



Superintendent Monthly Update

by Jon Rother. October 2024

2024-2025 Budget Notes

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, 003.031) This will generate approximately \$273,521.

The total levy was set at \$0.970130 on September 24 with a special hearing to approve the budget and another special meeting to set the levy. Prior to the Special Hearing, Johnson County Central participated in the Joint Public Hearing held on September 23 at the Johnson County Courthouse.

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

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Meet the Candidates for the JCC School Board

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

5:00 PM

JCC's High School Cafeteria



Daniel L. Jones



Jon Schmid



Scott D. Straka



Dr. Sarah Weber

Join us on Wednesday, October 9 in a social setting for constituents to meet JCC's board candidates!

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 Baehr 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.

NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

I would like to give parents a little reminder about our attendance policies. It's our policy of Johnson County Central Public Schools that regular and punctual student attendance is required. The administration is responsible for developing attendance rules and regulations and staff is responsible for assisting in the enforcement of the rules and regulations. Students and parents are responsible for developing behaviors which will result in regular and punctual student attendance.

Good attendance reflects strong character, desire, and health, both physical and mental. If a student is absent for any reason, that student is not being exposed to the ideas generated by discussions between fellow students and/or their teachers as well as the direct lecture material. Consequently, they miss out on educational experiences.

Parents or guardians are obligated to:

- Notify the school by phone (335-3328), writing, or email (jennifer.moss@jccentral.org) of the reason for each absence. If notification is not provided within two days of the absence, the absence may be considered unexcused.
- Submit a doctor's statement for each period of absence due to appointment and/or illness that exceeds five days during a semester.

Students are obligated to:

- Complete all class work in advance for any absence that can be anticipated.
- Make-up all work assigned by teachers as make-up work for the instructional time that has been missed.
- Check-out of school at the office if leaving school during the school day.

I would strongly encourage parents and/or guardians to view our attendance policies in our Student Handbook. All high school students have a copy of the Student Handbook on their school iPad. If you have any questions, please contact me at school and I will assist you in any way I can.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 7th from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The first quarter ends on Friday, October 11th, so there will be a little time for students to finish the quarter strong after conferences. Please make plans to attend conferences to discuss your child's classroom performance with their teachers. One of the most important factors in determining student academic success is parent involvement. If you have questions or concerns about your child's performance before conferences, or if you will be unable to attend conferences, please contact your child's teachers. We hope to see everyone at conferences.

During the first 3 weeks of school all students in grades 4-8 were administered the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment in the areas of reading, math, language usage and science. These are computerized adaptive tests that are designed to be instructionally useful, meaningful to students, and connected to classroom practice. This assessment will be administered one more time in the spring, and will measure student growth and will allow our teachers to develop targeted instructional strategies to improve student learning. Teachers can use growth data from these assessments to pinpoint the instructional areas our students are ready to tackle-whether they are on, above or below grade level and can use this data to differentiate instruction and provide for individual student needs. Information from these assessments can be used to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses for each individual student and also provide our staff with information on where our curriculum may need some improvement.

On September 10th, we were fortunate to have Ms. Karen Haase speak to our students about digital citizenship. Ms. Haase is an attorney for KSB School Law who is well-versed in the impact that social media has on students. Ms. Haase covered many topics during her presentation, including cyberbullying, appropriate online posts and Internet Safety. During the presentation, Ms. Haase shared court cases in Nebraska and other states that involved criminal and civil litigation and showed how easy it can be to "cross the line" and what some of the repercussions may be.

Middle school athletics continues as we are in the last half of the fall sports season. The Junior High Football Team and Volleyball Teams are improving by the day and our Junior High Cross Country runners are competing at a high level. Seventy-four percent (56 out of 76) of our 7th & 8th grade students are involved in one of our fall sports. These student-athletes and their coaches are working hard to improve their fundamentals and come together as a team, and are committing a great deal of time and effort to participate. There are still a few opportunities to watch our teams compete. Come out and support the Thunderbirds! Keep up the good work, Coaches and Athletes!

