



From the Superintendent's Desk

by **Jon Rother**. September 2024

Board Retreat

On August 1, the Johnson County Central school board participated in their annual board retreat. A board retreat is a “work session (that) provides a meeting time in a goal-oriented, focused, and less formal setting that allows boards to learn, engage, and recharge.” (<https://members.nasbonline.org/board-leadership/board-retreats>) A board retreat is still a public meeting that must be advertised and can be attended by the public.

The board heard from representatives of DLR Group (architecture, engineering, interior and planning firm) and Kordica Communications on public opinion data collection. Specifically, the use of automated phone services to conduct surveys.

Board of education goals for the 2024-2025 were discussed. The following goals were set:

- Continue pursuing a construction bond project.
- Monitor the operations of the four day school week.
- Purchase land for future construction.
- Organization of JCC school administration.
 - ◆ Due to anticipated upcoming retirements, the board will consider the reorganization of administrative duties in the district.

As Governor Pillen had ordered a special session for legislature concerning property tax relief, the board discussed the impact of this legislation on the Johnson County Central budget. As of the penning of this article (August 20, 2024), no such legislation has been passed.

Finally, the board discussed JCC's current facilities. Previously, we had discussed moving the Tecumseh Site playground from its current location to the space between the high school and elementary. However, this would limit the students' playground space and could cause issues for emergency vehicles when needing access to the buildings. Therefore, the K-3 playground will remain where it is and a new merry-go-round will be ordered for the children.

Some remodeling of the high school was discussed. This would include removal of some lockers to make room for awards cases and student recognition. We also discussed the reinstallation of the basketball hoops in the high school gym. A new arrangement would allow the hoops to be moved away from the court when in the stored position; allowing more ceiling space for volleyball competitions.

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

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The 2024-2025 Budget

JCC's 2023-2024 levy is at \$1.0059. The levy is based on property tax valuations from Johnson, Otoe, Pawnee and Nemaha Counties. The following are the newest, and current, valuations for the JCC district:

Johnson County = \$634,540,593 (69.6% of JCC taxable value)

Otoe County = \$242,080,365 (26.6% of JCC taxable value)

Pawnee County = \$18,969,468 (2% of JCC taxable value)

Nemaha County = \$16,147,616 (1.8% of JCC taxable value)

TOTAL = \$911,738,042

The school district then levies 1¢ for every \$100 of taxable value. Therefore, 1¢ will generate approximately \$91,173.80 for the operations of the school district. The school board has prioritized “maxing out” funds that will be needed for repairs and renovations to the current facilities. They are as follows:

- 1) Special Building Fund will be taken to the 14¢ maximum allowed by law. *
- 2) QCPUF to the maximum of 3¢. *

The Special Building Fund will generate approximately \$1.3 million for special projects relating to the facilities such as HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning).

QCPUF (Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund) is for the purpose of “potential environmental hazard, accessibility barrier, life safety code violation, life safety hazard, or mold which exists within one or more existing school buildings or the school grounds of existing school buildings controlled by the school district.” (Nebraska Department of Education, Title 92, Chapter 2, 003.03I) This will generate approximately \$273,521.

The total levy will be set in September with a special hearing to approve the budget and another special meeting to set the levy. Prior to the Special Hearing, Johnson County Central will participate in the Joint Public Hearing. The date for the Joint Public Hearing will be set by the County Assessor and property owners will be notified through the use of pink postcards.

2024-2025 School Lunch Prices

The school meal program serves to provide nutritious meals for all our students. Meals **must** be paid in advance. You can pay for meals at any JCC office or by using the online payment option, <https://www.schoolpay.com/> . In order to use SchoolPay, you will be asked to first set up an account. Should you need help with this, please contact us at the school.

Breakfast - \$2.25 (reduced price \$0.30)
PK-5 Lunch - \$3.50 (reduced price \$0.40)
6-12 Lunch - \$3.50 (reduced price \$0.40)
Student a la Carte - \$2.00
Milk - \$0.50
Juice - \$0.55

**Free/Reduced meal forms can be found at any JCC school office or on our website.*

The Johnson County Central After School Program

Who: Students in grades PK-6
Where: JCC's Tecumseh Site
When: 4:15 PM-6:15 PM each day school is in session

JCC will once again provide an after school program. The program is for students in preschool through the 6th grades. The intent of the program is to provide quality services to students as their caregivers make the transition from work to home. Students will be provided with homework assistance, learning opportunities and engaging activities. Mrs. Amber Beard is the After School Program Coordinator and will serve to organize activities and programming for the students.

