



Superintendent Monthly Update

State Accountability

AQuESTT (A Quality Education Sustaining Today and Tomorrow)

by **Jon Rother**.

Based on the spring of 2023 state assessment data, the Johnson County Central school district earned an “Excellent” rating! This is the top ranking for Nebraska schools.

Nebraska’s school district accountability system is called AQuESTT (A Quality Education Sustaining Today and Tomorrow). AQuESTT looks at school district data to determine each school district’s designation. The state looks most heavily at state testing. Students in grades 3-8 are administered the NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) assessment in the areas of English-Language Arts (grades 3-8), Math (grades 3-8) and Science (grades 5 & 8). Students in 11th grade are administered the ACT in the areas of Language Arts, Math and Science.

Once test scores are collected, the State then uses these scores to determine each school’s status. This is done on a point scale of 1 to 4 with 4 being the highest score.

After this, they use the following tenets to adjust the score:

- Participation (percent of eligible students participating in the assessments)
- Positive Partnerships, Relationships and Success
- Transitions
- Educational Opportunities and Access
- Postsecondary, Career and Civic Ready
- Student Achievement and Growth
- Educator Effectiveness



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

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Once adjustments are made using the seven tenets, the scores are then transferred to a classification based on the final number.

4 = EXCELLENT

3 = GREAT

2 = Good

1 = Needs Support To Improve

JCC's district and schools' AQuESTT classifications are determined by the assessments the students took in the spring of 2023. The classifications are as follows:

District: **EXCELLENT**

High School (11th Grade ACT): **GOOD**

Middle School (6th-8th Grade NSCAS): **EXCELLENT**

Cook Elementary (4th-5th Grade NSCAS): **GREAT**

Tecumseh Elementary (3rd Grade NSCAS): **GREAT**

If you have further questions about the AQuESTT classification system, or would like more detailed information about JCC's classification, please feel free to contact me directly. Or, go to <https://aquestt.com/> to read all about AQuESTT.

Stopping to Take a Breath

At the November board meeting, the Johnson County Central school board debated the best course of action moving forward with a facilities bond. Both sites and all three buildings have issues that need to be addressed. These issues are not the result of "not maintaining" the buildings. It is not due to negligence. From what I can tell, past school boards and administration for Nemaha Valley, Tecumseh and JCC have all done their best to care for the facilities while still trying to keep the levy down for taxpayers. With aging facilities, it is inevitable that eventually things will wear out and need to be replaced. This is simply due to the wearing down and wearing out of materials and equipment.

As the district is currently set up, operating two sites and three buildings means we have more to take care of in terms of building and grounds. To be sure, there are facilities challenges to be addressed. On the forefront are the HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning) at both sites. The kitchens at both sites are also in need of updating and repairs.

I could go on and on with the items that we have identified that are costing the district money and will continue to cost the district money. However, by the direction of the school board, the school district will temporarily step back from pursuing a bond at this point. The school board will be evaluating and reviewing the district's relationship with Boyd Jones (Construction Manager At-Risk) and Clark Enersen Partners (Architects).

This does not mean that a future bond is off the table. It does mean that we will be taking time to reassess the district's finances, budget, facilities and programming to determine the best steps moving forward. Stay tuned for future communications. And, as always, feel free to reach out to me by phone or email:

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Survey Says

(JCC Facilities Survey)

Due to the non-passage of the July 2023 bond election for the construction of a PK-12 facility, JCC’s school board is now considering the next steps to unify the school district to one site.

As the cost for construction continues to rise, and a full PK-12 facility has not been supported, the scope of the project will need to be adjusted. Currently, a full PK-12 facility would cost the district approximately \$52.5 to \$55.2 million. In May of 2022 the cost for this same project was \$43 million and in July of 2023 it was \$49.5 million.

At this juncture, we would like your input as to what direction you would like to see the school district go when spending tax dollars on facilities. Use the following page to complete the survey and return it to any JCC office or mail it to:

Johnson County Central Schools
% Jon H. Rother, Superintendent
PO Box 338
Tecumseh, NE 68450

You may also fill out the survey digitally by following the link on our website, using the URL or by scanning the QR Code below.