The 7th & 8th grade Band marched at the Richardson County Fair in Humboldt on September 12th and have been performing in the Pep Band at our home football and volleyball games. The band, which includes almost 40 students, did an outstanding job marching in unison while playing the Johnson County Central Fight Song.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Olivia Reuter

EducationQuest Presentation on October 7th at 6:00 PM- Financing Higher Education and Understanding the FAFSA

High school parents are invited to a presentation on financing higher education and understanding the FAFSA on Monday, October 7th at 6:00 PM in the JCC High School computer lab. Treve Florum from EducationQuest in Lincoln will be here to present and to answer any questions that parents may have when it comes to paying for higher education. Parents of juniors and seniors are highly encouraged to attend, but parents with younger students are welcome to attend as well.

Navy Presenter on October 7th at 5:00 PM- Learn About the Opportunities and Scholarships Available Through the Navy

Middle school and high school parents and students are invited to a presentation on the opportunities and scholarships that are offered through the Navy on Monday, October 7th at 5:00 PM in the JCC High School computer lab. Micah Brookes, a Navy recruiter out of Lincoln, will talk about what the Navy does, the opportunities there are for enlistment right out of high school including the different jobs available, joining the reserves while attending a college or university, and scholarships offered by the Navy.

Skills USA

All high school students at JCC have the opportunity to join our Skills USA chapter until January 15th for 2024/2025. Students who were a member last year need to join again this year to be a member. The dues are \$30. This covers local, state, and national dues. Students who want to be able to run for or vote for chapter officers need to join by October 15th, this deadline has been extended. The final date to join without being able to run for chapter office or vote for officers is January 15th. SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of the skilled trades. It is a student-led partnership of education and industry that's building the future skilled workforce our nation depends on with graduates who are career ready on day one. Students in Skills USA have the opportunity to attend leadership events, meet and connect with employers in Nebraska and other states, and participate in the state career skill championships in Grand Island in April. Last year, we were very successful at state for a new chapter; we even sent three students to Nationals in Atlanta last June. Students in Skills USA pick a skills competition that they prepare for and then compete in, in April. Students have to be motivated and hardworking as I can give them the outline and specifics of their contest, and some contacts who could help them prepare, but they will need to put in the work to be ready for their competition. Some of the competitions that I am really hoping to see JCC students in this year are Action Skills, Job Skill Demonstration, Early Childhood Education, Masonry, Job Interview, Ag Diesel, Career Pathways- Agriculture (can use an FFA Ag Science Fair project), Customer Service, Photography, Woodworking 9-10, Architectural Blueprint Reading, Welding, Automotive Service Technology, Technical Computer Applications, T-Shirt Design, Aviation Maintenance, Welding, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, Promotional Bulletin Board, EMT, Basic Healthcare Skills, Nurse Assisting, Medical Terminology, Medical Math, Criminal Justice, Restaurant Service, and Technical Math. There are at least 120 contests though, so if students are not interested in what is listed above, they just need to talk to me and I will show them all of the options. There is a contest for almost every career interest.

Education Quest: Help with College Planning, Financial Aid, and the FAFSA

The best way to stay informed of the latest developments with college planning, financial aid, and 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. You can also schedule a virtual appointment with an EducationQuest representative by going to <https://app.10to8.com/book/educationquest/> and scheduling a date and time.

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.

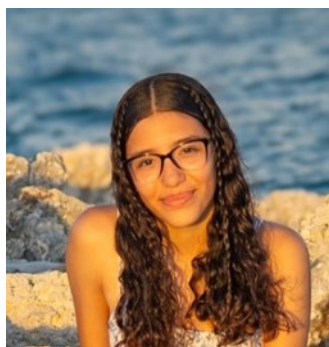
If students and their parents decide that filling out the FAFSA is not right for them, for any reason, there is a waiver form available in both English and Spanish. Students who do not fill out the FAFSA must complete a waiver form with their parents and turn it into Mrs. Reuter by May 1st.

Meet JCC's Class of 2025

In each newsletter, I'll be featuring a few of our JCC seniors. This month, I'm featuring Jocelyn, Keegan, and Manuel

Keegan Jones

Keegan Jones is the son of Daniel and RaeAnn Jones. He lives in the country near Tecumseh and has one brother, Cooper, who is 14. According to Keegan, his favorite class in school is, "Shop Class because I get to build things during school and get graded for it." His most challenging class was, "Advanced English 3 because I struggle with reading comprehension." During high school, Keegan has participated in Football, Basketball, Golf, FFA, FBLA, FCA, Band, One Act, Student Council and National Honor Society. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Keegan likes to hunt, golf, and work. His favorite type of music is country. Keegan wants to go to college, but he is still figuring out what he wants to do and where he wants to go. In ten years, Keegan predicts the following, "I'll be living on a golf course in Colorado and will work there. I'll hopefully be married and have kids."



