



Superintendent Monthly Update

by **Jon Rother**. November 2024

The School Calendar

When developing the school calendar for Johnson County Central, there are a few key numbers that play into the decisions.

- Teacher Contract Days
 - ◇ 177 contract days.
 - ◇ 177 contract days is equivalent to 1,504.5 hours using the current calendar and work day (Teacher work day is 7:45 AM-4:15 PM).
 - ◇ In previous years, with the five day calendar, teachers were contracted for 185 days equaling 1,480 hours (Teacher work day was 8:00 AM-4:00 PM).
 - ◇ **As this is a negotiated number and part of the teachers' contracts, the number cannot be exceeded.*
- Student Hours in Session
 - ◇ 1,080 hours for middle school and high school
 - ◇ 1,032 hours for elementary.
 - ◇ **These numbers may be exceeded, but schools cannot fall below these.*
- Instructional Units
 - ◇ 400 instructional units for high school students.
 - ◇ An Instructional Unit is 15 clock hours (900 minutes) of classroom instruction in a course offered in the high school. There are various instructional unit requirements for each subject area.
 - ◇ **Instructional units apply only to high school.*

For more information on the regulation of Nebraska's public schools, please see Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10: Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools found here:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/apac/accreditation-rule-10/>

A few other factors that are considered are:

- The NSAA Activities Calendar
 - ◇ Fall activity practices typically begin the second week of August.
 - ◇ Students will be coming to school to begin practices. Having them in school helps to ensure that all state and local requirements for participation are met.

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

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- End of First Semester
 - ◊ Finishing the first semester prior to the Holidays makes for a clean break before starting the second semester.
- County Fairs
 - ◊ The Otoe County Fair has been held during the last weekend of July.
 - ◊ The Johnson County Fair has been held during the third weekend of August.
 - ◊ The Nemaha County Fair has also been held during the third weekend of August, however Nemaha County has a Sunday through Wednesday format.
 - ◊ To help accommodate those participating in the local fairs, there is no school the Friday prior to the third weekend in August and no school for students on the Monday following the third weekend in August.