Tuition for the program is set at the following:

- \$25 per week for 4-year-old preschool students through 6th grade students.
 - \$20 per week for 3-year-old preschool students.
 - Each additional sibling will be \$15 per week.
- *Tuition must be paid in advance and can be paid on a monthly or weekly basis.***

Transportation to the after school program will be provided for students coming from the Cook Site. However, parents/guardians will be required to provide transportation for their child at the conclusion of the program each day.

To register your child for the after school program, simply contact the school office and submit your tuition payment.

JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOL PRESENTS MRS. KAREN HAASE



KSB SCHOOL LAW

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND SAFETY

School Attorney Karen Haase will discuss legal issues related to students' use of social media.

Using humor, statistics and court cases, Karen will cover significant consequences attached to the inappropriate use of digital platforms and social media apps such as Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok.

**Karen will present to students on
Tuesday, September 10th.**

Cook Site Presentation (Grades 5-8): 9:00-10:00 am

Tecumseh Site Presentation (Grades 9-12): 10:30-11:30 am

Parents are welcome to attend the presentations.

If you prefer your student not to attend the presentation, please notify the office.

Thank you.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

The 2024-2025 school year officially began with the Middle School walk-through and the 4th and 5th grade Open House on Wednesday, August 7th. We appreciate all the students and parents who were able to attend. The start of a new school year officially began on August 12 when **183** 4-8 grade students arrived for class. While summer gives everyone a much needed break, it is always good to have the building full of people and settle into the routine of the school year once again.

A few reminders as we start off the year. All 7th graders and new students who enrolled from out of state are required by Nebraska State Law to have a physical on file at school. If you haven't turned this in, or the other forms that were sent home, please do so as soon as you can. 7th and 8th grade students who plan to participate in athletics this year have several forms to turn in, as well. They need their physical and NSAA Parent Consent form turned in before they are able to practice. There is also an insurance form, student handbook receipt, activity handbook receipt and the \$25 participation fee that needs to be taken care of before they are allowed to participate in games. Please call the office if you have any questions about this.

JCC students and staff are, once again, fortunate as we continue to offer our 1:1 iPad program. As with most things school-related, there are certain expectations and responsibilities for all students to meet and our iPads are no different. Some examples of our expectations regarding iPads include: 1. Students and parents need to read and understand the JCC iPad Policies and Procedures handbook. This document can be found on the school website; 2. Students need to use the device in a responsible and ethical manner; 3. As with all technology, parents should supervise their child's use of the iPad at home. Any inappropriate use of the iPad may result in loss of iPad and school network privileges; 4. Students who take their iPad home need to make sure they bring the iPad to school every day, fully charged. Please see the iPad handbook for a more complete list of iPad expectations for our students. As always, if you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Hopefully, you were able to hear Jay Martin, the Safety and Security Director at the Nebraska Department of Education speak about digital media during the Tecumseh site Open House on August 8. If you missed it there is a Digital Parent Academy 4-part series on the NDE School Safety YouTube channel. We are also very excited to have Ms. Karen Haase of KSB School Law back in the district on Tuesday, September 10th. Ms. Haase will speak to students in grades 5-12 about legal issues related to students' use of social media. She will be at the Middle School from 9-10 and the High School from 10:30-11:30. Parents are welcome to attend either of these presentations.

Junior High sports seasons have begun, with good numbers of athletes participating this fall. We have 20 athletes out for football, 30 participating in volleyball and four out for cross country. At the start of any season we should take time to remind ourselves what the purpose of athletics in a Middle School setting should be. While everyone wants to win and winning is one of our goals, it cannot be the purpose of our sports program at this level. Middle School activities should encourage participation and the development of fundamentals that will help our student-athletes succeed at the varsity level. Instead of placing the emphasis on winning and losing, we should celebrate hard work, being coachable, improving skill level and effort every day and putting team before self. If students can learn to work hard and give maximum effort at a young age they are learning character traits that will help them be successful in high school and will serve them well for the rest of their lives. Please support our young athletes and their coaches this year by attending games and cheering their efforts, win or lose.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Nebraska Skills USA- Sign up to be a member of JCC's chapter in 2024/2025