Jocelyn Prado

Jocelyn Prado is the daughter of Carlos and Elisa Prado of Tecumseh. She has three siblings, Carlos Jr. (19), Erik (15), and Karla (8). Her school activities include wrestling and JAG. She also participated in band her freshman and sophomore years of high school. Her accomplishments in wrestling include 2022 NSAA state girls' wrestling runner-up, 2023 NSAA state girls' wrestling champion, and 2024 NSAA state girls' wrestling champion. According to Jocelyn, her favorite class in school was "Anatomy because it really helped me learn about the human body and how we work." Her most challenging class was also "Anatomy because I really had to pay attention and learn a lot of the human body parts." Jocelyn's favorite school lunch is chili with a cinnamon roll. Outside of school, Jocelyn likes to practice wrestling. Her favorite music artist is Harry Styles and her favorite TV show is Gilmore Girls. At this time, she knows that she wants to attend college and major in biology, but she doesn't know where she wants to go yet. Her career goal is to become an orthodontist. In ten years, she is not sure where she will be living, but she will probably be married and working as an orthodontist by then.

Manuel Chavez

Manuel David Chavez is the son of Rosalina Barraza Morones and Nicolas Chavez of Tecumseh. He has three siblings, Mauro (27), Abigail (19), and Educardo (11). His favorite class in school is JAG because he gets to go on field trips. His most challenging classes are his math classes because he doesn't like numbers. During high school, Manuel has been involved in wrestling, soccer, track, and JAG. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Manuel likes to be a DJ for events, hang out with friends, and go to the gym. His favorite musical artists are Victor Mendevil, Natanael Cano, Peso Pluma and Junior H. After high school graduation, Manuel plans to go to Southeast Community College to study and learn the skills to become an electrician. In ten years, Manuel predicts the following, "I will be an electrician and I will live in Texas. I will be married and have a cat. I'll drive a red Silverado or a Lamborghini."





If you have not received a letter to let you know your lunch status for this year – as of OCTOBER 3rd – you will go to FULL PAY.

Please remember that IF you were free last year due to direct certification, or income eligibility this DOES NOT mean that the status is the same this year – so if you have NOT received a letter in the mail – you WILL be FULL pay as of OCTOBER 3rd.

If you have questions please call ASAP so that we do not run into delinquent lunch statuses.

– Kendra Gottula 402.335.3328

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[®]

Vocal Music - Mrs. Fricke

Candle Sales:

Mark your calendars for the annual Vocal Music candle sales fundraiser October 8 – 22. Students needing a new Music Polo will be able to use proceeds from their candle sales to offset the cost of the polo. Thank you to all who have contributed to our music students. We are an active music department and your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Pie Night:

Pie Night will be our first performance for the year. This is set for Thursday, October 24th at 7:00pm. Students with last names starting with A-K will be asked to bring a pie (store bought or homemade) to school to be served following the concert. Please join us for a short program and pie and coffee to follow. This is a free will donation event.

High School Choir Stats:

Our students have been rehearsing for our fall & winter performances. We have 48 total singers in this year's high school choir. Nineteen are returning members from previous years. The choir consists of 16 Sopranos, 7 Altos, 8 Tenors, & 16 Basses. They can be broken down into the following grade levels: 5 Seniors, 9 Juniors, 15 Sophomores, & 18 Freshmen.

Middle School Choir Stats:

The middle school choir consists of 74 singers (34 seventh grade and 40 eighth grade students). Those 74 singers are broken down into the following voice categories: 21 Sopranos, 16 Altos, 23 Tenors, & 16 Basses. They are reviewing basic music theory and applying that knowledge to rehearsals.

HS Choir Officers:

The singers have elected their peers into leadership positions within the choir and this year's officers include: President – Charlyn Bobadilla; Vice President – Mario Lara; Treasurer – Harrison Bacon; Secretary – Amelia Britt; and Reporter – Adree Case. Congratulations to our officers!

