



# Bond Language & Preliminary School Designs

by **Jon Rother**. March 2022

On February 9, at Johnson County Central’s Regular School Board Meeting, a resolution to file for a school bond election was passed. The bond was then filed with the Johnson County Clerk’s Office on February 15 and will appear on the ballot of the May 10, 2022 Primary Election. The bond will read as follows:

*“Shall Johnson County School District 0050 (Johnson County Central Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Forty-three Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$43,375,000), for the purpose of paying costs of land acquisition and the construction and acquisition of pre-kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade facilities for the District; and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and*

*“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”*



FOR such Bonds and tax



AGAINST such Bonds and tax

*Electors voting in favor of such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following such proposition, and electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following such proposition.*

Clark Enersen Partners have provided preliminary concept images of the proposed building project. As they move into the “Design Phase,” some of the spaces and images may be revised. Copies of the current images can be obtained from the superintendent’s office in paper or digital form at your request.

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

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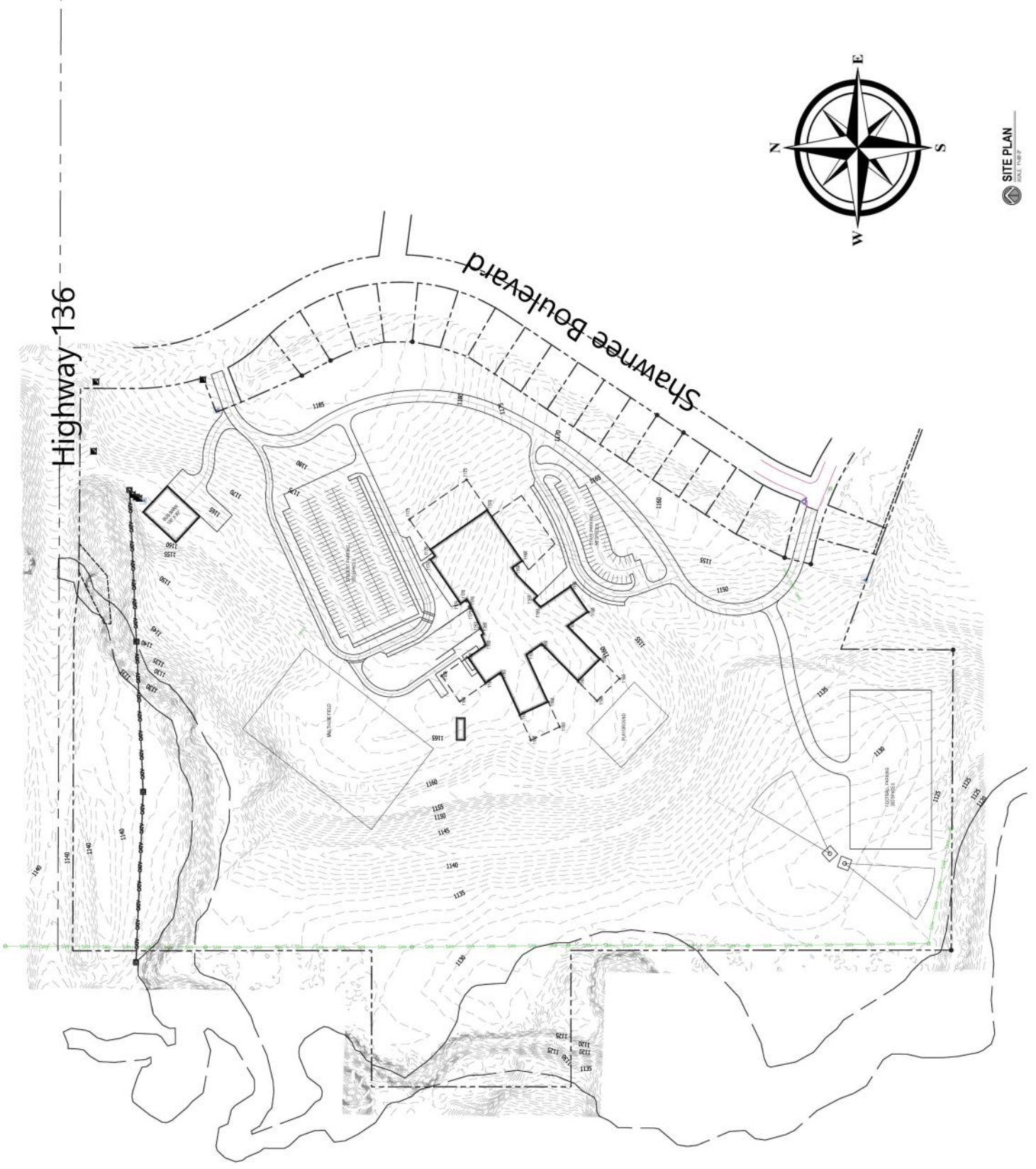
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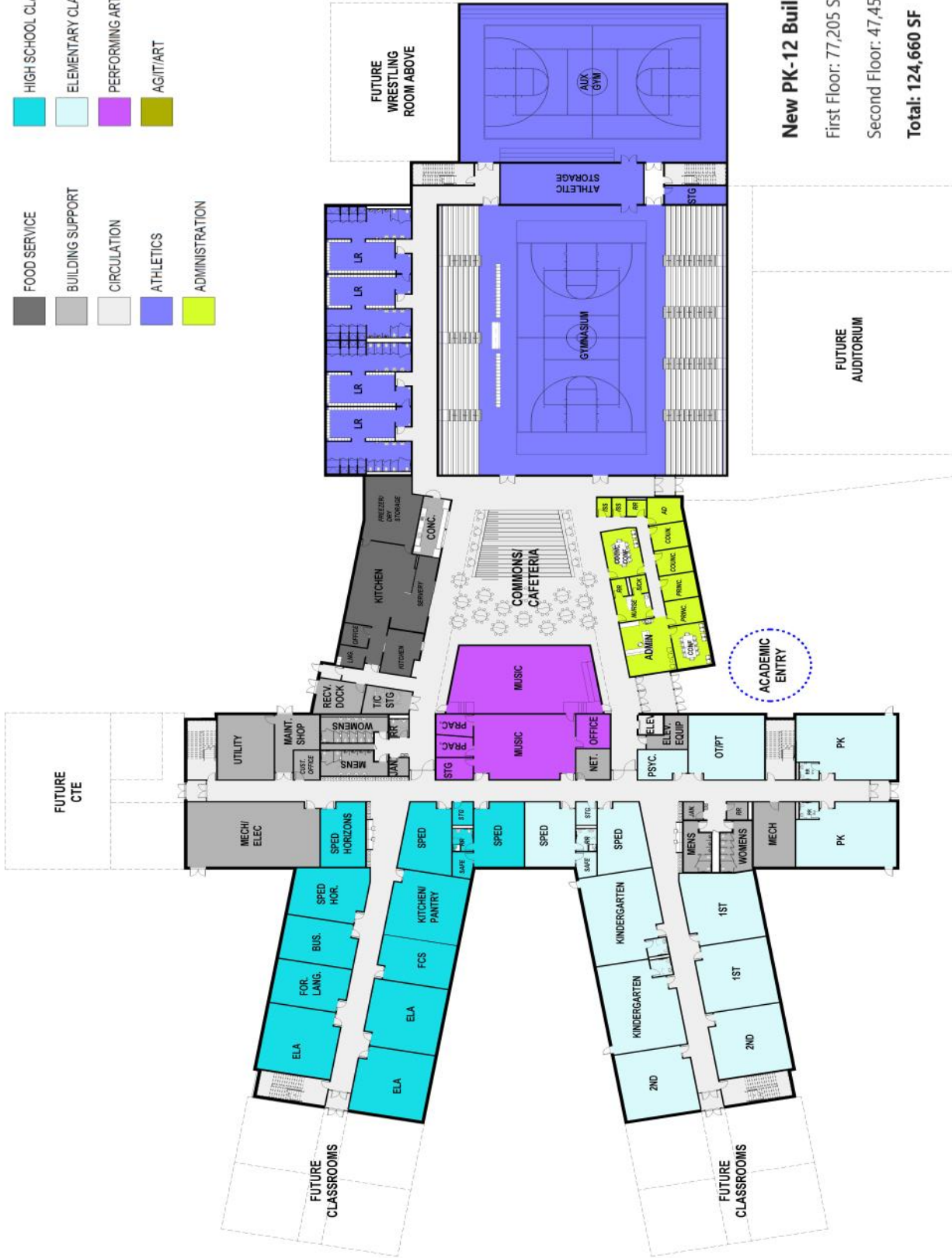
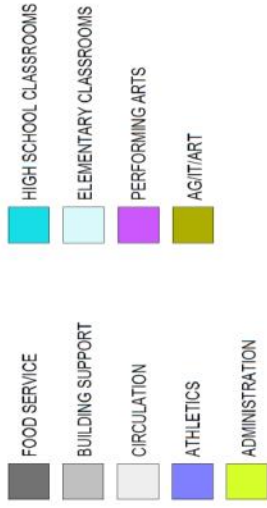
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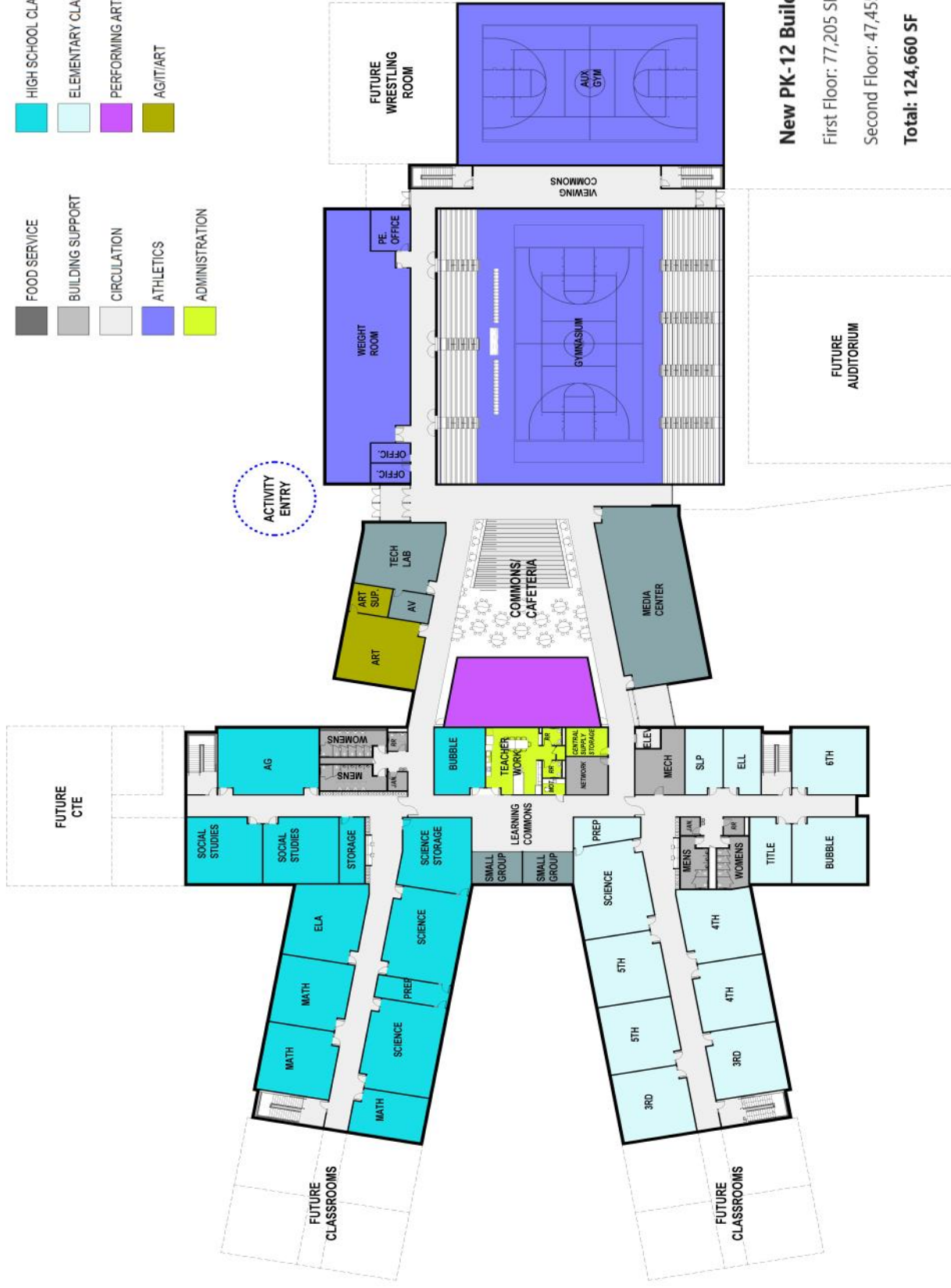
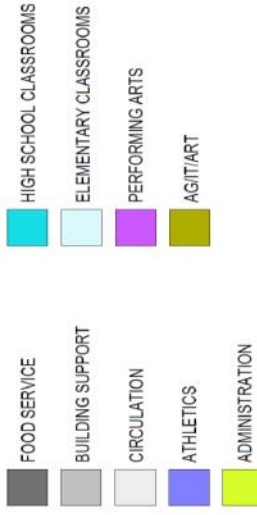