Skills USA Nebraska is a professional student leadership organization like FFA and FBLA, only it is not career field specific and covers all career clusters. This will be the second year that JCC has a chapter. Last year, we had 28 students compete in competitions at state in Grand Island and 3 students compete in nationals in Atlanta, Georgia. Students who are members of Skills USA can attend leadership conferences and workshops and compete in their choice of over 130 career skill competitions including ag/construction off-road diesel, job interview, masonry, technical math, EMT, criminal justice, promotional bulletin board, career pathways presentation, extemporaneous speaking, photography, advertising design, customer service, job skill demonstration, plumbing, and basic healthcare skills, just to name a few. Sharing that you were an active member of Skills USA in high school really stands out to future employers. Those who want to join our Skills USA chapter need to talk to Mrs. Reuter by September 30th and pay their dues. The cost to join is \$30 which covers local, state, and national dues. JCC Students who want to attend the Fall Leadership Conference on September 20th at SCC-Milford need to join our Skills USA chapter and pay their dues by September 10th. They also need to pay an extra \$20 to attend the conference. The \$20 fee includes conference registration, lunch, and a t-shirt.

Nebraska's New Universal FAFSA Requirement- All Seniors in the Class of 2025 Must Fill Out the FAFSA

Nebraska law now requires all public high school students to complete and submit a FAFSA (or actively opt-out) as a graduation requirement starting with the graduating class of 2025. This type of requirement is also referred to as a Universal FAFSA requirement. FAFSA became a graduation requirement with the passage of revised statute 79-729 in 2023. This legislation applies to seniors who will graduate in 2025 and beyond.

The Nebraska legislature determined that the FAFSA is an excellent opportunity to learn of financial aid they may receive, to encourage postsecondary education, and to make more informed college-going decisions. There are many resources to complete the FAFSA. If students need help, they can definitely ask Mrs. Reuter. Filling out the FAFSA does not mean that students must make the ultimate decision of going to college. The FAFSA just allows them to see what financial resources are available to them if they decide to go to college.

If students and their parents decide that filling out the FAFSA is not right for them, for any reason, there is a waiver form available in both English and Spanish. Students who do not fill out the FAFSA must complete a waiver form with their parents and turn it into Mrs. Reuter by May 1st.

Sign Up For the PSAT If You Are Interested in the National Merit Scholar Program

The PSAT/NMSQT is offered each fall to high school juniors. This is the only qualifying test for the National Merit Scholar program. Sophomores can also take the PSAT, however they cannot qualify for a National Merit scholarship until they take the test as a junior. PSAT testing is currently scheduled for October 23rd here at JCC as long as students sign up to test. It is a major accomplishment to score high enough on the PSAT to become a semi-finalist as only the top 1% of all PSAT scores qualify for this honor. All semi-finalists, then go through an application process to decide who becomes finalists. If any 2024/2025 JCC junior wants to take the test, they need to let Mrs. Reuter know by September 15th, at the latest. The test is now only able to be given online and there is a lot of technical setup involved in getting computers ready for testing, so we need time to get this done. It costs \$18 to take the PSAT, payment must be received before your test will be ordered. You must notify Mrs. Reuter by Sept. 15th to let her know that you want to test and pay your \$18 to test by that date as well.

High School Students and Parents- EducationQuest is an Important Resource

EducationQuest is an excellent resource for all Nebraska high school students and their parents and families. Whether it's exploring colleges and future options, understanding how to plan for college or figuring out how to pay for college, EducationQuest has all of the information you could ever need and people available at their offices to answer any questions you may have. They are especially helpful when it comes to applying for financial aid and filling out the FAFSA. The FAFSA (free application for federal financial aid) should be filled out by every student planning to attend college whether they will qualify for federal aid or not. The reason is because it's a tool that most colleges and universities use to award institutional aid as well. In talking with a representative in the financial aid office at UNL, there are several scholarships that go unawarded because students they could award them to do not have a FAFSA on file. Filling out the FAFSA can be daunting and confusing as it changes every single year. Visit EducationQuest's website or call their Lincoln office at 402-475-5222 for help. They always have someone willing to help!