Music Calendar:

Fall-Winter performances will include the following:

- Vocal Music Pie Night – Thursday, October 24, 7:00 PM in Tecumseh
- Middle School Honor Choir – Thursday, November 7 in Crete
- ECNC Honor Choir (MS & HS) – Monday, November 11 in Weeping Water
- High School Christmas Concert – Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 PM in Tecumseh.
- 4-8 Grade Christmas Concerts – Friday, December 13, 7:00 PM in Cook
- K-3 Elementary Program – Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 PM in Tecumseh.

JCC Music Calendar October - December

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| October | 8-22 | 2 Weeks | Candle Sales - Pick up in Falls City |
| | 11 | Friday | PB - FB vs. Lourdes |
| | TBA | | Miles for Music 5K Fundraiser |
| | 19 | Saturday | Peru Homecoming Parade - Peru |
| | 21 | Monday | PB - VB vs. Elmwood Murdock |
| | 24 | Tuesday | Pie Night @ 7:00 pm - Tecumseh Aud/Cafeteria |
| November | 7 | Thursday | Crete Choral Clinic - Crete |
| | 11 | Monday | ECNC Honor Choir - Weeping Water |
| | 20-22 | Wed-Fri | NMEA Conference/All State Groups Perform |
| December | 3 | Tuesday | HS Christmas Concert - Auditorium @ 7:00 |
| | 6 | Friday | PB - BB vs. Mead |
| | 10 | Tuesday | PB - BB vs. Southern |
| | 12 | Thursday | PB - BB vs. Syracuse |
| | 13 | Friday | 4-8 Christmas Concert @ 7:00 PM - Cook |
| | 15? | Sunday | Christmas Caroling |
| | 17 | Tuesday | K-3 Christmas Concert - Auditorium @ 7:00 |
| | 19 | Thursday | PB - BB vs. Louisville |



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| <p>Sat, October 5 Volleyball Jersey Day</p> | <p>Fri, October 11 Football PINK OUT</p> |
| <p>Mon, October 21 Volleyball Bob the Builder/Construction</p> | |

Karen Haase of KSB School Law presents to Johnson County Central Students

By Marsha Bacon



Karen Haase came to Johnson County Central Schools on Tuesday, September 10th to present to students about Digital Citizenship. Karen Haase is one member of the KSB School Law team, all of whom are leading authorities on Digital Citizenship and how it intersects with education. She explained to students that a digital citizen is a person who utilizes information technology in order to engage in society, politics and government and who uses the Internet regularly and effectively.

Karen presented to students in grades 5-8 at Cook in the morning. She shared information to students about cyberbullying, appropriate online posts and Internet Safety. She helped students develop a better understanding of what bullying is according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During the presentation, Ms. Haase shared court cases in Nebraska and other states that involved criminal and civil litigation. These cases have made an impact on current laws and school policies.

Following the presentation at Cook, Ms. Haase visited with high school students in Tecumseh. She explained Digital Citizenship at a high school level to students in grades 9-12. In her presentation, she shared examples of failed Digital Citizenship to students. She provided civil and criminal court case examples of students who made inappropriate choices resulting in school-based, civil and/or criminal consequences in Nebraska and nationally. She also talked to students about victimization by online predators and how students can protect themselves. Her presentation also included information about sexting, the prevalence of inappropriate pictures and personal risks of inappropriate online choices.

Karen Haase was an amazing guest speaker. Her presentation provided students with insight, tools and resources. At the end of her presentation, Ms. Haase provided students with some advice:

- Tell a trusted adult if you are struggling, if something happened to you.
- Always keep your pictures “grandma safe.” (don’t take a photo of something you would not want a loving person in your family to see).
- Assume your posts will be read by everyone.
- Keep operating systems up to date.
- Use strong passwords and good security (don’t ever share your password with another student).

Johnson County Central Schools was very excited to have the opportunity to have Karen Haase present to students. She is an engaging presenter who connects well to students in every age group. Grant funds from the School Mental Health Project were utilized for the presentation expenses.



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BOOK FAIR

Find Your Next Great Read



October 7th

during parent-teacher conferences



**JCC Teccumseh Elementary
& Cook site locations**

**Proceeds from the fair go towards the purchase
of new books for our JCC libraries.**

We hope to see you there!