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# State Aid of a Different Kind

Although it is true that the Johnson County Central School District does not currently receive much state aid (\$57,595 or less than 1% of the general fund budget), there are other state sources from which JCC derives funds. These include:

- Special Education (School Age) - This is a percentage of actual costs to educate in special education. JCC is currently reimbursed 43% of actual SPED costs; this reimbursement varies from year to year. Overall, this number has steadily declined over the years.
- Special Education Transportation (School Age) - State reimbursement based on actual costs to transport special education students. JCC is currently reimbursed 49% of actual SPED costs.
- Homestead Exemption - State reimbursement to the district for landowners with this exemption.
- Property Tax Credit - State reimbursement for property owners receiving tax credits through LB1107.
- Personal Property Tax Credit - 2021 was the last year for this. This pertains to items such as farm machinery or business property that owners pay personal property tax on.
- Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle - Taxes on fleet vehicles dispersed to political subdivisions.
- State Apportionment - Based on the annual census of school-aged children.
- Payments for High Ability Learners - Categorical program that schools apply for.
- Other State Receipts

Overall, JCC received \$1,126,755 from state sources for the 2020-2021 school year.

**The Homestead Exemption** is a property tax exemption program that homeowners should be aware of. The definition of a “homestead” is as follows:

*“A homestead is the residence or mobile home, and up to one acre of land surrounding it, actually occupied by a person who is the owner of record or the surviving spouse of the owner of record from January 1 through August 15 in each year.”*

The exemption applies to the following 6 categories:

Persons over age 65.

- Veterans totally disabled by a nonservice-connected accident or illness.
- Qualified disabled individuals.
- Qualified totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.
- Veterans whose home was substantially contributed to by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) and their surviving spouses.
- Individuals who have a developmental disability.
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For more information regarding this exemption and to find out if you qualify, see your county assessor or go to:

<https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/revenue.nebraska.gov/files/doc/pad/info/96-299.pdf>

Another is **The Refundable Income Tax Credit for School District Property Taxes.**

**“Don't Forget to Claim the Property Tax Credit...**

Don't forget to claim the refundable income tax credit for property taxes paid to schools on 2021 income tax filings. The tax credit, created with passage of LB 1107 in 2020, equals 25.3 percent of property taxes paid to schools in 2021. It applies to property taxes paid on real property (land, buildings, residences) excluding taxes levied for bond repayments or taxes levied as a result of voter-approved levy limit overrides. Nebraska Farm Bureau estimates the credit, when combined with the Tier 1 property tax credit program, provides an average property tax reduction of \$6,319 per farm or ranch, roughly 23 percent of average property taxes paid in 2021.

Nebraska Farm Bureau prepared a document with information on the credit and steps on how to claim it which can be found at:

<https://www.nefb.org/refundable-income-tax-credit-for-property-taxes-paid-to-schools-guide/>.

The guide also contains links to additional information and forms from the Nebraska Department of Revenue.”

## **The 2022-2023 School Calendar**

A few adjustments were made to the 2022-2023 calendar prior to its approval at the February Regular School Board Meeting. The final calendar is as follows:

# 2022-2023 School Calendar

July 2022						
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						

July						
4	Independence day					

August 2022						
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			

August						
9-12	Teacher In-Service					
15	First Day For Students - 1:00 PM Dismissal					
19	NO SCHOOL					
22	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					

September 2022						
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	

September						
5	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL					
19	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					

October 2022						
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					

October						
3	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 11 AM - 7 PM					
14	End 1st Quarter					
17	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					
31	Halloween					
<b>Total 1st Qtr. Student Days - 40</b>						

November 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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			

November						
7	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					
23-25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break					

December 2022						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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

December						
5	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					
16	End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester					
19-30	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break					
23-27	NSAA Winter Moratorium					
<b>Total 2nd Qtr. Student Days - 39</b>						
<b>Total 1st Sem. Student Days - 79</b>						
<b>Total 1st Sem. Teacher Days - 89</b>						

January 2023						
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	New Year's Day					
2	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					
3	Begin 2nd Semester/3rd Quarter					
16	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day					

February 2023						
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				

February						
3	NO SCHOOL - ESU4 Engaging Educators Conf.					
13	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 11 AM - 7 PM					
14	Valentines Day					
20	President's Day					
27	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					

March 2023						
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						
9	End 3rd Quarter					
10-13	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break					
17	St. Patrick's Day					
12	Daylight Saving					
27	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					
<b>Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days - 44</b>						

April 2023						
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						
7-10	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break					
24	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.					

May 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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						
13	JCC High School Graduation					
18	Last Day for Students - 11 AM Dismissal					
	End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester					
19	Teacher In-Service					
<b>Total 4th Qtr. Student Days - 44</b>						
<b>Total 2nd Sem. Student Days - 88</b>						
<b>Total 2nd Sem. Teacher Days - 96</b>						

June 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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	

June						
<b>2022-2023 TOTAL = 167 Student Days</b>						
<b>2022-2023 TOTAL = 185 Teacher Days</b>						



# TITLE 1 BOOK BINGO

**Students K-5**

*(must be accompanied by a parent)*

on **Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**

**JCC Cafeteria in Tecumseh**

**7:00 p.m.**

**FREE DRINK AND POPCORN!  
CHANCES TO WIN FREE BOOKS!**



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## **Kindergarten Round-Up**



**WHEN:** Friday, April 8, 2022  
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, 2022.

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 2022 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 11, 2022.

## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Spring is just around the corner...which means PROM is near! Prom is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022 at Hartman's Cattle Company. Doors will open at 8:00 p.m. parents are welcome to take pictures until 8:45 p.m. The dance will be held from 8:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Hors d' oeuvres will be served. Post Prom is still discussing options and when they decide what Post Prom will entail we will get this info out to the students.