<https://forms.gle/inzQBntZw7pEJCzQ8>



JCC Facilities Survey

November 2023

Please rank the following options in order of priority with 1 being the highest priority and 3 being the lowest.

_____ PK-8 Facility w/ Competition & Auxiliary Gyms (\$38.7-\$41 million)

- Does NOT include renovations to the current high school, however over \$4 million will be required to upgrade the HVAC system.

_____ 7-12 Facility w/ Competition & Auxiliary Gyms (\$41-\$43.2 million + \$7 million in renovations to current HS)

- Renovations to the current HS would be required to make the building suitable for elementary students. This also does not include over \$4 million required to upgrade the HVAC system.

_____ Renovate & add on to existing Tecumseh Site HS building (\$48.5-\$51.5 million)

Comments:

As always, should you have any questions or would like clarification, please feel free to contact me at:

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October 2023

Thunderbirds of the Month



K - Emmarie Shullaw,
Emmalynn Blecha, David Shirley,
Dalary Zepeda, Caleb Griess,
Emersynn Gartner, Henry Rolf,
Luna Herrle, Gus King

1st - Victoria Chavez Acosta,
Wren Bischoff, Aurora VanLaningham,
Addie McCoppin, Leeland Bailey,
Miles Goodrich, Emry Reynolds,
Beau Lada
Not pictured: Ki'Lee Rose



2nd - Isabell Gerking, Aaden Kreifels,
Leonidas King, Calum Dickson,
Ashlynn Webb, Allura Bruley,
Jayden Dixon
Not pictured: Ruger Clifton,
Addy Clements

3rd - Lily Bilsend, Brylee Cropp,
Emma McCoppin, Matthew Dixon,
Ethan Barnes, Isaiah King,
Bristol Meints, Mason Nichols



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

This newsletter will cover the months of December and January. With that in mind, I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break and didn't overdo it too much with all the good food available. Christmas break will be upon us sooner than later and then we're in the second semester. Wow...the first semester went fast!

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

Another topic we need to discuss is about students changing classes for the second semester. Students that are interested in changing their classes for second semester need to see Mrs. Reuter any time before the end of Christmas break (Friday, December 22, 2023). Students will also have five school days to make changes to their class schedule at the beginning of second semester from Tuesday, January 9, 2024 to Monday, January 15, 2024.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

With the unseasonably warm weather we have had through most of the month of November, it doesn't seem possible that the Holidays are rapidly approaching. There are only three full weeks of school in December before the end of the 1st semester. In addition to the normal, everyday work in the classroom, December is also packed with basketball games, holiday concerts and other activities. The second semester ends on December 22. Please remind your student to continue to work hard and keep up with his school work.

On Friday, November 10, an assembly was held at the middle school honoring local veterans for their service to our great country. Representatives from Bryan-Holtgrewe American Legion Post #246 of Talmage and Bickel-Nelson American Legion Post #360 of Cook combined to present the colors. An ensemble of 7th & 8th grade band students performed the National Anthem and 8th graders from the Middle School Leadership Team, Trey Lubben, Riley Wellensiek, Wes Schmid, Sophia Schmid, Tegan Topp and Adree Case led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Kevin McKinney did an outstanding job sharing his thoughts about Veterans Day. The 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes performed patriotic musical numbers and Anthony Orozco performed Taps. At the conclusion of the program, the veterans, their spouses and guests were treated to dinner in the school cafeteria. Thank you to all veterans for their service to our country.

On Monday, November 6, our 8th grade had the opportunity to attend a Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally at Pinnacle Bank Arena where they heard several University of Nebraska coaches and athletes speak on various topics, all aimed at promoting the importance of education, diversity, inclusion, sportsmanship, and good decision-making. Speakers such as women's basketball coach Amy Williams, rifle national champion CeCe Ossie, volleyball Olympic Gold Medalist and assistant coach Jordan Larson and current Husker Bekka Allick, Husker Blackshirts Ty Robinson, Nash Hutmacher, and Nick Henrich, along with other University of Nebraska athletes from the womens' basketball team and the men's and women's gymnastics team gave presentations on developing positive relationships, being a good teammate, showing gratitude to those who help you, doing all the little things correctly, and overcoming adversity with a positive attitude. Each speaker presented a positive message for the nearly 3,000 middle school students in attendance. After the Pep Rally students were given a slice of Valentino's pizza and a ticket to watch the UNL women basketball team's season opening win against Northwestern State.

