



Superintendent Monthly Update



JCC by the Numbers

by **Jon Rother**. May 2022

296.7 Square Miles

4 Counties - Johnson, Otoe, Nemaha, Pawnee

6 Communities - Tecumseh (pop. 1,694), Cook (pop. 319),
Talmage (pop. 198), Elk Creek (69), Burr (pop. 52), Lorton (pop. 35)
[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

2 Campuses - Cook Site & Tecumseh Site

3 Buildings - Cook (est. 1958), Tecumseh EL (est. 1931),
Tecumseh HS (est. 1966)

4 Schools - Tecumseh Site Elementary (PK-3), Cook Site Elementary (PK, 4-5),
Middle School (6-8), High School (9-12)

Total Budget (2021-2022) - \$11,196,629

- General Fund - \$9,267,243
- Depreciation - \$201,956
- Activities - \$350,001
- School Nutrition - \$389,287
- Building - \$950,000
- All other funds - \$38,142

507 Students (April 2022) - PK (32), K (40), 1st (29), 2nd (35), 3rd (29),
4th (32), 5th (36), 6th (38), 7th (43), 8th (43), 9th (34), 10th (37),
11th (33), 12th (46)

- 3% English Learners
- 7% Gifted
- 52% Free/Reduced Lunch
- 24% Special Education
- 92% Graduation Rate
- 80% College Going Rate
- 94% Attendance Rate

* Data from <https://nep.education.ne.gov/>

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

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Superintendent
Elementary Principal
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Rick Lester
High School Principal
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Middle School Principal
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105 Staff (April 2022)

- 3 Administrators
- 2 School Counselors
- 1 Technology Coordinator
- 50 Teachers (31 w/ Masters Degrees)
- 1 Nurse
- 2 Maintenance
- 5 Custodial
- 5 Office Staff
- 17 Para-Professionals
- 7 Kitchen Staff
- 1 Transportation Director
- 5 Transportation
- 6 Coaching Staff Only



School Improvement

JCC is currently in year 1 of the 5-year school improvement cycle as required for accredited schools in the State of Nebraska through Rule 10. As such, we have been meeting over the course of the last year to develop a school improvement plan. After many discussions about staff and student engagement in learning, we determined that our mindset going into any problem, classroom, subject area, task or activity can greatly determine our level of success. The mindset that we can, and are able, to learn new or difficult skills is known as a “growth mindset”. Not everyone has a growth mindset, however it can be developed through intentional learning and self-reflection. Once established, a growth mindset can help individuals reach success levels they thought previously unattainable. Therefore, we will be using Carol S. Dweck’s book, “Mindset: The New Psychology of Success” as the basis for our plan. As a supplement to “Mindset” we will also be exploring “Mathematical Mindsets” by Jo Boaler. More information on Mathematical Mindsets can be found at www.youcubed.org

If you are unfamiliar with the growth mindset, you can find both books mentioned above in hard copy, digital or audio formats. Or, you can watch Carol Dweck and Jo Boaler on TEDx or YouTube. Their concepts on mindset along with Angela Duckworth’s research on “grit” can really help individuals overcome barriers in their education and their lives. She can also be heard on YouTube and TEDx.

With “Growth Mindset” as our goal, at the center of our staff development, taught to our students and practiced together; we hope to see great improvement all around at JCC!

As always, should you have questions, please contact me at (402) 921-0187 or jon.rother@jcccentral.org.

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Summer vacation is sneaking upon us! For our JCC students, summer means conditioning and working on their preferred sport skills for the upcoming year. Summer is also the time for JCC students to take advantage of Driver's Education. There is a sign-up sheet at the high school office and middle school office and an informational sheet which explains the qualification for students who want to take Driver's Education. Driver's Education classes will be held from Monday, June 6, 2022 thru Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a thirty-minute lunch. Classes will be held at the high school in room 200. The cost is \$230.00 with payment needed to be made to the school before the beginning of the first class.

In February and March all students pre-registered for the 2022-2023 school year. Once the official class schedule is complete, every student will receive a letter around the first of August which will include their schedule showing their classes and periods. If they like their schedule, nothing needs to be done. If they would like to make changes to their class schedule, they could come to school on Monday, August 8, 2022 anytime from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or they can make their changes the first five days of school.

Another item that needs to be addressed is our summer school. Summer school is designed for students for credit recovery. Summer school begins Monday, June 6, 2022 and ends on Thursday, June 30, 2022. Classes are from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Summer school is administered thru a software program called Odysseyware. Each student will be working independently on the computer. Mrs. Devon Roesener will be monitoring and assisting the class, and be available for questions and help. Each class has a required number of assignments each day (approx. 10-13 assignments) that need to be completed with a passing grade. All required assignments need to be completed by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

All parents of students who lost credits first semester or who are in jeopardy of losing credits for second semester, will be sent a letter at the end of April explaining this opportunity. I will meet with these students to encourage them to take summer school and the importance of utilizing this program. Summer school needs to be registered and fees paid for before the first day of class on Monday, June 6, 2022. Students may only take summer school to recover 1st or 2nd semester of a class and the fee is \$50.00 per class.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

With only 14 days of school during the month of May, it's hard to believe the number of activities that will take place before the school year is over. Here is a partial list of activities that will take place involving students in grades 4-8 through the last day of school on May 19.

MAP testing for students in grades 4-8 will start the first week of May.