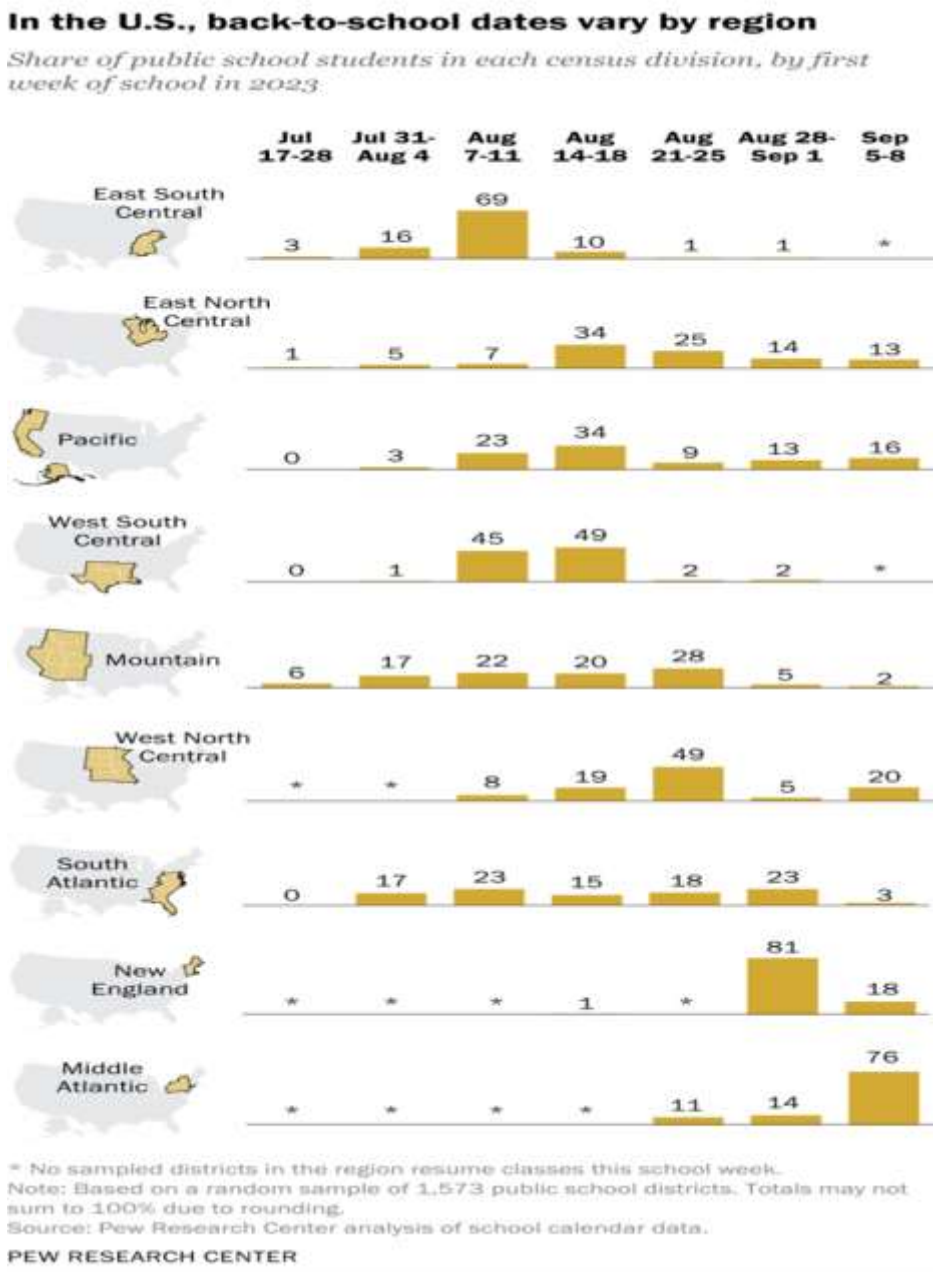
Upon researching the topic of school calendars, I found that the start date does have some regional differences. Schools in the Northeast of the United States, as far west as Minnesota, tend to start after Labor Day. However, even though Michigan has a state law that mandates schools must start after Labor Day, they offer a waiver for school districts wanting to start earlier. In a 2022 article by MLive, 75% of Michigan schools had opted out to have an earlier start date. The article can be found here:

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2022/09/its-michigan-law-to-start-school-after-labor-day-so-why-are-most-starting-earlier.html>

A 2023 article by the Pew Research Center attempted to make sense of school calendars and start dates. The Pew article can be found here:

<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/08/25/back-to-school-dates-u-s/>

This article had some interesting information on how the current calendars came about. Here is a graphic from the article showing start dates by region:



According to the Pew article, there are 16 states that mandate a start date window. Nebraska is not one of them.

From the articles I read, the “after Labor Day” start dates have to do with local industry (recreation) and schools avoiding conflicts with family vacations that extend through Labor Day. Why this is not an issue in the Southern, Midwest, Southwest or Western states, I couldn’t say. In the end, I think it must come down to local expectations and trends.

In the end, I don’t know if there is a calendar that can accommodate everyone’s personal preferences. What we do attempt to do is to work with our families as they navigate the busy schedules involved in parenthood. As the current calendar and four-day week is a challenge for some families, others see it as an opportunity for quality family time and to get caught up on appointments.

For further discussions or inquiries into our current calendar please feel free to contact me directly at (402) 921-0187 or jon.rother@jccentral.org.



As part of Johnson County Central’s commitment to students’ safety and mental health, beginning in November 2024 we are launching an anonymous reporting program, which will allow students and parents to make anonymous reports about concerns of safety or student wellness. Our program is student-focused, as opposed to crime-focused, meaning it is a tool for alerting caring adults about students who need help—not snitching. This is part of our continuous effort to increase campus and student safety, and provide students with a safe, completely anonymous outlet to share concerns. Students can use our new Safe2HelpNE app to report: bullying, suicide concerns, depression, sexting, stealing, threats, cutting, abuse, dating and domestic violence, fights, drugs, alcohol, weapons or other types of dangerous situations that threaten their safety or the safety of others. Their reports will be addressed by a trained school threat assessment team.