The Junior High Boys Basketball team has started their season with 25 boys participating. We have five home events this year before their season ends before winter break. The girls basketball season begins after the start of 2nd semester in January. Hopefully, we will be able to see you at a game this season. Go Thunderbirds!

At the end of each quarter, one student in each middle school grade level and three students from each class in grades 4 & 5 are recognized for consistently modeling the Thunderbird Way at a high level. The Thunderbird Award Winners for the first quarter were:

8th grade – Aaryn Kaster;

7th grade – Marley Jensen;

6th grade – Emma Othmer;

5th Grade – John Kage, Elena Rojas-Stitzel, Lucy Rademacher,

Kelly Kongmanyvong, Tanner Tex-Sherman, and Kolby Kunzman &

4th Grade – Gabby Brown, Selena Cabrales, Nathaly Hurtado, Alivia Gottula,

Harper Beck, and Nora Britt.

Each of these students was given a certificate for a free pizza, compliments of the Tecumseh Pizza Hut. Congratulations to these students and all students who practice the Thunderbird Way.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Applications for Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarships Open Until Feb 1st

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, and demonstrate financial need. The requirements for the online application are as follows: application forms, one recommendation, FAFSA Submission Summary (previously called Student Aid Report), high school transcript, short answer questions, and a consent form. All applications must be submitted including all required documents by February 1, 2024 before 5:00 PM (central time), except for the FAFSA Submission Summary. Your FAFSA Submission Summary needs to be submitted by March 15, 2024 before 5:00 PM (central time). There are no exceptions on deadlines, none whatsoever!

FAFSA Update and How to Create an FSA ID

The 2024-25 FAFSA will open by December 31, 2023.

Student and parents must create a Student Aid Account (FSA ID) – including parents without a Social Security number.

- If parents file as married filing jointly – *only one parent FSA ID is required.*
- If parents are unmarried but live together or are married and filing taxes separately, *both parents must have an FSA ID.*
- The Social Security Administration must verify the FSA IDs *before* a FAFSA can be started (allow 3 days)
- FSA IDs will use two-factor authentication.
- Those without a Social Security Number will be able to create an account when the FAFSA opens.

The best way to stay informed of the latest developments with the FAFSA is to sign up for EducationQuest’s FREE Countdown2College newsletter (located at the bottom of EducationQuest’s home page) and follow EducationQuest on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube. Our college planning experts are also ready to provide personal assistance. Contact EducationQuest offices in Lincoln (402-475-5222) or Omaha (402-391-4033) with any questions you have that you can’t find answers to.

Meet JCC’s Class of 2024

In each newsletter, I’ll be featuring a few of our JCC seniors. This month, I’m continuing with one more member of the JCC class of 2024.

Kaityn Schuster



Kaityn Schuster is the daughter of Jared and Kelly Schuster of Tecumseh. She has one brother, Cameron, who is 19. Kaityn’s favorite class is Journalism, and her most challenging class is Chemistry. She has participated in basketball during high school, and her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. The best part about being a senior, according to Kaityn, is that she will graduate this year. Outside of school, Kaityn likes to work. As for her plans after high school graduation, Kaityn says, “I want to go to SCC become a RN, then work my way to be a CRNA. I want to work in a surgical center or in the ICU.” When asked what she thought her life would be like ten years from now, Kaityn had this to say, “I hope to be married and have one kid in 10 years. I will be living around here. I will be working in a surgical center as a nurse, doing post-op and pre-op.

Greetings Thunderbird Family!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and is looking forward to Christmas! Let's put a wrap on the fall season.

Here are a few sport specific highlights from the fall season.

In volleyball, the team finished with a 20-11 record, also, the team finished as District Runner-Up, MUDECAS A Division 2nd place, ECNC 3rd place, Louisville Tournament Champions, Thunderbird C-Team Tournament Champions.