It's Husker Harvest Day in Kindergarten - Mrs. Borrenpohl

In the last week of September, the 10 students in Mrs. Borrenpohl's class celebrated Husker Harvest Days by bringing in equipment that goes along with farming, discussing some crops that are grown and what animals they would see in Nebraska. The students got to experience the process of removing kernels of corn off a cob and were "corn shucking." We celebrated by eating popcorn for a snack! (A popular crop we see during the harvest season!)





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

M David Photography

CONTACT

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

Thunderbird Family,

The fall sports are moving quickly and will be done before we know it! By the time you read the November newsletter, fall sports will be completed and winter practices about to begin. Our student-athletes and coaches have been in full swing and have been working hard representing their school and community in a positive way.

It was an eventful month of September with hosting our cross country and girls golf invite, the volleyball team competing in the A Division at MUDECAS, and the football team getting the victory over Falls City Sacred Heart on homecoming night.

Harley Lubben & Ashley Beethe were named to Honorable Mention at the MUDECAS Tournament. Congrats, girls!

Congratulations to the class attendants Kaitlin Young, Tyler Albers, Haylee Trew, Erik Prado, Charlyn Bobadilla, and Jack Waring. Senior homecoming royalty consisted of Graycen Arguello, Lexi Robeson, Salena Conley, Jocelyn Prado, Kali Drake, Nolan Wellensiek, Jackson Haughton, Alex Cruz, Logan Topp, and Keegan Jones. Congratulations to Jocelyn and Logan on being voted Queen & King!

The month of October doesn't hold quite as many activities but still plenty of time to catch your Thunderbirds!

Cross Country: Districts will take place on October 17th and state will be October 25th

Girls Golf: Districts will be held on October 7th and state will be October 14th

Football: 3 games left in October (4th @ OCA, 11th vs Lourdes, 17th @ HTRS)

Volleyball: We host our invite on the 5th at both sites, ECNC tournament begins on the 14th and subs will begin on the 28th.

Get out and support your fall sports while you still can!

Garrett Collin
Activities Director



Veterans Day Programs

November 8, 2024

Johnson County Central High School Gym
Tecumseh, NE ~ 10:00 AM

Presentation by Derick Peters,
Veteran United States Navy

Johnson County Central Middle School Gym
Cook, NE ~ 10:00 AM

Presentation TBD

All veterans and their spouses are invited to eat lunch at the school following the program. Meals are provided free of charge by the school. Please contact either school if you plan to stay for lunch. Tecumseh—402-335-3320 or Cook—402-864-4181





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 the week of November 13th. 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 the 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 interest 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 2024-2025. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR THIS FORM. It will also be posted on the school website for parents to access/print.

October 2024

Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | <p>Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice</p> <p>“This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”</p> | <p>1 Chicken Nuggets Hot Veggie Scooby Snack Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>2 Shredded Pork/WG Bun Tator Tots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>3 Sweet & Sour Chicken Fried Rice Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>4 Hotdog/WG Bun—EL Chili Dog—HS Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>5</p> |
| 6 | <p>7 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences 11 am–7 pm</p> | <p>8 Hoagie Hot Veggies Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>9 Chicken Tenders Baked Beans Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>10 Tator Tot Casserole Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>11 Hamburger/WG Bun Sweet Potato Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>12 </p> |
| 13 | <p>14 NO SCHOOL </p> | <p>15 Br. Cheese Stick/Marinara Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>16 Chicken Patty/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>17 Turkey/Cheese WG Wrap Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>18 Pizza Corn WG Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>19</p> |
| 20 | <p>21 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE</p> | <p>22 Comdog Potato Casserole Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>23 Chef's Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>24 Chicken Quesadilla Black Bean Salsa Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>25 Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>26</p> |
| 27 | <p>28 NO SCHOOL</p> | <p>29 WG Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>30 BBQ Chicken/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk</p> | <p>31 Spook-etti (Spaghetti) Goblin Fingers (Green Beans) Witch's Broomstick (Breadstick) Frightening Fruit & Vicious Veggie Bar Ghost Blood (Milk)</p> | <p></p> | |