The Junior High Track team will participate in three meets in May. They will compete at Tri County on Monday, May 2, the ECNC Meet at Auburn on Friday, May 6 and finish their season at the Auburn Relays on Tuesday, May 10.

The Junior High and Senior High ECNC Honor Band will be held at Palmyra on Monday, May 9. The ECNC's finest in instrumental music will rehearse together throughout the day and put on what will surely be an outstanding concert in the evening.

On Wednesday, May 11 our 8th grade will take a trip to the high school for their 9th grade orientation. They will meet with high school administration, teachers and activity sponsors and receive a tour of the facility.

The K-6 Track & Field Day will be Friday, May 13th, starting at 1:00. All grades will be at the high school track in Tecumseh. Parents are invited to come watch the fun and games.

The Cook Site Elementary and Middle School Music Concert will be held on Friday, May 13, starting at 7:00. Please try to attend this as I'm sure our band and choirs, and their directors, will put on another outstanding show.

The Nebraska Junior High State Track & Field Meet will be held in Gothenburg on Saturday, May 14th. Hopefully, we will have some of our 7th and 8th grade track athletes qualify for this outstanding event.

The 6th Grade will take a field trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha on Monday, May 16.

Tuesday, May 17 our 8th grade science students will be holding a Science Expo from 9:00-11:00 for our 4th and 5th grades. Parents are welcome to come and view their demonstrations.

The 4th & 5th Grade Thunderbird Assembly and the Middle School Honor Assembly will be held on Wednesday, May 18. Students will be recognized for any awards and academic achievements they have earned throughout the year.

As the end of the school year approaches we'll need to turn our attention to the requirements students need to meet before they are allowed to check out for the summer. Student iPads will be turned in during the week of May 16. Students must turn in the school-issued official Apple lightning-to-USB cable and the full 12W charger block. Insurance does not cover lost cables and chargers. If the iPad is damaged and insurance was not purchased (or you have already used your insurance claim), you will be billed for the repair cost. If insurance was purchased and it has not already been used, the repair cost will be covered by the insurance. In addition to their iPads, students will also need to have all other school materials (textbooks, library books, athletic uniforms and equipment, padlocks, etc.) turned in, and all bills, fees, and fines must be paid. Any lost or damaged items will need to be paid for. Both their school locker and their gym locker will need to be cleaned out and all personal items must be taken home. Students will not receive their report cards until everything on their checkout sheet has been taken care of. Please have your child check on these items prior to the last day, so he/she doesn't have to make an extra trip back to school to get their checkout sheet signed.

Greetings Thunderbird Family!

We are close to the end of the tunnel for the school year and things are quickly winding down. It has been a year full of challenges and adversity for our athletes and coaches and they should be acknowledged for a job well done! Everyone should be proud of what they have accomplished!

We have a couple more home events where you can come out and support your Thunderbirds. They include:

- **May 5** - JCC Invitational Boys Golf Meet
- **May 6** - JCC Invitational Track Meet (varsity)
- **May 13** - Elementary Track and Field Day

As we head into summer, keep an eye out for summer schedules and information such as weight room hours and specific-sport open gyms and camps. It is extremely important that our athletes take advantage of these opportunities to hone their skills. Please encourage them to attend. We will do our best to get these advertised on the school website and our social media pages.

On April 29th, we had a ceremony where we honored our student-athletes where they were recognized for the awards they had received throughout the fall and winter seasons! Here is the list of awards and pictures that will follow in next month's newsletter!

Football

Treyton Holthus: *First Team All-District, ECNC All-Conference First Team, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State.*

Jon Duncan: *First Team All-District, ECNC All-Conference First Team, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention.*

Logan Barras-Carnagey: *All-District First Team, ECNC All-Conference First Team, NCPA Academic All-State.*

Cameron Schuster: *All-District Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention.*

Phil Buck: *All-District Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention.*

Rodrigo Rivera: *All-District Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention.*

Roberto Borboa: *All-District Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention.*

Volleyball

Ava Berkebile: *Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference First Team, MUDECAS B Division First Team, the school record for career digs (846).*

Arely Cabrales: *MUDECAS B Division Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention.*

Bailee Sterup: *Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention.*

Sunnie Rother: *MUDECAS B Division Honorable Mention.*

Daisy Ortiz: *NCPA Academic All-State.*

Madelyn Harrifeld: *NCPA Academic All-State.*

Cross Country

Madison Pingel: *NCPA Academic All-State.*

Hayden Huskey: *NCPA Academic All-State.*

Aiden Weber: *NCPA Academic All-State.*

Girls Golf

Kaita Baird: *NCPA Academic All-State.*

Vanessa Jimenez: *State Qualifier.*

Anzel duPreez: *NCPA Academic All-State, ECNC All-Conference.*

Unified Bowling

Kaita Baird: NCPA Academic All-State.

Logan Barras-Carnagey: NCPA Academic All-State.

One-Act

Vanessa Jimenez: Outstanding Actress Award.

Jon Duncan: Outstanding Actor Award.

Logan Barras-Carnagey: Outstanding Actor Award.

Rita Ceballos: Outstanding Actress Award.

Jannis Romer: Outstanding Actress Award.

Trey Holthus: NCPA Academic All-State, Outstanding Actor Award.

Jennifer Castor Cruz: NCPA Academic All-State, Outstanding Actress Award.

Wrestling

Phil Buck: Teammate of the Year

Christian Harrifeld: Most Outstanding Wrestler, State Qualifier, the school records for Most Pins (28), Most Wins (37).