Here are some individual achievements from the year:

Ashley Beethe - MUDECAS A Division 1st team, All-Conference First Team, KMAland Nebraska Player of the Year and All-Nebraska Team. *School Records set: kills in a season: 429, kills in a match: 28*

Arely Cabrales - MUDECAS A Division 1st team, All-Conference First Team, KMAland Nebraska Honorable Mention. *School Records set: assists in a match: 57, assists in career: 2,575, assists in a season: 881*

Sunnie Rother - MUDECAS A Division Honorable Mention, All-Conference Honorable Mention

Harley Lubben - All-Conference Third Team, KMAland Nebraska Honorable Mention

Bailee Sterup - All-Conference Honorable Mention. *School Records Set: digs in a career: 944*

In cross country, the boys were the Fremont Bergan & Falls City Runner-ups, and the girls were the Fall City Invite Champions.

Here are some individual achievements for the year:

Logan Topp - District 9th Place Medalist, State Qualifier, ECNC 10th Place Medalist (All-Conference)

Madison VanLaningham - District 8th Place Medalist, State Qualifier, ECNC 6th Place Medalist (All-Conference)

Trevin Huskey - 13th Place ECNC Medalist

In girls golf, Marisol Mandl placed 9th at the ECNC tournament.

One-Act Play Conference took place in Palmyra this year and the cast and crew finished 7th.

In football, the state finals are still underway and we have not received all the post season awards quite yet. In other football news, the players, coaches, and administration have all made the decision to stay 8-man for the next two year cycle. This means being ineligible for the playoffs for the next two years.

Some important winter dates:

First varsity basketball game: December 1st

First wrestling competition: December 2nd

First bowling competition: December 9th

No School: December 25th - January 5th

NSAA Moratorium: December 23rd - December 27th

Also as you head out to watch your fellow Thunderbirds play basketball this winter please remember to be respectful to the referees!

There is also another major rule change in high school basketball this year. There will no longer be the one-and-one free throw. In years past, the one-and-one free throw happened after the 7th team foul in a half. Now, you will get two free throws if the team reaches five team fouls in the quarter. The fouls will reset at the beginning of each quarter. Please be patient with game officials as they get used to this new rule.

Lastly, don't be shocked if you start seeing more and more games with shot clocks as you watch games this year. They have been approved in Class A and Class B with the option of having them in Class C-1 and Class C-2 if the home team is equipped and the away team to agrees to using it.

Speaking of basketball rules, I ran across this article and thought some of you would be interested. It has to do with misunderstood rules in basketball. I have included some highlights and more common ones that I tend to see but if you want to read the whole list you can find it on the South Dakota High School Activities Association website: <https://www.sdhsaa.com/>

Most Misunderstood Basketball Rules

****The front, top, sides, and bottom of the backboard are all in play. The ball cannot pass over a rectangular backboard from either direction. The back of a backboard is out of bounds as well as the supporting structures**

****The traveling rule is one of the most misunderstood rules in basketball. To start a dribble, the ball must be released before the pivot foot is lifted. On a pass or a shot, the pivot foot may be lifted, but may not return to the floor before the ball is released. A player may slide on the floor while trying to secure a loose ball until that player's momentum stops. At that point that player cannot attempt to get up or rollover. A player securing a ball while on the floor cannot attempt to stand up unless that player starts a dribble. A player in this situation may also pass, shoot, or call a timeout. If the player is flat on his or her back, that player may sit up without violating.**

**The hand is considered part of the ball when the hand is in contact with the ball. This includes holding, dribbling, passing, or even during a shot attempt. Striking a ball handler or a shooter on that player's hand that is incidental to an attempt to play the ball is not a foul, no matter how loud it sounds or how much it hurts.

**Reaching in is not a foul. The term is nowhere to be found in any rulebook. There must be contact to have a foul. The mere act of reaching in, by itself, is nothing. If contact does occur, it's either a holding foul or illegal use of hands foul. When a player, in order to stop the clock, does not make a legitimate play for the ball, holds, pushes or grabs away from the ball, or uses undue roughness, the foul is an intentional foul.

**Over the back is not a foul. The term is nowhere to be found in any rulebook. There must be contact to have a foul. A taller player may often be able to get a rebound over a shorter player, even if the shorter player has good rebounding position. If the shorter player is displaced, then a pushing foul must be called. A rebounding player, with an inside position, while boxing out, is not allowed to push back or displace an opponent, which is a pushing foul.