October 2024

JCC Activities Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| |  | <p>1 JH VB @ HTRS HS-4:00 pm V VB Tri @ Louisville HS-5:00 pm</p> | <p>2 FFA Area Land Judging-8:00 am JAG to Career Exploration Day @ Keamey-8:00 am HS Art College Mural Day @ Hastings College-9:30 am</p> | <p>3G Golf Invite @ Hidden Valley Country Club-9:00 am JH Volleyball vs Tri-County @ JCC MS Cook Site-4:00 pm CC VJV Invite @ Pioneers Park-5:30 pm JV/V Volleyball @ Pawnee City HS-6:00/7:00 pm</p> | <p>4 V Football @ Omaha Christian Academy-7:00 pm</p> | <p>5 V Volleyball Invitational @ JCC MS Cook Site & JCC HS-9:00 am</p> |
| <p>6 JCC to host SE NE Youth Volleyball League @ JCC MS Cook Site-1:00 pm</p> | <p>7 NO SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES- 11:00 AM-7:00 pm G Golf District Meet @ Hidden Valley Golf Club-9:00 am JH Football vs Southern @ JCC HS-4:00 pm Reserve VB Quad @ Weeping Water HS-5:00 pm JV Football vs Weeping Water @ JCC HS-6:00 pm</p> | <p>8 HOSA Leadership Conference @ York-9:00 am CC JV/V ECNC Invite @ Falls City-4:00 pm JH VB @ Freeman HS (A,B,C)-4:00 pm JV/Res/V VB @ Conestoga-5:00/5:00/6:00 pm</p> | <p>9 Meet the School Board Candidates @ JCC HS Cafeteria-5:00 pm JCC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ JCC HS COMPUTER LAB-6:00 PM</p> | <p>10 Striv Fall Conference @ Midland Univ. Fremont-9:30 am Res/JV/V VB @ Auburn HS-5:00/6:00/7:00 pm</p> | <p>11 END OF FIRST QUARTER Kindergarten Trip to Roca Berry Farm Pumpkin Patch-8:30 am V Football SENIOR NIGHT vs Lourdes Central Catholic @ JCC HS-7:00 pm</p> | <p>12 JH VB Tourney @ Leaviston HS-8:00 am 4th Annual Fall Thunderbird Classic Golf Tournament, Tecumseh Country Club-9:00 am Reserve VB Invitational @ JCC MS Cook Site-9:00 am</p> |
| <p>13</p> | <p>14 NO SCHOOL G Golf State Meet-TBD V VB ECNC Tournament-TBD</p> | <p>15 G Golf State Meet-TBD V VB ECNC Tournament-TBD FFA State Land Judging @ Norfolk Frist Grade Field trip to Tecumseh Fire Station-11:45 am JH VB vs Southern @ JCC MS Cook Site-4:00 pm</p> | <p>16 FFA State Land Judging @ Norfolk JCC Booster Club Meeting @ El Mariachi-6:30 pm</p> | <p>17 CC JV/V District Meet-TBD V VB ECNC Tournament-TBD V Football @ HTRS-7:00 pm</p> | <p>18 PICTURE RETAKES- BOTH SITES 8th Grade Discovery Day @ SCC - Lincoln-9:00 am</p> | <p>19 HS Band to perform @ Peru State College Homecoming Parade-10:00 am</p> |
| <p>20</p> | <p>21 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service Res/JV/V VB SENIOR NIGHT vs Elmwood/Murdock @ JCC HS-5:00/6:00/7:00 pm</p> | <p>22 JV/V VB @ Diller-Odell HS-6:00/7:00 pm National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis, IN</p> | <p>23 4th Grade Field Trip to Homestead National Monument-8:15 am</p> | <p>24 JCC Choir Presentation & Pie Night @ JCC HS-7:00 pm October 22-26</p> | <p>25 CC JV/V State Meet-TBD</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27</p> | <p>28 NO SCHOOL V VB Sub-Districts-TBD</p> | <p>29 V VB Sub-Districts-TBD</p> | <p>30 FFA District Livestock Judging @ Beatrice, NE - 8:00 am HS Art Penn. Art Day @ Penn State College-9:00 am</p> | <p>31 V Unified Bowling @ Wilber-Clatonia-12:30 pm</p> | <p>ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p> | |

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JCC is seeking route, shuttle and activity drivers for the current school year and upcoming 2024-2025 school 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, October 7th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

No School Monday, October 14th

No School Monday, October 21st

Teacher In Service

No School Monday, October 28th