To help ensure that we have a safe, drug and alcohol free Prom and Post Prom, the Johnson County Sheriff's department will be administering breathalyzer tests before Prom and before students attend Post Prom. Prom participants will also have a ticket of admission form to sign as well as their parents to give them access for the dance and Post Prom activities.

A very important date you need to mark on your calendar is Tuesday, March 22, 2022. All juniors in the State of Nebraska will be required to take the ACT test on this date. Our JCC juniors will test at the high school and around the first week of March, high school counselor Mrs. Reuter, will be mailing out a letter with the agenda for this day to all juniors. On this day we do have plans for the rest of the high school students - Our freshmen and seniors will be doing college visits and our sophomores will be taking the Pre-ACT test.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

Middle School Students who made the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Honor Roll were recognized at a school assembly in February. JCC teachers challenge their students on a daily basis with high expectations and challenging curriculum and these students excelled in the classroom during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. These students worked hard, turned in assignments, studied for tests, and met each of their individual teachers' classroom expectations. The following students in grades 4-8 received special recognition for earning straight A's for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, and 1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ashley Beethe, Charlyn Bobadilla, Danny Kongmanyvong, Nayelli Manriquez, Levi Othmer, Brianna Robeson, Saige Rother, Wes Swanson, Jack Waring; Owen Weber; Catherine Wendt;
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Regan Campbell-Thies, Anthony Campos, Molly Weber;
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Leighton Beethe, Abigail Burki, Adree Case, Anthony Orozco, Sophia Schmid, Wes Schmid, Riley Wellensiek.

The following students were recognized for modeling citizenship at a high level during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mina Arguello, Samantha Cottrell, Brynn Weber, Sophie Kirkland, Lucas Cropp, & Emma Othmer;
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jackson Gottula, Avayah Lewis, Henry Lueders, Wyatt Lueders, Diego Martinez, & Kenna Thomas;
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Yaretsy Ortiz;
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: William Rademacher;
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ashley Beethe.

These students have demonstrated positive leadership, work ethic, & manners in dealing with their teachers and peers and have demonstrated the 4 core values of the Thunderbird Way – Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a leader – in a consistent manner. Congratulations to all students who were recognized at the assembly.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held in the middle of the quarter this year on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all parents who took time out of their day to attend conferences. Parents who were unable to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences are encouraged to make contact with their child's teachers to get clarification on how their student is doing in all areas of their education, not just grades. This important interaction between teacher and parent can benefit the student immensely.

Congratulations to the following 6<sup>th</sup> grade students for being selected to participate in the Sing Around Nebraska – Festival Choir at Peru State College:

- Leighton Beethe, Abby Burki, Reese Carter, Adree Case, Kael Fricke, Jesus Hurtado, Bodhi Klein, Tony Orozco, Wesley Schmid and Riley Wellensiek.

The Junior High Wrestling season got underway with a triangular with between JCC, Syracuse, and Ashland-Greenwood on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Johnson County Central has 14 boys and 5 girls wrestling this year. The wrestlers will have meets at Falls City on February 24<sup>th</sup>, Weeping Water on February 25<sup>th</sup>, Auburn on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Norris on March 5<sup>th</sup>, Nebraska City on March 10<sup>th</sup> and finish their season at the ECNC Championships at Freeman on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to the wrestlers as they finish their season.

**GO THUNDERBIRDS!**



The arrival of spring also means the start of state assessment time. The window for this year's Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) Summative assessments will open in late March and run through the end of April. Eighth graders started the testing cycle on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with the NeSA-Writing Assessment. More information will be communicated as we get closer to our testing dates. As a reminder there are some test-taking strategies and routines that students and parents can utilize to help their children be successful on any future assessments:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast the morning of the tests.
- Have your child dress in layers – studies show children do better on assessments if they don't have to think about how hot or cold they are.
- Encourage your child to practice the following test-taking strategies: Skip a question and move on if you don't know the answer - you can always come back to that question later; Check your answers carefully; Encourage your child to read on the days leading up to the test. The easiest and best way to prepare your child to do well on tests is to have them read often.
- Encourage your child to take the tests seriously. A lot of important decisions regarding your children are made based on data we receive from these tests. If students don't give their best effort on the standardized tests much our data will be invalid, making it difficult to make decisions that will be in the best interests of our students.



## Spring Season in the Band Department

The Spring semester is quickly gaining speed as we roll into contest season and end of the year concerts. The band students have several events coming up by the end of March and from then on, the light at the end of the tunnel is fast approaching. Below, you can find the list of music dates we have left in the school year.

Several students have been chosen for honor groups. Back on February 19th, ten sixth graders participated in Sing Across Nebraska with several other schools. This was originally set to occur in January at Peru State College, but was pushed back due to weather and illness. The students chosen for this were Leighton Beethe, Abbi Burki, Reese Carter, Adree Case, Riley Wellensiek, Kael Fricke, Jesus Hurtado, Bodhi Klein, Tony Orozco, and Wes Schmid. They prepared all of their songs and performed at Nebraska City High School auditorium.

Class C Allstate auditions were due in January and students were selected by the end of the month. Class C Allstate Band will be held March 19th at Kearney High School and involves students from most/all Class C schools. Students selected for this event are Kaita Baird (flute - 12 grade), Ashley Beethe (alto sax - 8th grade), Vanessa Jimenez (french horn - 12th grade), and Maya Straka (trumpet - 10th grade).

Meridian Honor Band and Choir is another, hosted in Daykin, NE at Meridian HS. We have yet to find out which middle school students have been selected. This concert will take place on Friday, April 1st. ECNC Honor Band is our last honor event of the year. Auditions and plans have yet to be determined, but the event will be hosted in Palmyra this year.

### SUMMER BAND INFO!!!

This year band camp for high school students will take place August 1st - August 5th. There will be a couple of evening rehearsals at the end of July to prep for the Otoe County Fair. A complete schedule will be available before the school year ends. Band students are encouraged to attend all summer rehearsals and band camp as we learn most of our music during that time. We need all of our students in order to make our program sound its best. Please be on the lookout for those summer dates!

As always, summer is a great time to get your student's instrument professionally cleaned and checked up. If taken in during the school year, it may not return to the school for a couple of weeks. In the meantime, students are missing out on a lot of rehearsal time.