When you or your student have a concern, you can go to www.safe2helpne.org on your computer, tablet, or laptop-- or you can download the free Safe2HelpNE mobile app-- and make a 100% anonymous report in less than five minutes.

The use of anonymous reporting apps in state programs like Safe2Tell Colorado have proven to be successful in providing the tools and information needed for school officials and to proactively address concerning behaviors, potential incidents of violence, and other harmful situations on campus before they develop. We look forward to working with you and your student to continue making Johnson County Central a safe school.



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 by
Jimmy Ray
Veteran of United States Army and Navy

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



Congratulations to JCC's K-3 October Thunderbirds of the Month!



Kindergarten (L to R) - Charlie Dickson, Leena Dinan, Norah McCoppin, Vanessa Sterup, Brylee Dinan, Graham Gist

Not pictured: Aaliyah Fawley

1st (L to R) - Beckett Gist, Merida Britt, Dalary Zepeda, Brock Schultz, Robin Jaquez, Henry Rolf, David Shirley, Emmalynn Blecha, Izzabella Brown

Not pictured: Hazel Whited



2nd (L to R) - Arabella Dady, Emry Francis, Wren Bischoff, Noah Lehn, Penny Barnes, Victoria Chavez Acosta, Aurora VanLaningham, Owen Bowman, Beau Lada



3rd (L to R) - Dawson Beethe, Shelby Rothfuss, Mateo Campos, Allura Bruley, Sophia Fazel, Cooper Kuhl, Tucker Helmick, Baeley Neemann, Shaylee Hartman



***Thank you Tecumseh Pizza Hut and Tecumseh Dairy Queen for supplying gift coupons for our Thunderbirds!**

2024 Thunderbird Golf Classic

The 2024 Thunderbird Golf Classic was held on Saturday, October 12 with a total of 88 golfers and 22 teams participating! This year's Classic raised **\$2,980** for the JCC golf programs!

Results:

1st Place Team: Layne Kettelhake, Justin Kosmicki, Nolan Dresen, Billy Kaster 53 (-19)

2nd Place Team: Eli Waring, Mason Waring, Mitch Faris, Grayson McBride 57 (-15)

3rd Place Team: Ben Swanson, Ryan Mills, Nate Goodrich, Ryan Haughton 57 (-15)

Johnson County Central would like to thank the following for their generous raffle prize donations:

Brinkman Bros.

Lubben Farms

Ben Swanson

Miller Farrell Insurance

Josh Rother & Briggs, Inc.

Mahoney Concrete

Hasselbalch Pharmacy



Photo by: M David Photography

Thank you also to Ben Swanson and Jeff Mahoney for your time and energy organizing and scoring the tournament!

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

Fall is officially here and with that comes the end of the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year. The high school students received their first quarter report cards on Friday, October 18, 2024. Please feel free to call or email your student's teachers if you have any questions about your student's academic standing. I encourage every parent to be involved and show interest in their student's academic progress. I know we are all busy, but your student's academic success is linked to your interest. It is a proven fact that the more interest a parent shows in their student's academic performance, the better the student's desire to succeed. Here are some ideas:

- You can ask your student about their classes, or a specific project
- Help them set aside a specific time or place to study
- Listen to their concerns
- Praise their successes as well as encourage their struggles

These small gestures will impact your students' academic success in the classroom. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me and have a great Thanksgiving Break!