Terry Trew: Rookie of the Year, the school record for Tech Falls (3).

Brett Bohling: Most Improved Wrestler, NCPA Academic All-State.

Logan Topp: NCPA Academic All-State.

Jocelyn Prado: Most Outstanding Wrestler, State Runner Up.

Lucie Rougean: Most Improved Wrestler, NCPA Academic Wrestler, State Qualifier.

Rita Ceballos: Teammate of the Year, NCPA Academic All-State.

Boys Basketball

Logan Barras-Carnagey: NCPA Academic All-State.

Jon Duncan: ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All State Honorable Mention.

Treyton Holthus: MUDECAS A Division Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State, ECNC All-Conference First Team, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention.

Keegan Jones: ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention

Girls Basketball

Ava Berkebile: ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention, MUDECAS B Division Honorable Mention, NCPA Academic All-State.

Emma Swanda: ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention, Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention, MUDECAS B Division Honorable Mention.

Sunnie Rother: Lincoln Journal Star All-State Honorable Mention, Omaha World-Herald All-State Honorable Mention, Teammate of the Year.

Madelyn Harrifeld: NCPA Academic All-State.

Speech

Rita Ceballos: Outstanding Performance Award, NCPA Academic All-State.

Kimy Orozco: Outstanding Performance Award, NCPA Academic All-State.

Jannis Romer: Outstanding Performance Award.

Thank you and have a great summer!

Garrett Collin
Activities Director

Notes from the High School Counselor- Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship Recipient

Rodrigo Rivera, a senior at JCC, was recently notified that he has been awarded a 2022 Susan Thompson Buffett scholarship. The Susan T. Buffett Foundation has offered scholarships to college students in Nebraska for over 50 years. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to first-time freshman entering college who live in Nebraska, graduate from a Nebraska high school with plans to attend a Nebraska public college or university, and demonstrate financial need. Rodrigo plans to attend Southeast Community College in Lincoln and plans to transfer to a four-year college or university later on. At SCC, the Buffett scholarship will pay for up to \$2,225 per semester of Rodrigo's cost of attendance. Amounts vary based upon which college or university students attend, and the scholarship will eventually transfer to Rodrigo's four-year college or university as long as he goes on to a public college or university in the state of Nebraska. Rodrigo is the son of Natividad Echeverria of Tecumseh.

JCC Foundation Selects 2022 Scholarship Recipients

The JCC Foundation has selected the following scholarship recipients.

\$1,000 to a Trade School: Matthew Jansen

\$1,000 to a Community College: Gina Golden and Esperanza Cardoza

\$2,000 to a 4-year Baccalaureate College: Jennifer Castor Cruz, Madison Pingel, and Treyton Holthus

2022 Oldfield Scholarship Recipients

Jennifer Castor Cruz is the recipient of the \$1000 Lester and Arden Oldfield-Johnson County Memorial Scholarship. Col. Barney Oldfield and his brothers were beneficiaries of educational opportunities in Johnson County Schools. Because of this, Barney has established, in memory of his brothers, a scholarship to make it possible for a graduate of a Johnson County High School to have an opportunity to receive financial assistance during their freshman year at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jennifer plans to attend UNL next year and major in education. She is the daughter of Erika Castor Cruz and the late Arturo Castor.

Jonathon Duncan is the recipient of the \$2000 Ella Shriver Oldfield - Effie Adeline Fink - Williams Fink Scholarship. The "Ella Shriver Oldfield - Effie Adeline Fink - Williams Fink Scholarship" is in honor of the named grandparents of Arthur Barney Oldfield. Ella Shriver Oldfield was Barney's paternal grandmother. Effie Adeline Fink and William Fink were the parents of Barney's mother, Anna Ota Fink. Jonathon plans to attend UNL and major in He is the son of Jessica Duncan and Charles Duncan.

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. Make sure that you go to the fafa.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. 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/>

Highlighting the Class of 2022- Meet nine more JCC seniors. Here are the articles on the seniors who have not been featured in the newsletter yet.

Fransisco D. Xayaphonesongkham lives in Tecumseh with his parents, Bonthone and Thamphone. While at JCC, Fran has been involved in jazz band, art club, and one act. His most challenging classes at JCC have been pre-calculus and advanced English IV, while art, band, and choir have been his favorite classes. Fran's interests outside of school are creating new clothing with resources he already has. The best thing about being a senior, according to Fran, is "school is easier." His favorite lunch at JCC is breakfast for lunch. After he graduates from high school, Fran plans to attend Southeast Community College for their graphic design program. His advice to freshmen at JCC is, "Never deny yourself the freedom to experiment within your own identity for it is yours and yours only." In ten years, Fran sees himself "Hopefully having his degree and in some sort of job with fashion or illustration. I'll probably be living in an apartment. I think my life will finally be fairly stable by then."

Jordan Michaela Albrecht is the daughter of Cindy Albrecht of Tecumseh. She has one sister named Aly who is 28. According to Jordan the best thing about being a senior is, "I get out of school earlier than everyone else." After graduation, Jordan plans to attend SCC-Lincoln for their design and drafting technology program. Jordan's favorite class at JCC was advanced PE and her most challenging classes during high school were her English classes. During her high school years, Jordan has been involved in track, basketball, golf, bowling, academic decathlon, band, and jazz band. Her favorite lunch at JCC is stromboli. Outside of school, Jordan likes to go out with her friends. Her advice to freshmen is, "Respect your elders." In ten years, Jordan says, "I hope I'm married with kids and living in a house that I built in the country. I hope to be working as an interior designer or a real estate agent."