<b>March</b>	1	Tuesday	29th Annual Freshmore Clinic - Tecumseh
	17	Thursday	<b>MS Contest Concert - Cook @ 6:30 pm</b>
	19	Saturday	Class C Allstate Band @ Kearney
	24	Thursday	<b>HS MUDECAS Music Contest - Lewiston</b>
			<b>MS Contest - TBD</b>
	26	Saturday	<b>JCC Prom - 8:00 pm</b>
<b>April</b>	1	Friday	Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band @ Daykin
	5	Monday	<b>HS Contest Concert - during class times</b>
	21	Thursday	<b>HS District Music Contest - Tecumseh</b>
	28	Thursday	Spring Musical - 1:15 p.m.
	29	Friday	Spring Musical - 7:00 p.m.
<b>May</b>	1	Sunday	Spring Musical - 2:00 p.m.
	2	Monday	<b>HS Spring Concert and Art Show @ 7:00 pm</b>
	7	Saturday	<b>HS Band at Graduation</b>
	9	Monday	ECNC Honor Band @ Palmyra
	11	Wednesday	Band Recruitment Day
	13	Friday	<b>4-8 Spring Concert - Cook, 7:00 pm</b>
	14	Saturday	<b>Choir—Worlds of Fun Trip</b>
	16	Monday	<b>K-3 Spring Program - Auditorium, 7:00 pm</b>
27-29	Fri-Sun	Band Trip	

## Vocal Music - Tom Doran

### Singing Youth of Nebraska



Mr. Doran and the seven JCC 7th & 8th grade students who auditioned and were selected to participate with the Nebraska Choral Directors Associations Singing Youth of Nebraska Honor Choir held in North Platte on January 29, 2022. Lyn Bouma, recently retired director from Omaha Central High School, directed the honor choir. Lyn will be our Freshmore Clinician this year as well.

Pictured: Front Row - Abby Mejia, Brayden Taylor, Cameron Werner, & Brayden Beethe. Back Row - Molly Weber, Trevin Huskey, A. J. Rautenbach, & Mr. Doran

### Mudecas Music Contest

Lewiston will be the site of this year's Mudecas Music Contest on March 24. JCC will have 13 vocal music entries. Three large groups: The Thunderbird Mixed Choir, Men's Choir, & Women's Choir; and ten solos and small groups: Girls Triple Trio, Boys Quartet, Mixed Quartet, Girls Quartet, Mixed Duet, Boys Duet, 2 Girls Duets, and 3 Solos. We need some sponsors to go with us. Call the school and let the office know if you would like to help sponsor our music students.

### Meridian Honor Choir/Band

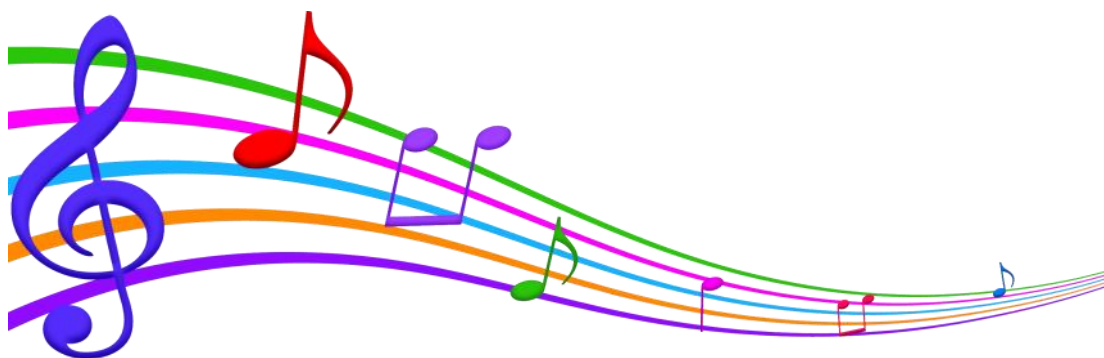
On Friday, April 1, 2022 the following students along with Mr. Doran & Mrs. Fricke will travel to Meridian High School to participate in the Meridian Honor Choir & Band:

Ashley Beethe, Brayden Beethe, Wyatt Case, Trevin Huskey, Monica Jimenez, Abby Mejia, Jacob Nixon, A. J. Rautenbach, Harley Reyes, Saige Rother, Molly Weber & Cameron Werner

They will start rehearsing at noon and present a 7:00 PM Concert in the Meridian High School Gym. The public is invited to attend.

### Middle School Music Contest

Falls City will host a Middle School March Contest on Monday, March 21, 2022. The 6th grade band, 7th & 8th grade band, and 7th & 8th grade choir will compete. At this time no schedule has been completed.



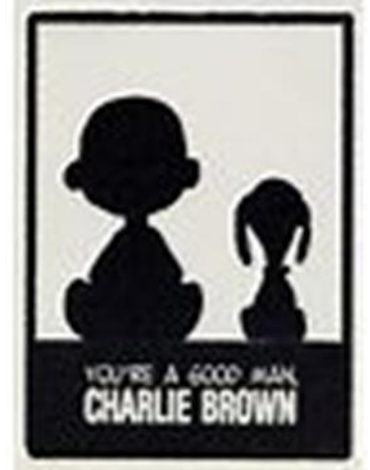


# YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, **CHARLIE BROWN**



Friday, April 29 – 7:00 PM  
Sunday, May 1 – 2:30 PM

Director – Tom Doran  
Assistant Director – Matt Dierking  
Student Director – Ava Berkebile  
Stage Manager – Jonathon Duncan  
Lights Manager – Maya Straka



## Cast List

Sally Brown – Emma Straka

Sally Brown – Emma Walters

Sally Brown – Sunnie Rother

Lucy Van Pelt – Valentina Merino

Lucy Van Pelt – Gina Golden

Snoopy – Tanner Woods

Schroeder – Logan Barras Carnagey

Schroeder – Trey Holthus

Charlie Brown – Hayden Huskey

Linus Van Pelt – Cameron Daniels

Crew – Kaita Baird, Marina Bunda, Madelyn Harrifeld,  
Gina Martin, Nathaly Martinez, Virginia Masneri,  
Julia Mostacero, Sulymar Pena

# JCC

## THUNDERBIRDS

### Greetings Thunderbird family!

Winter is almost over (I hope)! With that comes the end of the winter sports season and the beginning of spring sports. At the writing of this article, wrestling is getting ready for state wrestling, and boys and girls basketball are preparing for the postseason. We will have a full recap of those seasons in next month's letter! Speaking of basketball - due to Pinnacle Bank Arena hosting Big Ten Wrestling on March 5th and 6th the state tournament has combined the girls and boys into a week-long tournament (March 7th-12th). You can find the full schedule attached at the end of this article.