Congrats to the 2024-2025 Elected Jag Officers: Kaden Sosa-president, Madison Jansen-vice president, Theresa Joy Doiel-secretary. These students were selected by their Jag peers in an election. These three will participate in the Nebraska Jag Leadership Development Conference in October at Creighton. Congratulations to this year's Jag officers!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

The first quarter ended on Friday, October 11th and report cards have been sent home with students. The end of the quarter is an excellent time for parents to sit down with their children and discuss grades and homework. If your child did well during the 1st quarter, make sure you acknowledge this, let your children know you are proud of them, and most importantly, tell them that they should be proud of themselves. If the report card hasn't made it home yet, talk to your child. If that doesn't produce the report card, you may contact the school. Congratulations to all students who earned a spot on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll.

The Junior High volleyball, football and cross country teams have concluded their seasons. The Thunderbirds had two individual medalists at the ECNC Cross Country Meet. Ashton Huskey was the ECNC Conference Champion and Damian Andrade finished in 4th place. The boys team, Ashton Huskey, Damian Andrade, Juan Aguilar, Jackson Gottula, Matthew Cruz and Bentley Campbell, finished as conference runner-up. The junior high football team finished their season with a record of 0-5. The volleyball A-team finished with a 5-8 record, the B-team finished with a 5-5 record and the C-team finished with a 1-3 record. The football, volleyball and cross country teams all gave outstanding efforts and worked hard to improve their skills throughout the season and should be commended for their efforts. Congratulations to the girls and boys who competed for the Thunderbirds this fall, as well as, their coaches Mr. Rother, Mr. Straka, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Pollard, Ms. Juilfs, Mr. Weber and Ms. Huskey. Go Thunderbirds!

On Monday, November 11, 13 middle school students from Johnson County Central Schools will participate in the ECNC Honor Choir at Weeping Water. Students selected for the ECNC Honor Choir will practice throughout the day and put on, what will surely be, an outstanding concert for the public in the evening. Johnson County Central Middle School students selected to participate in this Honor Choir include Lilyana Birdwell, Wilhelmina Arguello, Ella Hood-Shirley, Kenna Thomas, Lila Britt, Hadley Hartman, Janel Leyva, Maria Pinedo Pena, Hudson Harrifeld, Matthew Cruz, Marvin Najera, Ashton Huskey and Bentley Myers. On November 7, the following students will participate in the Crete Honor Choir: McKenna Lade, Edith Blomstedt, Journi Brooks, Heidi Reyes, Patience Scoggins, Kaitlin Clements, Heaven Adams, TyLynn Wellensiek, Janel Leyva, Tim Johns-Hinrichsen, Eduardo Castor, Jude Longsine, Xavier Arguello, Brody Nichols and Jackson Gottula. Congratulations to these students for being selected to both of these events.

Congratulations to the following students selected to the Middle School Leadership Team: 8th grade - Xavier Arguello, Jackson Gottula, Maria Pinedo Pena and Heidi Reyes; 7th Grade - Jamison Bacon, Edith Blomstedt, Lila Britt and Sophia Rainey; & 6th Grade - Ada Goodrich, Presley Juilfs and Ian Robeson.

The week of October 28th was Red Ribbon Week which is a national drug awareness campaign that started in 1988. This year's theme was "Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free". Members of the Middle School Leadership Team will conduct drug free activities in the elementary classes throughout the week. All students were encouraged to participate in dress up days to show their support for living drug free.

A special thank you goes out to Tom Dieckgrafe and Adam Badberg of the Cook Volunteer Fire Department for speaking to our 4th and 5th grade students about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week.

Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll

First Quarter 2024-2025

8th Grade

Jorge Andrade
Xavier Arguello
Jackson Gottula (All A's)
Hadley Hartman (All A's)
Heidi Reyes (All A's)
Kenna Thomas
Elliott Werner

7th Grade

Jamison Bacon
Lydia Bilslend
Lilyana Birdwell
Edith Blomstedt (All A's)
Lila Britt (All A's)
Jay Chaudhari
Kaitlyn Clements (All A's)
Samantha Cottrell
Aedan Gordon
Hudson Harrifeld
Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen (All A's)
Sophie Kirkland
Angel Lara Rojas
Kyndall Meints (All A's)
Kloie Neemann
Emma Othmer
Emry Pollard
Brynn Weber (All A's)