Dylan Henderson is the son of Brian and Melody Henderson of Cook. He has two brothers, Devon, who is 22 and Dalton, who is 12. His favorite classes at JCC have been his woods and welding classes because they are hands-on and he learned skills that he will use in the future. His most challenging class was American History because of everything you have to remember for the tests in that class. For school activities, he was in track his freshman year. Dylan's favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Dylan likes to play video games and spend time with his friends. After he graduates, Dylan plans to get a full-time job at Smart Chicken. Dylan's advice to freshmen is, "Don't miss too many days of school, and don't fail classes because you have to take them over and that's not fun." According to Dylan, the best thing about being a senior is, "It's my last year of high school. I get to start a new chapter of my life."

Jacob Russell Hedge is the son of Russell and Jodi Hedge of Tecumseh. His siblings are James and Lorie. His favorite class at JCC has been his construction class because he learned a lot that he didn't know and a lot of skills that he can use in the future. His most difficult class is biology because he has to remember too much information. His hobbies and interests outside of school are going fishing and hunting with his dad. After he graduates, Jacob plans to work at Orscheln's full-time. His advice to freshmen is, "Don't pick on seniors." Jacob says that the best thing about being a senior is, "I've learned a lot about responsibility." In ten years, Jacob sees himself married and living in Lincoln. He hopes to be successful and making a lot of money, working in the construction field.





Guadalupe Martinez Contreras lives in Tecumseh and is the daughter of Jana Contreras Sanchez and Jose Adrian Martinez. She has five siblings, Sandra Martinez, Adrian Martinez, Elizabeth Martinez, Karina Martinez, and Carlos Martinez. The best thing about being a senior, according to Guadalupe is, “It’s my last year of high school.” Her favorite classes at JCC have been her business classes with Mrs. Huskey because they are very useful in life and she’s a great teacher who helps her understand what she is learning. Her most challenging class was chemistry. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. During her high school years, she has been in choir. In her free time, Guadalupe enjoys working out and painting. Her plans after graduation include going to SCC Lincoln for their radiologic technology program. Her advice to freshmen is, “Don’t be afraid to ask questions.” In ten years, Guadalupe sees herself working in a hospital as a radiologic technician, living in Lincoln, and having a family.

Lane L. Othmer lives on a farm south of Tecumseh with his parents, Lavon and Lisa Othmer. He has one brother, Levi, who is 14. The best thing about being a senior, according to Lane, is “having lots of options on classes to take.” Lane’s favorite classes have been his shop and agriculture classes because he uses the skills he has learned in those classes every day in his life. His most challenging class at JCC was chemistry. Lane’s hobbies outside of school include demo derbies, running the combine, and hanging out with friends. His favorite school lunch is chili. After graduation, Lane will farm and custom harvest with his grandpa. Eventually, he plans to take over his grandpa’s custom harvesting business as he retires. Lane’s advice to freshmen is, “Enjoy it because the next thing you know, it’s graduation time.” During his time in high school, Lane has been in FFA, FBLA, and cross country. In ten years, Lane says, “I will still be custom harvesting and living around the Tecumseh or Elk Creek area. I’ll probably be married.”



Matthew Eldon Jansen is the son of James and Kimberly Jansen of Tecumseh. He has one sister, Madison, who is 14. Matthew says the best part about being a senior is, “knowing that this is my last year and I will finally be able to pursue my career.” Matthew’s favorite high school classes have been his shop classes because he gets to get hands-on experience while making projects for himself and the school. His most challenging classes have been his science classes. Outside of school, Matthew likes to drive, explore, and hang out with friends. He has also been involved in boy scouts for over five years. He recently achieved the rank of eagle scout. Matthew’s favorite school lunch has been the popcorn chicken bowl. After graduation, Matthew will attend SCC-Milford for their Ford ASSET program. His advice to freshmen is, “Build your job experience as soon as you can.” In ten years, Matthew says, “I see myself working as a Ford technician around Seward, NE and living in a house in the surrounding area.

Carson Tenney is the son of Chris and Melissa Tenney of Lincoln. He has four siblings, Chase (24), Cole (22), Carl (20), and Alivia (15). His favorite classes have been his shop classes because they involve hands-on work. His most challenging class was zoology. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. His advice to freshmen is, “Don’t get behind on work.” After graduation, he plans to attend Southeast Community College in Milford for their automotive technology program. Outside of school, Carson enjoys street racing and riding quads. The best thing about being a senior, according to Carson, is “We are done with school for the year before all of the other students.” In ten years, Carson sees himself as a mechanic or owning his own shop.





Madelyn Reese Harrifeld is the daughter of Amanda and Scott Harrifeld. She has three brothers, Christian (17), Chase (12), and Hudson (10). According to Madelyn, the best thing about being a senior is being involved in all of the activities that she is involved in. Throughout high school, Madelyn has been involved in many activities including volleyball, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, FBLA, HOSA, quiz bowl, student council, academic decathlon, band, jazz band, one-act, and spring play/musical. She has also been a class officer. Outside of school, Madelyn's hobbies include baking and reading. Her favorite school lunch is cheese sticks. This fall, Madelyn plans to attend the University of Nebraska-Omaha to major in Biology. Madelyn's favorite class at JCC is anatomy/physiology and her most challenging class was physics. Madelyn's advice to freshmen is, "Be as involved as you can." In ten years, Madelyn sees herself working at a hospital in Lincoln or Omaha as a surgical resident.