**A defensive player does not have to remain stationary to take a charge. A defender may turn away or duck to absorb contact, provided he or she has already established legal guarding position, which is both feet on the playing court and facing the opponent. The defender can always move backwards or sideways to maintain a legal guarding position and may even have one or both feet off the playing court when contact occurs. That player may legally rise vertically. If the defender is moving forward, then the contact is caused by the defender, which is a blocking foul.

**The intent of the three-second rule is to not allow an offensive player to gain an advantage. Referees will not call this violation if the player is not gaining an advantage. There is no three-second count between the release of a shot and the control of a rebound, at which time a new count starts. There is no three-second count during a throw in. There is no three-second count while the ball is in the backcourt. Allowance shall be made for a player who, having been in the restricted area for less than three seconds, dribbles in or moves immediately to try for goal

**Officials do not make calls that decide the outcome of a game. Players commit fouls and violations; officials view those infractions, judge the action, and then apply the rules of the game to what they had viewed. The rules then determine the penalty. Officials are on the court to be the only unbiased arbiters of the game. Officials are not concerned with who wins or loses, but only fairness and safety. Everyone else in that gym cares about winning, and therefore cannot look at the game objectively.

Have a safe holiday season!

Garrett Collin



Parents please stop by school and check out the lost and found – both schools have an abundance of lost and found clothing.



Here is a friendly reminder about School Pay!

JCC uses a secure online payment platform called SchoolPay where parents can create accounts to pay for some of the student fees and lunch balance. The website is <https://www.schoolpay.com/login> and from there you can create an account for yourself and associate with your child/children. There is also a direct link from the JCC website: Quicklinks > SchoolPay (Online Payment)

Previously the link was listed as "Online Lunch Payment."

Not only can you pay for lunches, some of the other items that can be paid for online are iPad Insurance, Instrument Rental Fee, Student Activity Fee, Adult Activity Pass, & After School Program. There is a FAQ page on the website that answers common questions about how to create an account and add your children.

SchoolPay®



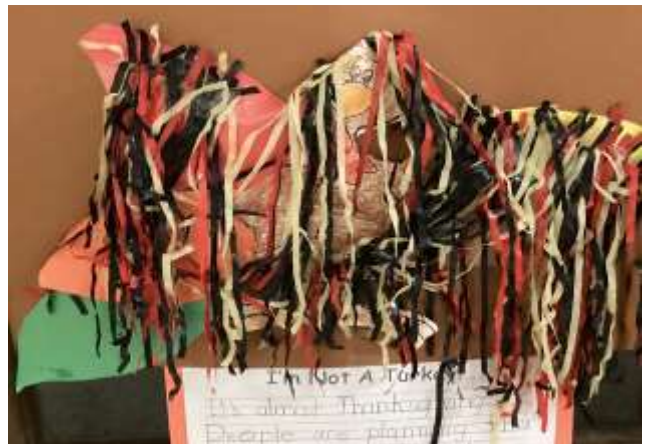
Mrs. Faris - First Grade

Hide Turkey Hide!!

Oh no! It's Thanksgiving time again! Turkeys all over the land are finding places to hide so that they don't become Thanksgiving dinner!! The students in Mrs. Faris's classroom helped them disguise themselves to be safe this year. The turkeys then told who or what they were disguised as and where they would hide out to be safe. Here are the turkeys. See if you can find them in their disguises! Thank you to the families for helping their child with this fun project! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**



Please check these (not) turkeys out on the jccentral.org website to see the beautiful (not) turkeys in color. District/Monthly Newsletters





Johnson County Central Schools is welcoming the Brighter Smiles program through the Southeast District Health Department to our schools. They will be coming to our school in December or January. This is a free service to students of any grade, regardless of whether they have dental insurance or not. Brighter Smiles does accept free will donations, but students are not turned away from this service if a parent is unable to make a donation. They will provide optional preventative dental services including a visual oral health screening, fluoride varnish, dental cleanings, and dental sealants. A Licensed Public Health Dental Hygienist will complete all the services.

1. All children screened will receive a fun bag filled with a toothbrush and toothpaste.
2. Screening results will be sent home with each child.
3. All children will receive education on the importance of dental health

When they come, we will get the participating students from their class and they will see the Brighter Smiles personnel for these services. This will occur during our school day and they will come to both the Tecumseh and Cook Sites to offer these services.

