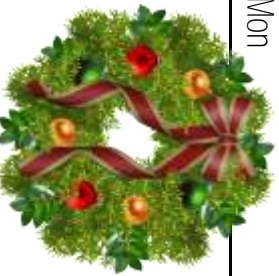
December 2020

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<p>BB Boys Jr High vs Auburn @ Auburn Calvert Elementary site (C,B,A) - 4:30 pm</p> <p>BB Girls C Team vs Freeman @ JCC High School - 6:00 pm</p> <p>BB Boys C Team vs Freeman @ JCC High School - 7:00 pm</p>	<p>BB vs Palmyra @ Palmyra Girls JV @ 4:30 pm</p> <p>Boys JV @ 4:30 pm</p> <p>Girls V @ 6:00 pm</p> <p>Boys V @ 7:45 pm</p>	<p>BB vs Palmyra @ Palmyra Girls JV @ 4:30 pm</p> <p>Boys JV @ 4:30 pm</p> <p>Girls V @ 6:00 pm</p> <p>Boys V @ 7:45 pm</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>Cook Site Preschool Program - 2:30 pm</p> <p>Tecumseh Site Preschool Program - 2:30 pm</p> <p>BB Boys Jr High vs Weeping Water @ JCC Middle School-Cook Site - 4:00 pm</p> <p>Wrestling Varsity Triangular vs HTRS/Louisville @ HTRS-5:30 pm</p>	<p>End of 2nd Quarter</p> <p>BB Girls JV vs Louisville @ JCC High School - 4:30 pm</p> <p>BB Boys JV vs Louisville @ JCC Middle School Cook - 4:30 pm</p> <p>BB Girls V vs Louisville @ JCC High School - 6:00 pm</p> <p>BB Boys V vs Louisville @ JCC High School - 7:45 pm</p>	<p>BB Boys Jr High Malcolm Tournament @ Malcolm - 8:30 am</p> <p>Wrestling Varsity Thunderbird Invitational @ JCC Middle School Cook Site - 9:30 am</p>
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<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>BB Girls JV vs Freeman @ JCC High School - 4:30 pm</p> <p>BB Boys JV vs Freeman @ JCC Middle School Cook - 4:30 pm</p> <p>BB Girls V vs Freeman @ JCC High School - 6:00 pm</p> <p>BB Boys V vs Freeman @ JCC High School - 7:45 pm</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>NSAA Moratorium Gyms Closed</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>NSAA Moratorium Gyms Closed</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>NSAA Moratorium Gyms Closed</p> 	<p>NSAA Moratorium Gyms Closed</p>
27	28	29	30	31		
<p>NSAA Moratorium Gyms Closed</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>BB Girls Varsity Holiday Tournaments @ Thayer Central-12:30 pm</p> <p>BB Boys Varsity Holiday Tournaments @ Thayer Central-2:00 pm</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK</p> <p>BB Girls Varsity Holiday Tournaments @ Thayer Central-12:30 pm</p> <p>BB Boys Varsity Holiday Tournaments @ Thayer Central-2:00 pm</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL - HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE!!</p> <p>Wrestling Varsity Quad @ JCC Central Cook Site - 9:00 am</p>		

December 2020

Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Shredded Pork / WG Bun Corn Casserole Fruit & Veggie Milk	2 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Cookie Milk	3 Br. Chicken Patty / WG Bun Potatoes Fruits & Veggie Milk	4 Pizza Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Milk	5



6	7 Spaghetti / Meat sauce Lettuce Salad Fruit & Veggie Garlic Bread Milk	8 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Popcorn Chicken PK & Tec. Elem. Dinner Roll Fruit Milk	9 Hamburger / WG Bun Potatoes Fruit Cookie Milk	10 Hot Dog / Polish Dog HS Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Milk	11 Breaded Cheese Stick Fruit & Veggie Rice Crispy Bar Milk	12
13	14 Sloppy Nacho Fruit & Veggie Sugar Cokie Milk	15 Breaded Pork Patty/WG Bun Fruit & Veggie Brownie Milk	16 Chili HS / MS / CE Chicken Nuggets TE / PK Cinnamon roll Fruit & Veggie Milk	17 Hot Ham & Cheese/ WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Milk	18 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	19

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No School December 21-30 Christmas Break