6th Grade

Isaac Buchanan
Brock Carter
Jude Fricke (All A's)
Ada Goodrich (All A's)
Preston Hartman
Damien Hinojosa
Presley Juilfs (All A's)
Kelly Kongmanyvong (All A's)
Kolby Kunzman
Teegan Longsine
Slayden Newman
Lucy Rademacher
Ian Robeson (All A's)
Elena Rojas Stitzel
Makenzie Sell (All A's)

Honor Roll students have no grade lower than a B.
Honor Roll with distinction is based on student's having all A's

Red Ribbon Week

The theme for Red Ribbon Week is:
Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free
JCC Will Celebrate Red Ribbon Week
October 28-November 1

Dress up Days:

Tuesday, October 29

Thunderbirds are Drug Free
(Spirit Day-Wear JCC/Thunderbird Attire)



Wednesday, October 30

Spur on Your Life and Be Drug Free!
(Cowboy Dress-Up day)



Thursday, October 31

Don't be Haunted By Regret: Live Drug Free!
(Halloween Dress-Up Day)



Friday, November 1

Say 'Peace Out' to Drugs and Live Drug Free!
(dress 70's/tie dye)



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.*

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.

The logo for SchoolPay, featuring the word "School" in a dark grey sans-serif font and "Pay" in a teal sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the upper right of the "y".

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Students Attend NGage Manufacturing Day in Beatrice

On October 2nd, Mrs. Reuter and seven students (juniors- Aleciauna and Josie and sophomores- Max, Erik, Aurora, Millie, and Trevor) went to Beatrice to learn more about careers in different types of manufacturing at an annual event put on by NGage (Gage Area Growth Enterprise). First, we toured J&J Wire. We learned about the products they make, and how they make them. They had some really big lasers that make producing products much easier. Next, we toured Landmark Snacks. The students had to cover their clothes, heads, and shoes with special gear in order to tour the plant. They noticed that everyone working there was wearing the same gear. After the tour, students were treated to free meat sticks and other products. Our last stop of the day was at NEAPCO, a place that produces auto parts. It was interesting to see how most of their workers work in teams, and that they learn one process that they repeat over and over all day until they are very skilled at that process. We ended our day by eating lunch at Southeast Community College before heading back to JCC.



Apply For a Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation Scholarship- If You Qualify

Starting on November 1st until February 1st, Nebraska high school seniors can apply for a Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation scholarship. The Susan T. Buffett Foundation has offered scholarships to college students in Nebraska for over 50 years. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to first-time freshman entering college who live in Nebraska, graduate from a Nebraska high school (or GED) with plans to attend a Nebraska public college, and demonstrate financial need. Around one-thousand scholarships are awarded to Nebraska high school seniors each year. These scholarships cover academic costs at Nebraska public community colleges, state colleges, and state universities for up to four years. There are several steps that students must complete in order for their application to be considered. To learn if you qualify to apply for one of these scholarships and to apply, go to <https://buffettscholarships.org/>

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 Trevor, Kali, and Maggie.

Trevor Ray

Trevor James Ray is the son of Jimmy Ray and Lori Ray. He lives in Tecumseh. His high school activities have been choir and bowling. Trevor's favorite class in high school has been choir because he loves to sing and listen to music. His most challenging class is American Government. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Trevor likes to work outside and play games. His favorite movie is Spider Man and his favorite book is the Spider Man comics. After high school, he plans to either work in an electrical, plumbing, or woodworking field, or join the Marines. In ten years, Trevor says, "I will live in Japan. I will be making food, and I will probably be married and have kids."



Kali Drake

Kali Drake is the daughter of Amber Baehr and Joshua Drake. She lives in Cook. She has four siblings- Tucker (19), Brayden (15), Kase (8), and Brexley (6). Kali's favorite high school class has been band because she likes playing music. Her most challenging high school class was advanced algebra. During her high school years, Kali has been involved in volleyball, track,



cheerleading, FFA, FBLA, HOSA, band, BUDS, one act, musical, and unified bowling. Her favorite school lunch is chili and cinnamon rolls. Outside of school, Kali likes to watch Netflix and bake. Her favorite TV series is Gilmore Girls. Kali plans to go to college after high school for pre-physical therapy or pre-med, but she's not sure where yet. Her career goal is to become a physical therapist. In ten years, Kali says, "I will be establishing my career and I will probably be married."