Kaita E. Baird is the daughter of Bill and Jaqueline Baird of Tecumseh. The best part about being a senior according to Kaita is, "being able to take the next step into my future." During her high school years, Kaita has been in band, jazz band, striv, academic decathlon, HOSA, FBLA, golf, quiz bowl, National Honor Society, theater, student council, speech, track, and unified bowling. She has also been a class officer. Her favorite school lunch is chicken and biscuits. Kaita's plans after graduation include attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and majoring in mechanical engineering and physics. Her favorite classes at JCC have been physics, band, and academic decathlon because they challenged her and piqued her interests. Her most challenging class was anatomy/physiology. Kaita's hobbies and interests outside of school include reading and hanging out with her friends. Kaita's advice to freshmen is, "Keep up with your work and get enough sleep." In ten years, Kaita says, "I hope to have a stable job in my desired field and possibly the start of a family."



Ava Grace Berkebile lives in Tecumseh. She is the daughter of Stephanie Berkebile and the late John Berkebile. She has three siblings, Emma and Tim, who are 25, and Dalton, who is 19. The best thing about being a senior, according to Ava, is "being able to do everything one last time." Her favorite classes have been psychology and criminal justice because those are the areas she wants to study, and her most challenging class was chemistry. Her favorite school lunch is chili. Ava's hobbies and interests outside of school are hanging out with friends, working, and playing club volleyball (until she got injured). She will be attending Northwest Missouri State University starting this fall to major in criminal justice and minor in psychology. Her advice to freshmen is, "Participate in anything you think you will have an interest in because if you join later like I did, you will regret it. Time goes by too fast to be scared and not try things." In ten years, Ava says, "I hope to be working for the FBI, with hopefully a husband and kids."

Jazmin Cabrales Pena is the daughter of Benjamin Cabrales and Roxana Pena Decena of Tecumseh. She has three siblings, Jovany (15), Saul (10), and Sofia (6). Her favorite classes have been geography, food science, and psychology because they were very educational and easy. Her most challenging class was chemistry. The best thing about being a senior, according to Jazmin is "almost being done with high school." During her high school years, Jazmin has been involved in HOSA, soccer, and choir. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Jazmin likes to spend time with friends. After graduation, she will attend Southeast Community College for a healthcare program. Her advice to freshmen is, "Enjoy high school while you can." In ten years, Jazmin says, "I see myself being done with college, having a stable job, and finally doing what I like in life. I see myself living somewhere other than Nebraska. I also see myself married and having two kids."



Edna Martinez lives just outside of Cook. Her parents are Jamie Fortney and Donald Martinez. She has two siblings, Viola (18) and Milo (14). Edna has only been at JCC this second semester of her senior year and one semester of her sophomore year. She completed the rest of her high school semesters at Beatrice High School. Her favorite thing about being a senior is, “Covid isn’t as big of a deal now so we got to be in school the whole year and we don’t have to wear masks.” Although she really didn’t think she’d like it, her favorite class at JCC is Intro to Construction because she finds it interesting. Math classes were her most challenging classes during high school. Her favorite school lunch is cheese pizza. Outside of school, Edna likes to write and hang out with her mom. After she graduates, Edna plans to work at Casey’s and then attend SCC Beatrice. Eventually, she wants to have a career in adult and juvenile services. Her advice to freshmen is, “Go to school.” In ten years, Edna says, “I hope to be starting work as a juvenile probation officer. I would also like to be buying a home.”