Introducing the Class of 2025... Each month, I will feature some of our seniors at JCC High School. This month, meet Kayden, Madison, Juanita, and Maecee.

Kayden Badertscher



Kayden Badertscher is the son of Mark and Tami Badertscher of Tecumseh. He has one sister, Reese, who is 14. His favorite high school class was Natural Resources because the class went over all of the things that he enjoys learning about. His most challenging class was Advanced Algebra. Throughout his high school years, Kayden has been involved in FFA and golf. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, he likes to help on the family farm and golf. His favorite type of music is country. After high school, Kayden is thinking about attending SCC-Beatrice for either their precision agriculture or agronomy program. In ten years, Kayden sees himself living in the country and having a full-time job, most likely in the field of agriculture, while still helping out at the family farm.

Madison Jansen



Madison Elaine Jansen is the daughter of James and Kimberly Jansen of Tecumseh. She has one brother, Matthew, who is 20. While in high school, Madison has been involved in choir, varsity bowling, unified bowling, FBLA, golf, academic decathlon, JAG, and National Honor Society. Her favorite high school class was personal finance because the information that Mrs. Husky taught was actually useful and important for the future after high school. Her most challenging class was biology because she's not a science person. Madison's favorite school lunch is chicken and waffles. Outside of school, Madison likes to play the piano, sing, make diamond paintings, read, and hang out with her family. Her favorite musical artist is Imagine Dragons and her favorite movie is *Free Guy*. Her favorite author is Lisa Jewell and her favorite book is *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. After high school, Madison plans to attend Southeast Community College in either Lincoln or Beatrice for their Associate of Applied Science in Business program. She is most interested in a banking career as she's interested in working with money, insurance, CDs, and other financial products. In ten years, Madison sees herself married with a child or two, working at a bank, and living in Beatrice or Lincoln.

Juanita Grobler

Juanita Magdalena Maxine Grobler lives in Tecumseh and is the daughter of Jacobus Grobler and Samantha Grobler. She has one brother, Chandler Williams-Towle, who is 23, and one sister, Jadeyn Grobler, who is 18. Jadeyn's school activities have included academic decathlon, FFA, FBLA, BUDS, art club, play production (crew), speech, and Skills USA. Juanita's favorite high school class is academic decathlon because she made a lot of good memories and learned a lot of new things each year. Her most challenging high school class was trigonometry because she struggled a lot with the concepts. However, with the help of her peers, she got through it, and did well in the end. Outside of school, Juanita enjoys reading, hanging out with friends, and gardening. Her favorite artist is Wallows, her favorite movie is *Tangled*, and her favorite author is Rick Riordan. After high school, she plans to go to college, and right now is deciding between Wayne State, Peru State, UNK, SCC, and the University of Oregon. She is most interested in majoring in computer science. After she finishes college, she'd like to join the Air Force. She'd like to have a career in the field of cybersecurity. In ten years, Juanita sees herself single, living in a nice home in Oregon, and working in cybersecurity.



Maecee Neemann



Maecee Jo Neemann is the daughter of Mitch and Emilie Neemann of Tecumseh. She has a sister, Haylee (22), a brother-in-law, Trace (23), a sister, Kloie (13), and a sister, Baeley (9). While in high school, Maecee has been involved in one act and spring play. She has also been a class officer for three years and a student manager for wrestling. Her favorite high school class is journalism because she loves taking pictures and capturing those special moments. Her most challenging class was advanced algebra because it dealt with a lot of graphs and she's not much of a graph person. Outside of school, Maecee paints barn quilts, playing with her puppy (Koda), works at the Grain Bin and Bee Happy Daycare, and is a driver for the Johnson County volunteer rescue squad. After high school, Maecee plans to attend an online program in childcare through SCC. In the future, she sees herself married with four or five children, living just outside of town, and working for herself, owning her own daycare.

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 > SchooPay (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®

2024 JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL HOMECOMING

TAILGATE PEP RALLY BONFIRE

SUNDAY 6 PM
9.8.24



HERE'S TO THE OLD,
HERE'S TO THE RED,
THE BLACK, AND THE
FLYING BENEATH THE
PROUDLY DISPLAY
OUR COLORS BRIGHT
UNITED AT ONE T-BIRD
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LOYAL TO HER YEAR
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We are in the planning stages of JCC's 2024 community tailgate event! The tailgate, pep rally and bonfire will kick off Homecoming Week. The Grain Bin will be on site for the purchase of food. Stay tuned for a more detailed menu.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Mr. Garrett Collin at (402) 335-3328 or garrett.collin@jccentral.org.