Spring practice is quickly approaching with a start date of Monday, February 28th. Our athletes will have the chance to participate in these opportunities: Boys golf, boys and girls track, and boys and girls soccer (co-op with Nebraska City).

Here is a list of the coaches for these activities:

**High School Track** - *Angie Huskey, Nick Weber, Reid Genuchi, Justin Damme*

**Junior High Track** - *Tim Hedger, Cody Franklin, Kim Mueller*

**Boys Golf** - *Benjamin Swanson*

\*\*If you see any of these coaches please thank them for the time they put in with our student-athletes.

Opening dates:

HS Track: March 18th - Indoor invite @ Nebraska Wesleyan

JH Track: April 9th - MUDECAS @ Freeman

Boys Golf: April 5th - Dual v. Southern @ Wymore Country Club

Go Thunderbirds!

Garrett Collin





## 2022 NSAA State Basketball Championships March 7th-12th

MONDAY - March 7							
			PBA	Devaney	LNE	LNS	
Session 1	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class B Boys	Class C1 Girls	Class D2 Girls	Class D1 Boys	
	10:45 A.M.	Game 2	Class B Boys	Class C1 Girls	Class D2 Girls	Class D1 Boys	
Session 2	1:30 P.M.	Game 3	Class A Girls	Class C1 Girls	Class C2 Boys	Class D1 Boys	
	3:15 P.M.	Game 4	Class A Girls	Class C1 Girls	Class C2 Boys	Class D1 Boys	
Session 3	6:00 P.M.	Game 5	Class A Girls	Class B Boys	Class C2 Boys	Class D2 Girls	
	7:45 P.M.	Game 6	Class A Girls	Class B Boys	Class C2 Boys	Class D2 Girls	
TUESDAY - March 8							
			PBA	Devaney	LSE	LSW	
Session 4	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class B Girls	Class C1 Boys	Class D2 Boys	Class D1 Girls	
	10:45 A.M.	Game 2	Class B Girls	Class C1 Boys	Class D2 Boys	Class D1 Girls	
Session 5	1:30 P.M.	Game 3	Class A Boys	Class C1 Boys	Class C2 Girls	Class D1 Girls	
	3:15 P.M.	Game 4	Class A Boys	Class C1 Boys	Class C2 Girls	Class D1 Girls	
Session 6	6:00 P.M.	Game 5	Class A Boys	Class B Girls	Class C2 Girls	Class D2 Boys	
	7:45 P.M.	Game 6	Class A Boys	Class B Girls	Class C2 Girls	Class D2 Boys	
WEDNESDAY - March 9							
			PBA	Devaney			
Session 7	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class C1 Girls	Class D1 Boys			
	10:45 A.M.	Game 2	Class C1 Girls	Class D1 Boys			
Session 8	1:30 P.M.	Game 3	Class B Boys	Class C2 Boys			
	3:15 P.M.	Game 4	Class B Boys	Class C2 Boys			
Session 9	6:00 P.M.	Game 5	Class A Girls	Class D2 Girls			
	7:45 P.M.	Game 6	Class A Girls	Class D2 Girls			
THURSDAY - March 10							
			PBA	Devaney	LINCOLN HIGH (3rd Place)		
Session 10	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class C1 Boys	Class D1 Girls	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class C2 Boys
	10:45 A.M.	Game 2	Class C1 Boys	Class D1 Girls	11:00 A.M.	Game 2	Class C1 Girls
Session 11	1:30 P.M.	Game 3	Class B Girls	Class C2 Girls	1:00 P.M.	Game 3	Class D2 Girls
	3:15 P.M.	Game 4	Class B Girls	Class C2 Girls	3:00 P.M.	Game 4	Class D1 Boys
Session 12	6:00 P.M.	Game 5	Class A Boys	Class D2 Boys			
	7:45 P.M.	Game 6	Class A Boys	Class D2 Boys			
FRIDAY - March 11 (Championships)							
			PBA	EAST (3rd Place)			
Session 13	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class D1 Boys	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class C2 Girls	
	11:00 A.M.	Game 2	Class C1 Girls	11:00 A.M.	Game 2	Class C1 Boys	
	1:00 P.M.	Game 3	Class B Boys	1:00 P.M.	Game 3	Class D2 Boys	
Session 14	4:00 P.M.	Game 4	Class C2 Boys	3:00 P.M.	Game 4	Class D1 Girls	
	6:00 P.M.	Game 5	Class A Girls				
	8:00 P.M.	Game 6	Class D2 Girls				
SATURDAY - March 12 (Championships)							
			PBA				
Session 15	9:00 A.M.	Game 1	Class D1 Girls				
	11:00 A.M.	Game 2	Class C1 Boys				
	1:00 P.M.	Game 3	Class B Girls				
Session 16	4:00 P.M.	Game 4	Class C2 Girls				
	6:00 P.M.	Game 5	Class A Boys				
	8:00 P.M.	Game 6	Class D2 Boys				



## **Notes from the High School Counselor- Mrs. Olivia Reuter**

### **March Testing and College Visits**

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, all JCC juniors and students in their third year of high school will take the state mandated ACT test free of charge. Students do not need to sign up on their own for this test, they are already signed up through our school. Student scores can be used for colleges, scholarships, or whatever they need an ACT score for. It's nice to get the opportunity to take the test free of charge instead of having to pay \$63.00 to take it. All sophomores will take the pre-ACT free of charge that same day. This test is a shorter version of the ACT that gives students their predicted ACT range and shows them what to improve on to do better on the ACT, when they take that test. There will be a parent letter coming out on testing that includes more details. While sophomores and juniors are testing, the freshmen and seniors will be going on college visits to either Peru State College, SCC-Beatrice, Highland Community College, Doane University, or Bryan College of Health Sciences. All students will receive free breakfast that morning. The students on college visits will receive free lunch, and the students testing will have the option of a sack lunch from the kitchen after testing. Students will be released from school after testing is done or after they get back from their college visits.