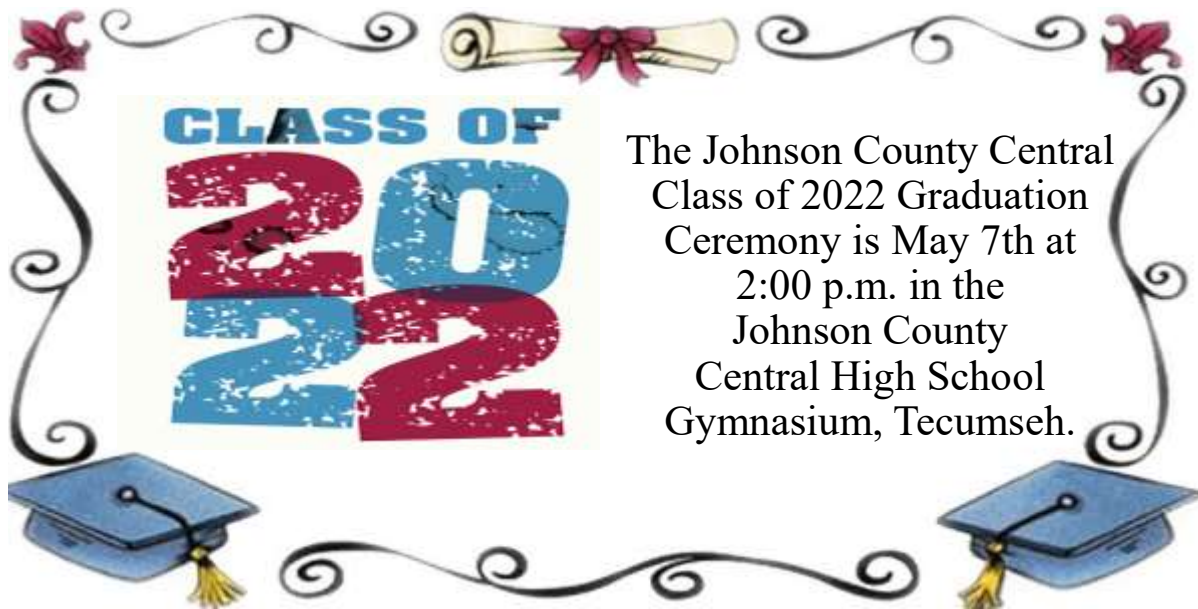


Roberto Borboa is the son of Roberto Borboa Barron and Edith Flores of Tecumseh. He has two sisters, Zulema Roman (21) and Yuretzi (13). According to Roberto, the best part about being a senior is, “the teachers don’t bother you as much and you get to slack off a bit more.” During high school, Roberto has been involved in football, track, basketball, and choir. Roberto’s favorite class at JCC was advanced physical education because they got to play the games they wanted to play in that class. Chemistry was his most difficult class. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Roberto likes to work and hang out with his friends. After he graduates from high school, Roberto plans to get a job in construction in Arizona before eventually going to SCC for their welding program. Roberto’s advice to freshmen is, “Don’t slack off too much on getting your work in.” In ten years, Roberto says, “I see myself with my own welding crew. I will be married and living in Arizona with two kids and a dog named Flacko.”



Stephanie Cruz Aguirre lives in Tecumseh. She is the daughter of Eida Aguirre and Mario Cruz. She has two siblings, Diana (21) and Matthew (10). Stephanie’s favorite class at JCC has been journalism because she loves taking pictures. Her most challenging classes were her math classes because as she says, she is not a math nerd. Her school activities have been volleyball, cheer, wrestling, track, art club, yearbook, and FBLA, and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. The best thing about being a senior, according to Stephanie, is “getting to start a new chapter in life.” Outside of school, Stephanie likes to hang out with her friends or her nieces. After she graduates, Stephanie plans to attend SCC in Lincoln for their Business program if her wrestling career doesn’t keep going, if it does she may attend a college who offers her a wrestling scholarship. Her advice to freshmen is, “Talk to your teachers! Ask for help! No one cares about drama!” In ten years, Stephanie says, “I see myself having my own business. I will be living in a city and maybe single, but it’s possible that I will be married and have kids by that point too. I do want that in the future.”





The Johnson County Central
Class of 2022 Graduation
Ceremony is May 7th at
2:00 p.m. in the
Johnson County
Central High School
Gymnasium, Tecumseh.



JCC 8TH Grade Science Expo

The 8th Grade Science Expo will be held on May 17th at the
JCC Middle School, Cook Site
from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Please feel free to come and check out the 8th Grade Science Demon-
strations on display for you to enjoy!

THUNDERBIRD



Junior high

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

THE JCC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STAFF IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT(2021-22) 6th and 7th GRADE BOYS TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL SKILLS INCLUDING SHOOTING, BALL HANDLING, FOOTWORK AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

- ⇒ DATES: May 31, June 1 & 2
- ⇒ TIME: 9:00 -Noon
- ⇒ WHERE: JCC HS GYMNASIUM,
TECUMSEH
- ⇒ CAMP FEE \$30/ATHLETE
- ⇒ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JCC
- ⇒ REGISTRATION AND FEE DEADLINE IS
MAY 19TH TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT
- ⇒ LATE REGISTRATION IS POSSIBLE UP TO THE DATE OF THE
CAMP BUT LATE REGISTRANTS MAY NOT RECEIVE A
T-SHIRT.
- ⇒ ALL MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT JCC BOYS
BASKETBALL.
- ⇒ CONTACT COACH FARIS WITH QUESTIONS (402) 515-0426 or
kirk.faris@jccentral.org



Complete and return the attached form to Coach Faris at the HS or Julie at the Cook site.

THUNDERBIRD



3rd - 5th grade



BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

THE JCC HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL STAFF IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT (2021-22) 3rd through 5th GRADE ATHLETES TO IMPROVE THEIR FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL SKILLS INCLUDING SHOOTING, BALL HANDLING, FOOTWORK AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SKILLS.

- ⇒ DATES: May 31, June 1 & 2
- ⇒ TIME: 1:00-3:00 pm
- ⇒ WHERE: JCC HS GYMNASIUM, TECUMSEH
- ⇒ CAMP FEE \$30/ATHLETE
- ⇒ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: JCC
- ⇒ REGISTRATION AND FEE DEADLINE IS MAY 19TH TO RECEIVE A T-SHIRT
- ⇒ LATE REGISTRATION IS POSSIBLE UP TO THE DATE OF THE CAMP BUT LATE REGISTRANTS MAY NOT RECEIVE A T-SHIRT.
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- ⇒ CONTACT COACH FARIS WITH QUESTIONS (402) 515-0426 or kirk.faris@jccentral.org



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THUNDERBIRD BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Registration Form

Complete and return this form to Coach Faris at the HS or
Julie at the Cook site.

Student Name _____ Current Grade(21-22) _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent phone # _____

Parent Work Phone _____

Emergency contact Name _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one)

Youth

Small
(6-8)

Med
(10-12)

Large
(14-16)

Adult

Small

Med

Large

XL

XXL

Parents Release and Waiver Agreement

We (or I) as parents or guardian, hereby give permission for _____ to participate in Thunderbird Basketball Camp during the summer of 2022. We (or I) hereby release the Johnson County Central Board of Education and all of its employees and camp staff, from all claims on account of any injuries, which may be sustained by our son while attending the Thunderbird Basketball Camp. We (or I) agree to indemnify the JCC Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff for any claim, which may hereafter be presented by our son as a result of such injuries. I give permission to Kirk Faris, Ben Swanson, and Ryan Haughton to make emergency medical decisions concerning my son in my absence.