JOIN US AT THE BONFIRE

MAKE-A-BEAR

September 8th

Sponsored by the Yearbook class

RICK@TEDDYBEARMOBILE.C
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6 PM-?

358 N 6TH STREET
TECUMSEH, NE 68450



Homecoming Spirit Week

SEPTEMBER 8 TO SEPTEMBER 13



JCC Homecoming Tailgate, pep rally, and bonfire will be held
 SUNDAY September 8th from 6 pm to 8 pm
 HOCO THEME is DISCO

<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Dress for Color Wars</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>Dress as Barbie vs Ken</p>
<p>Thursday</p> <p>Dress in Disco</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>Dress by showing your JCC spirit! Football Game coronation to follow</p>

Color War colors by grade:

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

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

School got off to a great start, students have their final schedule and extra-curricular activities are already in full gear.

I met with each grade during the month of August and I discussed with the students the Student Handbook and our Activities Handbook. We went over some policies and discussed student's expectations to follow these rules throughout the year. All students were encouraged to read both handbooks so they were familiar with the policies. I would strongly encourage parents to view these handbooks which were emailed to all students on their iPads.

Students also received information on the OntoCollege ACT prep program. Bringing the ACT prep program on-line to JCC students is an investment by the district in our students ACT score: an important measure used for college admission and financial aid. Most test prep courses cost hundreds of dollars, JCC students will complete the OntoCollege ACT prep program at school or home 24-7 free of charge. All JCC students will have full access to all the ACT prep sessions and bonus materials.

We truly believe the best and most efficient way for a student to maximize his/her potential on the ACT test is to take challenging core classes throughout their high school career. The Onto-College ACT prep program is another tool to help students reach their potential on the ACT test. If you are interested in your student taking the OntoCollege ACT prep program, please make sure your student completes the form they received at school or pick up another form at the office.



Friday, Sept 6 Football Neon	Thurs, Sept 12 Volleyball HoCo DISCO
Friday, Sept 13 Football HoCo School Spirit	Thurs, Sept 26 Volleyball Despicable Me
Friday, Sept 27 Football Circus	

Athletic Button Order Form

Forms need to be turned in to Mrs. Baehr, Mrs. Jaquez,
or at the HS Office

Person making the order information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____



3 inch button: \$5.00 each

Athlete's Name: _____

Number of buttons: ____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

Payment Due at the time of order!

***** Make checks payable to JCC Cheerleading *****

**Buttons may be brought with coaches to games, or sent home
with your athlete.**

Please use 1 form per student.



2024

THUNDERBIRD FALL CLASSIC

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

9.00 AM

TECUMSEH COUNTRY CLUB
 61847 Highway 136
 Tecumseh, NE 68450

\$200 per team

CONTACT

Jeff Mahoney (402) 335-1618
 Ben Swanson (402) 921-0810

M David Photography

Thunderbird Family,

The 2024 fall season officially got underway on Monday, August 12th with the beginning of practice. Our athletes have been working hard and are ready to get out and compete. We are excited to have people back in the stands cheering on our Thunderbirds.

Here is a list of the number of participants we have in each activity along with our upcoming home events.

HS Volleyball - 18
HS Football - 33
HS Cross Country - 11 boys, 4 girls
HS Girls Golf - 5
JH Football - 21
JH Volleyball - 33
JH Cross Country - 2 boys, 2 girls

Volleyball

9/3 - v Mead/Arlington
9/12 - v Palmyra (Parents night for volleyball and girls golf)
9/17 - v Palmyra (Junior High)
9/26 - v Southern
10/5 - JCC Invite

Football

9/6 - v Southern
9/9 - v Lourdes (JH), v Elmwood-Murdock (JV)
9/13 - v Falls City Sacred Heart (Homecoming)
9/23 - v Elmwood-Murdock (JH), v HTRS (JV)
9/27 - v Freeman (Parents night for football and cross country)

Cross Country

9/6 - JCC Invite - 9:00am

Girls Golf

9/19 - JCC Invite - 9:00am

Garrett Collin, AD



Mrs. Borrenpohl Kindergarten News:

"Small but mighty" All 10 students in Mrs. Borrenpohl's class had a very busy first week in Kindergarten. The 4 boys and 6 girls did a wonderful job adjusting to our daily routines. We began our year off learning about school, rules, and each other's personalities. We are getting adjusted to a much longer day of learning and fun!! During the first week we went on a walking hunt and explored all the new places in our school building.