### **The FAFSA Application for 2022-2023 College Students Is Still Open**

High school seniors and students already in college should apply for federal financial aid by filling out a FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) online at [fasa.gov](https://fasa.gov). Make sure that you go to the [fasa.gov](https://fasa.gov) address. Do not search for the FAFSA on a search engine, it could take you to the wrong page. There are copycat pages out there that look like the FAFSA page, but at the end they ask for money in order to submit it. The FAFSA is free to apply for, never pay money to submit a FAFSA form! It is very important that they fill out a 2022-2023 form and not a 2021-2022 form. You fill out the form for the year you will be in college. Before you can fill out the FAFSA, both the student and one parent need an FSA ID. To get FSA IDs, go to <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>; after you have these, you can start the FAFSA. Parents who have FSA IDs from children who have already been in college, can use that same FSA ID. If you need help with the FAFSA, EducationQuest is glad to help. They offer virtual appointments and can also help by phone. To get help with your FAFSA or set up a virtual appointment, call the Lincoln office of EducationQuest at (402) 475-5222 or the Omaha office at (402) 391-4033. The EducationQuest website has an entire page dedicated to helping students and parents navigate the FAFSA. You can find this page at <https://www.educationquest.org/resources/fafsa-tools/>

### **Apply to Take the June ACT Now**

Students can apply online to take the ACT in June at <https://my.act.org/>. Register by May 6<sup>th</sup> to take the June 11, 2022 ACT. If a student is on an IEP and needs accommodations, they need to request these online. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can ask Mrs. Reuter for a fee waiver form to take the ACT test for free. Keep in mind that all juniors will take the ACT for free in March for their Nebraska state testing.

## Highlighting the Class of 2022- Meet five more members of this year's senior class.

**Megan Grace Leuenberger** is the daughter of Christian and Heather Leuenberger of Cook, Nebraska. She has one brother, Jack (19). Her favorite classes at JCC have been Botany with Mrs. Hodges and Art with Mrs. Peoples. Her most challenging class has been Math. While in high school, Megan has been involved in FFA, track, bowling, music, and t-bird buddies. According to Megan, the best thing about being a senior is, "Getting ready to deal with my own life and helping family whenever they need it." Her favorite school lunch is hamburger helper, and her hobbies and interests outside of school are snuggling with her sweet Nova and getting back in touch with friends. After high school, Megan plans to volunteer at the veterinary clinic. She really enjoys helping animals. Her advice to JCC freshmen is, "Try to achieve your dreams, don't fail, enjoy every moment of high school. Make memories with your teachers." In ten years, Megan sees herself seizure free, maybe having a family, and helping her family out.



**Gina A. Golden** is the daughter of Kevin Golden. She lives five miles outside of Tecumseh. Her siblings include, Sean (19), Gregory (14), and Johnny (9). Gina says, "My favorite classes so far this year have been my journalism class and a college credit class called Police and Society. I like journalism because we get to write and because I get to be a part of something bigger such as working on the yearbook. I like my college class because it's something I'm genuinely interested in." Her most challenging class is also her online college class, Police and Society because it challenges her way of thinking. Gina's hobbies outside of school are writing, singing, and socializing with new people. After she graduates from high school, Gina plans to attend Southeast Community College in Beatrice before transferring to Wayne State College to major in Criminal Psychology. Her advice to freshmen is, "If something doesn't work out, there may be other doorways that could open up for you, so just take life

one day at a time." During high school, Gina has been involved in speech, one-act, unified bowling, and choir. She was also in volleyball for one year. Her favorite school lunch is chili and a cinnamon roll. According to Gina, the best thing about being a senior is, "I'm one step closer to the career path for the future that I desire." In ten years, Gina says, "I would like to think that in ten years I will be impacting people's lives by being a criminal counselor. By this time, I will possibly be married and I might have kids."

**Kobe John Wilken** is the son of Shelia Focken and Cory Wilken. He lives on a farm near Cook and has two siblings, Nicole Wilken and Henry Smith. Kobe’s favorite classes at JCC have been his shop classes, woods and welding. His most challenging classes have been the business classes he took with Mrs.Huskey and his favorite school lunch is the fiestada. According to Kobe, the best thing about being a senior is, “Everyone knows who you are and the know you and what you are interested in.” Outside of school, Kobe likes to work on old cars and trucks. After he graduates from high school, Kobe plans to attend SCC-Milford for their automotive or auto collision repair program. Kobe’s advice to freshmen is, “Don’t overthink things, just do what you want to do.” In ten years, Kobe says, “I can see myself working on cars and having my own business. I will live in the country and I probably won’t be married.”



**Emma Kay Walters** lives in the country near Tecumseh and is the daughter of Ben and Rachel Walters. She has one brother, Jonah (22). While in high school, Emma has been involved in band, choir, jazz band, one act, spring play/musical, cheer, wrestling, golf, FBLA, and HOSA. Her favorite classes at JCC have been choir and band because she loves music. Her most challenging classes have been her math classes because she has had a hard time understanding them. The popcorn chicken bowl is Emma’s favorite school lunch. Outside of school, Emma likes to hang out with friends, read, and play video games. Emma eventually would like to attend Southeast Community College in Lincoln, but she wants to take a year off to work and think about what program she is interested in first. Her advice to freshmen is, “Make sure you keep up with your homework and turn things in on time.” According to Emma, “In ten years, I hope to see myself with a job that I love doing. I also hope that I am married with kids.”

**Aireeona L. McBride** is the daughter of Nikol Dixon and Matthew Dixon. She lives in Tecumseh and has three siblings, Haley (10), Matthew (6), and Jayden (5). Her favorite classes at JCC have been Art and English because she loves the teachers. Her most difficult classes have been her math classes because she is not good at math. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. After she graduates from high school, Aireeona plans to eventually go to cosmetology school or become a pediatrician. Outside of school, Airreeona works a lot and hangs out with her cousins. Her advice to freshmen is, “Trust no one.” According to Aireeona, the best thing about being a senior is, “It’s my last year of school.” In ten years, Aireeona says, “Hopefully I have a good job as a pediatrician or in cosmetology. I may live out of state. I will have kids, but I will not be married.”





## **Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS Growth)** **Testing Information**

By: Marsha Bacon

### **Johnson County Central NSCAS Growth Testing Dates:**

Grade 3: Tuesday, April 12th (ELA) & Wednesday, April 13th (Math)

Grade 4: Tuesday, April 12th (Math) & Wednesday April 27th (ELA)

Grade 5: Tuesday, April 12th (Math), Tuesday, April 19th (Science) & Wednesday, April 27th (ELA)

Grade 6: Wednesday, April 20th (Math) & Tuesday, April 26th (ELA)

Grade 7: Tuesday, April 19th (Math) & Tuesday, April 26th (ELA)

Grade 8: Wednesday, April 13th (Science), Tuesday, April 19th (Math) & Tuesday, April 26th (ELA)

### **NSCAS Growth: Multiple Measures to Help Students Learn**

The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS), pronounced “en-skass,” is a statewide assessment system that embodies Nebraska’s holistic view of students and helps them prepare for success in postsecondary education, career, and civic life. It uses multiple measures throughout the year to provide educators and decision makers at all levels with the insights they need to support student learning.

The Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) was developed to support the connection between curriculum, instruction, and assessment by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) with the assistance of Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), the creator of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment. It includes formative, interim, and summative (proficiency) measures, with the recognition that educators need different types of data to inform teaching and learning. Nebraska districts will fully transition to an adaptive, through-year assessment model for grades 3–8 in English language arts and mathematics in the 2022-23 school year. NSCAS through-year assessment combines the best of MAP Growth and the NSCAS General Summative test to reduce overall testing and provide better data during the year to support learning. Students in these grades will no longer participate in MAPS, only NSCAS Growth. The NSCAS adaptive through-year model produces growth and summative scores.

The NSCAS adaptive through-year model is like a hybrid of the current NSCAS General Summative and NSCAS Interim (MAP Growth). Fall, winter, and spring tests will adapt outside of grade level to reflect student learning level and growth. The assessments will also measure student performance relative to the NSCAS General Summative, providing grade-level performance information throughout the school year for instructional purposes. Information from the fall, winter, and spring assessments will culminate in summative proficiency scores at year’s end. This unified approach will increase testing efficiency while providing access to normative and criterion-based information throughout the year to support teaching and learning.



NSCAS Growth is aligned to the NDE State Standards. This school year, JCC students participated in NSCAS Growth testing in the winter (pilot assessment) and will participate in NSCAS Growth testing this spring. Students in grades 3-8 will participate in NSCAS Growth, which will provide more detailed information about students strengths and areas for growth through the school year. Students are assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics in grades 3-8 and Science in grades 5 & 8. The NSCAS General Summative Assessment measures student performance against Nebraska content area standards, showing how learning compares to expectations. The assessments are computer-adaptive. Staff will be able to use data from prior MAPS assessments to instruct and assist students, as it will correlate with the new NSCAS Growth student data.

# March 2022 Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Hot Ham and Cheese/ WG Bun Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	2 Ash Wednesday Breakfast for Lunch Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	3 Br Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	4 Fish Sticks Cole Slaw Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	5
6	7 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Gold fish WG Milk	8 Cr. Chicken/ WG Biscuit Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	9 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Garlic Bread Milk	10 Tater Tot Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	11 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	15 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	16 BBQ Riblet w/ Bun Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	17 Walking Taco Black Bean Salsa Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	18 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19
20	21 Chicken Fajita Wrap Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	22 Meat Ball Sub Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	23 Beef Fingers Mashed Potato Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	24 Hot Dog PK & Elem Chili Cheese Dog HS / MS Fruit & Veggie Bar FF Milk	25 Cheese Quesadilla Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26
27	28 Totcho's Fruit & Veggie Bar B & B Milk	29 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	30 Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	31 Goulash Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Garlic Bread Milk		



# March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>All Activities are Subject to Change</b> </div>	1 FFA District Career Development Events @ Beatrice-8:00 am 29th Annual Freshmore Clinic @ JCC Elem Auditorium - 8:15 am Freshmore Concert - 6:30 pm	2 Cheer Team Recruiting @ Cook MS-2:45 pm	3 JH Wrestling Tournament @ Auburn HS-4:30 pm Title 1 Book Bingo @ JCC HS Cafeteria-7:00 pm		5 Speech District Meet @ Raymond Central HS-8:00 am 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Tourney @ JCC MS Cook Site-9:00 am JH Wrestling Invitational @ Norris-9:00 am
6	7 Boys/Girls Basketball State Tournament @ Lincoln-TBD	8 Boys/Girls Basketball State Tournament @ Lincoln-TBD	9 HS ACT Prep/Life Skills/Career Info Sessions-8:15 am Boys/Girls Basketball State Tournament @ Lincoln-TBD <b>JCC School Board of Education Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab-6:00 pm</b>	10 <b>END OF 3RD QUARTER</b> Boys/Girls Basketball State Tournament @ Lincoln-TBD JCC HS Quiz Bowl @ JCC HS-4:00 pm JH Wrestling Invitational @ Nebraska City @ 4:30 pm	11 <b>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</b> Boys/Girls Basketball State Tournament @ Lincoln-TBD	12 Boys/Girls Basketball State Tournament @ Lincoln-TBD
13 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS Spring Forward</b> HOSA State Leadership Conference @ UNO	14 <b>NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK</b> HOSA State Leadership Conference @ UNO	15 <b>4TH QUARTER BEGINS</b> HOSA State Leadership Conference @ UNO JH Wrestling ECNC Invitational @ Freeman HS 4:00 pm	16 ECNC Jr-Sr Quiz Bowl @ Auburn HS-9:00 am HS Cheer Parent Meeting @ JCC HS-Room 307 6:30 pm	17 Middle School Contest Concert @ MS, Cook Site-6:30 pm 	18	19 Class C All State Band-Kearney Varsity Track Indoor Meet @ Nebraska Wesleyan University-9:30 am
20 <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</b> 	21 Middle School Music Contest @ Falls City - 8:00 am	22 HS Cheer Try Out Clinic-6:30 am	23 HS Cheer Try Out Clinic-6:30 am	24 HS Cheer Try Out Clinic-6:30 am Mudecas HS Music Contest @ Lewiston-8:00 am	25 <b>NO PRESCHOOL- BOTH SITES</b> Peru State College Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration K3 @ Peru State-1:00 pm Official Try Out for HS Cheer-2022/23-6:30 pm	26 JCC Jr/Sr Prom @ Hartman Cattle Co-8:00 pm
27 HOSA State Leadership Conference @ Omaha	28 HOSA State Leadership Conference @ Omaha	29 Varsity Track Invitational @ Auburn HS-2:30 pm	30 Mudecas HS Quiz Bowl @ Freeman HS-9:00 am	31		

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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.

Thursday, March 10th  
END OF 3RD QUARTER

### NO School for Students

Friday, March 11th  
and  
Monday, March 14th  
SPRING BREAK

SPRING BEGINS  
MARCH 20TH  
THINK SPRING!!



**MARCH 13TH**