Parent or Guardian (Signature) _____

Date: _____

End of the Year Band Items

Band bills are due before the end of the school year; I have posted those items on student's google classrooms but both Daisy Mejia and Julie Damme have access to those as well in case there are questions. If you're unsure if your student owes for band/choir, please check.

- School instruments - if your student rents an instrument from the school, and they are coming back the next school year, they can hang on to it in a safe place at home over the summer. If your student is graduating or moving on to another school, please return the instrument when they check out.
- Band Trip - The band trip is scheduled for May 27-29. As of this writing, an official itinerary has not been given out yet. All students going the trip must be vaccinated

Important Music Dates for the rest of the 2021-2022 School Year:

May	1	Sunday	Spring Musical - @ 2:00 pm
	2	Monday	HS Spring Concert and Art Show @ 7:00 pm
	7	Saturday	HS Band at Graduation
	9	Monday	ECNC Honor Band @ Palmyra
	11	Wednesday	Band Recruitment Day @ MS Cook
	13	Friday	4-8 Spring Concert - Cook, 7:00 pm
	14	Saturday	HS Choir Worlds of Fun Trip
	16	Monday	K-3 Spring Program - Auditorium, 7:00 pm
	27-29	Fri-Sun	Band Trip to Chicago



Summer Band/Marching Band Items

- Summer Band (HS) - Packets will be sent out at the end of the school year to the HS band students houses. These packets include important information for the start of the coming year. Band camp will be August 1-5 from 8:30 am-3:00 pm and is highly encouraged for all HS band students. As always, if there are ANY conflicts for summer activities or band events, please contact Mrs. Fricke asap. A full list of marching events is listed below.
- Instrument Care - Summer is the perfect time to get your student's instrument looked at/repared/cleaned. I cannot stress this enough. There are Dietze Music sites available in Lincoln and Omaha.

Here are important upcoming dates for the High School 2022 Marching Season

*Unless otherwise noted attendance at each of these events is required.
Let Mrs. Fricke know immediately of conflicts! (402)335-7362*

July 26	Otoe County Fair Prep Rehearsal; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
July 28	Otoe County Fair Prep Rehearsal; 6:00pm - 8:00pm
July 30	Otoe County Fair Parade (Syracuse)
Aug 1-5	Marching Band Camp (8:30-3:00)
August 15	First Day of School
August 21	Johnson County Fair Parade (Tecumseh)

***Please note that pep band for home football, volleyball, and basketball games are required but not listed here. A full music schedule will be available at the beginning of the school year in paper form, on your iPad, and on the school calendar. Please plan accordingly.

August TBD	State Fair Parade (Grand Island) - Performance time TBD
September 17	Applejack Parade (Nebraska City)
October 1	Peru Homecoming Parade (Peru)
October 15	Miles for Music 5K Fundraiser

Summer Food Service Program

What is Summer Food Service Program?

SFSP a federally-funded program, state-administered program. The SFSP reimburses providers who serve free healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer month when school is not in session.

Who does the program serve?

The SFSP serves children and teens age 18 and under.

Johnson County Central will be providing meals in Tecumseh at the High School and at the Middle School in Cook.

All meals will be prepared at the Tecumseh site and delivered to the Cook site.

All meals will need to be consumed on site. The last two summers you were able to take them home. The grab & go option is no longer available.

Meals will be served Monday thru Thursdays, and no Holidays (July 4th)

If I could please have the Cook area families contact the Cook Middle School (402-864-4171) if they would be interested in meals. I will need an idea on how many meals to send to Cook.

Thank you,
Joann Gadeken
Food Service Manager



JCC

GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP



MAY 24, 25, 26, 27

HIGH SCHOOL GYM IN TECUMSEH

**3RD - 6TH GRADE: 9:00-10:30
7TH - 8TH GRADE: 10:30-12:00**

\$30 PER ATHLETE

*****EACH CAMPER WILL GET A FREE BASKETBALL*****

REGISTRATION INFO ON THE BACK ----->>>>>

YOUTH GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

Parents Release and Waiver Agreement

We (or I) as parents or guardian, hereby give permission for _____ to participate in the Lady Thunderbird Basketball Camp during the summer of 2022. We (or I) hereby release the Johnson County Central Board of Education and all of its employees and camp staff, from all claims on account of any injuries, which may be sustained by our daughter while attending the Lady Thunderbird Basketball Camp. We (or I) agree to indemnify the JCC Board of Education and all its employees and the camp staff for any claim, which may hereafter be presented by our daughter as a result of such injuries. I give permission to Garrett Collin, Justin Damme, and Reid Genuchi to make emergency medical decisions concerning my daughter in my absence.

Parent or Guardian (Signature)_____

Date:_____

****Please Return this form on the first day of camp or to the school office.***

****Please make checks payable to JCC.***

All money raised will benefit the JCC Lady Thunderbird basketball program




A Note of Thanks to the PTO and the Wish Tree Project Sponsors From Mrs. Faris and First Graders

Mrs. Faris's First Graders recently completed a unit in their new Wonders Reading materials about building bridges, homes, buildings, tiny homes, yurts, and ships. To complete this unit, students had to design and draw a bridge that would connect their home to our school with a river running between them. They illustrated this on paper and then they wrote about their bridges. They had to explain the type - arch, suspension, cable-stayed, drawbridge, or a one of a kind they designed on their own. They had to explain their building materials and how the structure would be sturdy enough using cables, wires, concrete, and/or steel. They had some great ideas and their illustrations were terrific!