27	28	29
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January 2021

It's time to forget
the past and celebrate
a new beginning.
Happy new year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO SCHOOL HAPPY NEW YEAR 	2 NO SCHOOL NEW YEAR BREAK BB vs Tri County @ Tri County Girls JV @ 1:00 pm Boys JV @ 1:00 pm Girls V @ 2:30 pm
3	4 NO SCHOOL STUDENTS NEW YEAR BREAK TEACHER WORKDAY JCC Booster Club Meeting @ JCC High School - 5:30 pm	5 CLASSES RESUME 2nd Semester Begins Wrestling Varsity Triangular vs Freeman/Thayer County @ JCC Cook Site - 6:00 pm	6 	7 BB vs Wilber Clatonia @ Wilber Clatonia Girls JV @ 4:30 pm Boys JV @ 4:30 pm Girls V @ 6:00 pm Boys V @ 7:45 pm	8 Wrestling Varsity Dual @ Wilber Clatonia - 3:30 pm BB Girls JV/Varsity vs Auburn @ JCC High School - 6:00/7:30 pm	9
10	11 BB Girls Varsity Mudecas Tournament vs TBD @ Beatrice	12 BB Boys Varsity Mudecas Tournament vs TBD @ Beatrice	13 Johnson County Central School Board Meeting @ JCC Middle School Cook Site Media Center - 6:30 pm	14 BB Girls Varsity Mudecas Tournament vs TBD @ Beatrice BB Boys Varsity Mudecas Tournament vs TBD @ Beatrice Wrestling Varsity Yutan Invitational @ Yutan - 4:00 pm	15 BB Girls Varsity Mudecas Tournament vs TBD @ Beatrice Wrestling Varsity Weeping Water Invitational @ Weeping Water - 2:00 pm	16 BB Boys Varsity Mudecas Tournament vs TBD @ Beatrice
17	18 FFA District Leadership Skills Events @ Norris High School - 8:00 am BB Girls C Team vs Wilber Clatonia @ Wilber Clatonia - 6:00 pm BB Boys C Team vs Wilber Clatonia @ Wilber Clatonia - 7:15 pm	19 BB Girls JV vs Weeping Water @ JCC High School - 4:30 pm BB Boys JV vs Weeping Water @ JCC Middle School Cook - 4:30 pm BB Girls V vs Weeping Water @ JCC High School - 6:00 pm BB Boys V vs Weeping Water @ JCC High School - 7:45 pm	20	21 BB vs HTRS @ HTRS Girls JV @ 4:00 pm Boys JV @ 5:15 pm Girls V @ 6:30 pm Boys V @ 7:45 pm	22 Wrestling Varsity Louisville Invitational @ Louisville - 2:30 pm BB vs Falls City @ Falls City Girls JV @ 4:30 pm Boys JV @ 4:30 pm Girls V @ 6:00 pm Boys V @ 7:30 pm	23
24	25 BB Girls Jr High vs Freeman @ Freeman - 4:00 pm BB Girls C Team vs Southern @ JCC High School - 5:30 pm BB Boys C Team vs Southern @ JCC High School - 7:00 pm	26 BB vs Malcolm @ Malcolm Girls JV @ 4:30 pm Boys JV @ 4:30 pm Girls V @ 6:00 pm Boys V @ 7:45 pm	27	28 Wrestling Varsity Freeman Invitational @ Freeman - 2:30 pm	29	30 BB Girls Jr High Tournament @ JCC Middle School - Cook Site - 8:30 am BB Boys & Girls Varsity ECNC Tournament - TBD Mudecas Speech Contest @ HTRS - 11:00 am
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Johnson County Central School Lunch Menu

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Teacher Work Day	5 Creamed Chicken / WG Biscuit Peas Fruit & Veggie Cookie Milk	6 Cheeseburger WG / Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Milk	7 Toasty Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Scooby Snack Milk	8 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Milk	9 
10	11 Tec Elem & PK PB & Jelly Tortchos Black Beans Salsa Fruit & Veggie Milk	12 Chefs Choice	13 Chicken Noodle Soup HS, MS & CE Cheese Bread Chicken Tenders TE & PK Fruit & Veggie Milk	14 Breakfast For Lunch	15 Asian Chicken Fried Rice Fruit Breaded Stick Milk	16
17	18 Chicken Tetrazzini Green Beans Fruit Garlic Bread Milk	19 Sloppy Joe /WG Bun Potatoes Fruit Milk	20 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit Dinner Roll Milk	21 Breaded Pork Patty/ WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Milk	22 Breaded Cheese Stick Lettuce salad Fruit & Veggie Milk	23
24	25 Chicken Fajita Wrap Refried Beans Fruit Cookie Milk	26 Br. Chicken Patty /WG Bun Potatoes Fruit Milk	27 Corn Dog Mac & Cheese Fruit & Veggie Milk	28 Hot Ham & Cheese/WG Bun Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Milk	29 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Cookie Milk	30
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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
Transportation	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.		
School Arrival	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.			
Breakfast	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.	
Classrooms	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.	
Lunch	Additional spaces (gyms, commons, etc.) and classrooms will be utilized to distance students during lunch periods.			
	Elementary lunches will be delivered to their classrooms.			
Recess	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.			
Dismissal	Students will be dismissed by grade levels with staggered dismissals through designated exits.			
Bus Room	Students will sit with social distancing in practice in assigned seats.		Students will wait in their classrooms for the arrival of buses.	
Activities	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.*

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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.

**** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 ****

End of 1st Semester

Christmas Break begins

December 21

Teacher workday on

Monday, January 4

**Classes resume on Tuesday,
January 5th**

2nd Semester Classes begin