We found the Music Room, Nurse's office, Lunchroom, PE Gymnasium, Library, Playground, and even Mr. Rother's office!!

Our location clues and findings were a great success!! We are super excited about starting up the school year and continuing to review classroom rules and procedures such as how to use our indoor classroom voices.



BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT TEAM (BIST)

Last school year, the staff at the primary building implemented the strategies developed by BIST to help with self-control and responsibility for behavior. This year we are implementing the skills and positive changes made through BIST to the 4th and 5th grades. This program was developed to give responsibility and accountability to children in educational settings. The BIST model is to help students be accountable for their actions and make positive changes in their life. BIST is designed to teach and protect students, via **GRACE** and **ACCOUNTABILITY**. The goals for life include:

- I can make good choices even if I am mad (or sad, or upset)
- I can be okay, even if others are not okay
- I can do something even if I don't want to (or it is hard)

The GRACE component of the program states that we accept:

- You,
- Your problems
- Your pain
- Your needs

The ACCOUNTABILITY levels include:

- I did it
- I'm sorry
- It's part of a problem in my life
- I accept consequences
- I accept and need help

The BIST program is based on the commitment that:

- It's never okay to be disruptive
- It's never okay to be hurtful.

A commitment by adults to this standard is crucial. A student will be asked one time per activity to stop a behavior that is disruptive or hurtful. Adults will intervene quickly if a student cannot meet this standard.

Some terms you may hear from your student include:

Safe Seat: a seat in the classroom away from other students

Buddy Room: a seat in another classroom to help students regroup so they may return to the safe seat.

Recovery Room: a place where students can go to stop acting out, calm down, prepare an apology and create a plan to be successful.

Think Sheet: a tool that students complete to help take ownership of the problem and create a plan to be successful

Processing: questions that the adult asks so the student may take ownership, practice skills and make a plan to be successful.

Providing relationship, support and accountability when a student is struggling to maintain the standard and meet the Goals for Life is the long term goal of this program.

In addition to the strategies developed last year, the school is emphasizing the importance of greeting each other and following the "common area expectations", such as in the lunch room, at the playground, in the restroom and in the hallway.

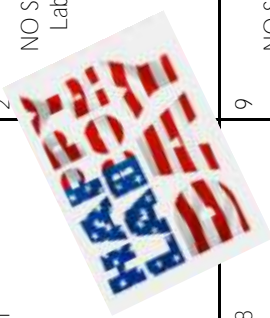


The school is wanting to partner with the parents to help the students reach their potential. Parents traditionally want four goals for their students in school:

- Be as smart as they were made to be
- Have friends
- Feel good about themselves
- Stay out of trouble

These goals are being worked on everyday at JCC and through the BIST supports it is believed we can obtain these goals for all students.

If you have further questions about the BIST model or its implementation at JCC, feel free to contact professionals at the school.

September 2024 Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	3 Chicken Tenders Potato Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 Hot Ham & Cheese Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	5 PB&J, Cheese stick-Elern Taco Salad-HS/MS Breadstick-HS/MS Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6 Ribette/WG Bun Corn Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	10 Beef Fritter Mashed Potatoes/Gravy WG Brownie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Meatball Sub Green Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	12 Chicken & Rice Hot Veggie Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Pork Fritter/WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL	17 Hotdog/WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 NATIONAL CHEESEBURGER DAY  Cheeseburger/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Chicken Parmesan Buttered Noodles Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Pizza Hot Veggie Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21
22 	23 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	24 Thai Meatballs Veg. Fried Rice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	25 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham Cornbread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 Crispito Refried Beans WG Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice “This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”				

Bus Drivers Wanted!



JCC is seeking route, shuttle and activity drivers for the current school year and upcoming 2024-2025 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

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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 September 2nd
Labor Day

No School Monday, September 9th
(Teacher Workday)

No School Monday, September 16th

No School Monday, September 23rd
(Teacher Workday)

No School Monday, September 30th