After this project students then went from station to station around the classroom to use different types of building materials to see what they could design next, and ways to make the different surfaces work together. Through the generosity of the PTO Committee and those that sponsored our classroom with the gifts of these learning blocks, the students had a marvelous time figuring out how to work together, solve problems, and make decisions about their project. Some students wanted to work individually and others wanted to team up. Thank you to those who reached out to provide us with great learning tools. We will enjoy these for many years to come!



May 2022 Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chicken Nuggets Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	3 Cheeseburger w/ bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	5 Hot Dog w/ bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6 Pizza Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Rice Crispy Bar Milk	7
8	9 Beef Fingers Mashed Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	10 Br. Chicken Patty w/ bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 PB & Jelly Fruit & Veggie Bar Bug Bites Milk	12 Taco Salad Fruit & Veggie Bar Garlic Bread Milk	13 Hot Ham & Cheese Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14
15	16 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	17 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 Hoagie Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 <i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</i> 11:00 Dismissal	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Enjoy your summer Break!! See you in the Fall. Jo, Jackie, Emily, Jake, Beth, Barb and Michelle						
29	30	31	Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice “This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”			

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 School Musical Matinee Presentation @ JCC Elem Auditorium— 2:00 pm	2 JH Track Invite @ Tri County—9:00 am HS Graduation Rehearsal @ HS Gym—10:00 am HS Spring Concert & Art Show—7:00 pm	3 V Track Invite @ Freeman HS—9:00 am Boys Golf Invite vs Elmwood Murdock @ Grandpas Woods—10:00 am	4 Grades 9-11 HS MAP Testing—1:00 pm Booster Club Meeting @ JCC HS—6:00 pm	5 Boys Golf JCC Invite @ Tecumseh CC—9:00 am	6 V Track Invite @ JCC HS— 9:00 am JH Track ECNC Meet @ Auburn HS—10:00 am	7 <i>Johnson County Central High School Graduation @ JCC HS—2:00 pm</i>
8 	9 ECNC Honor Band @ Palmyra—8:00 am	10 <i>JCC BOND & ELECTION DAY</i> Grades 9-11 HS MAP Testing—9:00 am Boys Golf Invite @ Hidden Valley Country Club—9:00 am JH Track Relays @ Auburn HS—4:00 pm NHS Induction Ceremony @ JCC HS—6:30 pm	11 3rd Grade Field Trip to SAC Museum—Ashland—10:00 am Band Recruitment Day @ JCC MS, Cook Site—10:30 am 8th Grade Orientation @ JCC HS—2:30 pm <i>JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab—6:00 pm</i>	12 V Track Class C Track & Field Districts @ Malcolm—9:30 am JCC Striv to Orpheum Theater—7:00 pm	13 K-6 Grade Track & Field Day @ JCC HS, Tecumseh—1:00 pm Middle School 4-8 Spring Concert—@ JCC MS—7:00 pm	14 JH State Track Meet @ Gothenburg High School Choir @ Worlds of Fun
15 Youth Track Meet @ JCC HS Track— 12:00 pm	16 6th Grade Field Trip to Henry Doory Zoo—8:30 am V Boys District Golf Meet @ Woodland Hills Golf Course— 9:00 am Kindergarten Graduation @ JCC Elementary Auditorium— 6:00 pm K-3 Spring Program @ JCC Elem Auditorium— 7:00 pm	17 <i>Last Day</i> for 3 year old Preschool—Both Sites 8th Grade Science Expo @ JCC MS Cook site— 9-11 am (public welcome to attend) Athletic Banquet @ JCC HS Gym—6:00 pm	18 <i>Last Day</i> for 4 Year Old Preschool— Fun Day @ Both Sites—8:15 am First Grade Field Trip to Henry Doory Zoo—8:15 am Middle School Honors Program @ MS Cook Site—2:00 pm 4 year Old Preschool Graduation @ Tecumseh Elem Auditorium—6:30 pm	19 End of 4th Quarter 2nd Semester 11:00 DISMISSAL 	20 Class C & D State Track Meet @ Burke HS, Omaha— 9:00 am Teacher Work Day	21 Class C & D State Track Meet @ Burke HS, Omaha— 9:00 am
22	23 Teacher Work Day	24 Boys State Golf @ Elks Country Club, Columbus—9:00 am Girls Grades 3-6 Elementary Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 9:00-10:30 am Girls Grades 7-8 JH Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 10:30 am - 12 pm	25 Boys State Golf @ Elks Country Club—9:00 am Girls Grades 3-6 Elementary Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 9:00-10:30 am Girls Grades 7-8 JH Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 10:30 am - 12 pm	26 Girls Grades 3-6 Elementary Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 9:00-10:30 am Girls Grades 7-8 JH Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 10:30 am - 12 pm	27 Girls Grades 3-6 Elementary Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 9:00-10:30 am Girls Grades 7-8 JH Basketball Camp @ JCC HS— 10:30 am - 12 pm	28 Band Trip to Chicago May 27-29
29	30	31 JH Boys Basketball Camp @ JCC HS Gym— 9 am-12 pm 3-5 Grade Boys Basketball Camp @ JCC HS—1-3 pm	All Activities are Subject to Change			

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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.