We will be sending home an enrollment form that needs to be filled out by the parent and returned to the school if you are interested in having your child participate in this program. Please keep an eye out for this form in your child's folders. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 402-335-3320.

Please read the form for additional information. Again, if you want your child to participate in this program, you will need to fill out the form and return it to the school. This form will be good for the entire school year 2023-2024. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR THIS FORM. It will also be posted on the school website for parents to access/print.



JCC PTO PRESENTS

Online Teacher Christmas Wish List

This holiday season, help us show support to our teachers by purchasing wish list items for their classrooms.

Links will be posted soon via facebook and the JCC school website.



Bus Drivers Wanted!



JCC is seeking route, shuttle and activity drivers for the current school year and upcoming 2023-2024 school year.



\$35 per route
\$35 per shuttle
\$25.00 per hour for activities

Contact Mr. Rother or Laurie Badertscher if interested.
402-335-3320

Johnson County Central is an equal-opportunity employer.

WE'RE HIRING



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

JCC is seeking energetic, reliable, positive individuals to help with our after school program.

\$25/hour for supervisors/teachers.

\$15/hour for helpers.

The program is from 4-6 PM every day school is in session.

Job Opportunities

JCC's After School Program

- *teachers*
- *supervisors*
- *student helpers*

Requirements :

- Helpers must be 14 years of age and pass a background check.
- Teachers and supervisors must be 18 or over and must pass a background check.

**APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ANY JCC OFFICE
OR AT WWW.JCCENTRAL.ORG.**

Send inquiries to: jon.rother@jccentral.org

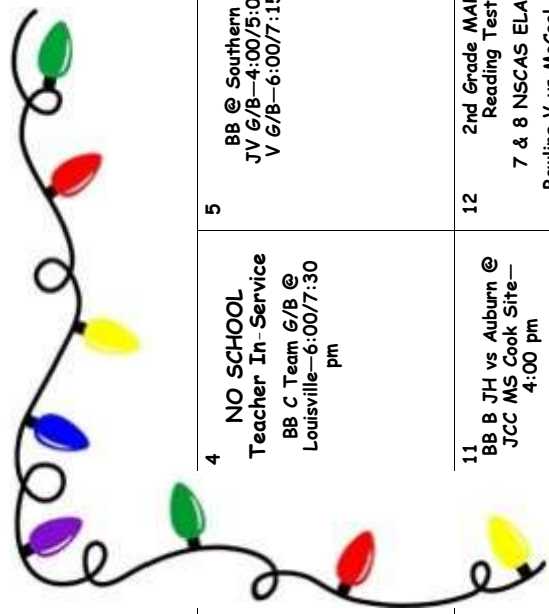
December 2023

JCC Activities Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
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ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



MERRY CHRISTMAS



December 2023 Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

BakedSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice "This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider"			
3	4 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	5 Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6 Br. Pork Patty/wg Bun Corn Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	7 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	8 Cheese Stick / Marinara Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	9
10	11 PB & Jelly Tec. Elem <i>Tocho's Breadstick</i> Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	12 Chicken Quesadilla Spanish Rice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Sloppy Joe wg Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14 Hot Dog wg Bun Baked beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	15 Pizza Bites Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	16
17	18 Chicken Tenders Potatoes Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 <i>Sloppy Nacho's</i> Cheese Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Cheeseburger/ wg Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 Chili Cinnamon Roll WG Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	22 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	30
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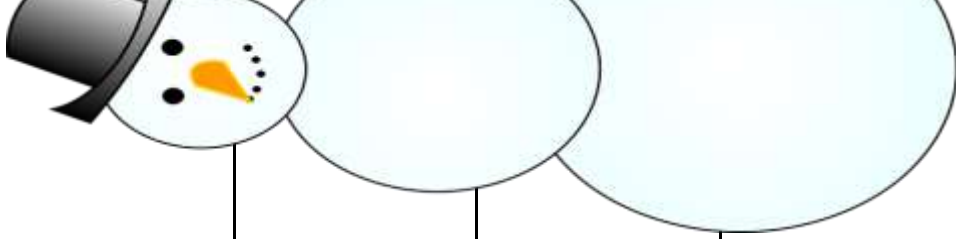


January 2024 JCC Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 	2 W B V Tri @ Freeman HS— 5:00 pm NO SCHOOL—WINTER BREAK JANUARY 1—JANUARY 8, 2024 RETURN TO SCHOOL ON JANUARY 9, 2024	3	4 BB vs Wilber-Clatonia @ JCC JV Boys @ JCC MS Cook Site— 4:30 pm JV Girls @ JCC HS—4:30 pm V G/B @ JCC HS—6:00/7:30 pm PARENTS NIGHT - 7:00 pm For Boys & Girls BB & Cheer Squad	5 W G V @ Beatrice HS—3:00 pm W B V @ Wilber-Clatonia— 3:00 pm	6 W B/G V Invite @ Malcolm HS—9:30 am	
7	8 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service BB G V Mudecas Tourney @ Beatrice— TBD	9 Classes resume for 2024 BB B V Mudecas Tourney @ Beatrice— TBD Bowling V—TBD	10 Kindergarten MAPS Reading & Math Tests JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab— 6:00 pm	11 BB G/B V Mudecas Tourney @ Beatrice— TBD	12 BB G V Mudecas Tourney @ Beatrice— TBD W G/B V @ Superior HS— 3:00 pm	13 BB B V Mudecas Tourney @ Beatrice— TBD	
14	15 FFA Leadership District Skills Event @ Norris HS—9:00 am Bowling V vs Omaha Christian Academy @ Maple Wood Lanes—1:00 pm BB C Team G/B vs Wilber-Clatonia @ JCC HS— 6:00/7:30 pm	16 Mrs. Benson's MAPS Reading Test Bowling V vs McCool Jct. @ Harvest Bowl—4:00 pm BB @ Weeping Water JV G/B—4:30 pm V G/B—6:00/7:30 pm W G/B V vs Fairbury @ JCC HS—6:00 pm W G/B PARENTS NIGHT	17	18 BB @ HTRS JV G—4:00 pm JV B—5:15 pm V G—6:30 pm V B—7:45 pm	19 W G/B V Invite @ Louisville— 2:30 pm	20 Johnson County Spelling Bee @ JCC MS Cook Site—8:30 am W G V Invite @ Weeping Water—9:30 am BB vs Falls City @ JCC HS JV G—2:00 pm JV B—3:00 pm V G—4:00 pm V B—5:30 pm	
21	22 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service BB JH G @ Freeman HS— 4:00 pm BB C Team G/B @ Southern— 6:00/7:00 pm	23 Bowling V vs North Bend @ Harvest Bowl 4:00 pm W G V ECNC Meet @ JCC MS Cook Site—4:00 pm	24	25 BB @ Fairbury JV G/B - 4:30 pm V G—6:00 pm V B—7:30 pm	26 W B V Invite @ Freeman HS— 3:00 pm	27 Grades 7-9 Singing Youth of NE @ Kearney BB JH G Tourney @ JCC MS Cook Site—9:00 am W G V Invite @ Cedar Bluffs HS—10:00 am	
28	29 BB B V ECNC Tourney—TBD	30 BB G V ECNC Tourney—TBD W B JV/V Invite @ Lincoln HS— 3:30 pm	31 State FFA Degree Interviews @ Sterling—4:30 pm	ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE			

January 2024

Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7	1 NO SCHOOL HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	3 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	4 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	5 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	6 
8 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	9 Chicken Nuggets Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	10 Cheeseburger/ wg bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Baked Potato HS & MS Elem. PB Jelly Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	12 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Pizza Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14 15 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
16 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	17 Chicken Noodle Soup Cheese Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 Sloppy Joe Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Quesadilla Refried Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Quesadilla Refried Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	22 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service
23 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	24 Chicken Patty /wg Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	25 Hot Dog wg Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Cheese Stick Baked Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 Cheese Stick Baked Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28 Chicken Tenders Potato Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	29 Chicken Tenders Potato Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
30 Chili Cinnamon Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	31 Hot Ham & Cheese wg Bun Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice “This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”				



Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!

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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.

NO SCHOOL

Monday, December 4 -No School Teacher In-Service

December 25, 2023 through January 8, 2024

Winter Break

Monday, January 8 - No School Teacher In-Service

Classes resume on January 9, 2024

Monday, January 22 - No School Teacher In-Service