Maggie Niebrugge

Maggie Niebrugge is the daughter of Kent and Nancy Niebrugge. She lives south of Cook and has one half-sister, Megan, who is 33. Her favorite high school class is strength training because she likes to lift weights and her most challenging high school class has been English because, according to her, she is not good at writing essays. Her high school activities have been academic decathlon, JAG, Striv, bowling, and volleyball. Maggie's favorite school lunch is tochos. In her free time outside of school, Maggie likes to workout, hangout with friends, play video games, and read. Some of her favorite books are the Red Queen series, the City of Bones series, Talon, and Caraval by Stephanie Garber, Written in the Stars by Alexander Bellefleur. She also likes the Game of Thrones tv series and the House of Dragon TV series. Her favorite movies are the Jurassic Park movies.

Maggie wants to major in biology in college. She does not know which college or university that she will attend yet, but she is considering SCC, UNL, and many other colleges and universities. Her career goal is to become either a psychiatrist or a dermatologist. In ten years, Maggie predicts, "I will hopefully be living in the woods somewhere in a little house by a lake with my cats and a dog. Maybe I'll be married, maybe not. I will definitely have the latest gaming console or laptop though."



JCC Music Calendar

November	7	Thursday	MS Crete Choral Clinic - Crete
	8	Friday	Veteran's Day Program @ 10am (at each site)
	11	Monday	ECNC Honor Choir - Weeping Water
	20-22	Wed-Fri	NMEA Conference/All State Groups Perform
December	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
*New Date	20	Friday	HS Christmas Concert - Auditorium @ 7:00
January	7	Tuesday	School Resumes
	7	Tuesday	PB - BB vs. Auburn (Girls)
	18	Saturday	Singing Youth of Nebraska - Fremont (7th-9th)
	21	Tuesday	PB - BB vs. Weeping Water
	23	Thursday	PB - BB vs. HTRS
	30	Thursday	PB - BB vs. Fairbury
	27	Monday	UNK Honor Choir - Kearney (10th-12th)
February	6-7	Thurs-Fri	Wesleyan Honor Choir (9th-12th) - Lincoln
	13-15	Thurs-Sat	Wesleyan Honor Band (9th-12th) - Lincoln
	13	Thursday	PB - BB vs. College View Academy
	21	Friday	PB - BB vs. Auburn (Boys)
March	4	Tuesday	30th Annual Freshmore Clinic - Tecumseh
	11	Tuesday	MS Contest Concert - Cook @ 6:30 pm
	21	Friday	MS Contest - Humboldt
	29	Saturday	Class C Allstate Band - Kearney
	31	Monday	MUDECAS Music Contest - Pawnee City
April	4	Friday	Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band (7th/8th) - Daykin
	24	Thursday	HS Contest Concert @ 7:00pm - Aud and HS Gym
	25	Friday	HS District Music Contest - Tecumseh
May	Apr 30, May 2	Wed & Fri	Spring Play - Wed @ 2:00, Fri @ 7:00
	4	Sun	Musical - Sun @ 2:00
	8	Thurs	HS Spring Concert & Art Show @ 7:00 pm - Auditorium
	10	Saturday	HS Band at Graduation
	12	Monday	ECNC Honor Band - Elmwood Murdock
	14	Wednesday	Band Recruitment Day
	19	Monday	4-8 Spring Concert - Cook @ 7:00pm
	20	Tuesday	K-3 Spring Program - HS GYM @ 7:00 pm

Greetings Thunderbird Family!

The fall season quickly flew by and at the writing of this article only volleyball sub-districts remain. Here are a few highlights from a few of the fall sports:

Football: Finished with a 6-2 record

Volleyball: ECNC Champs

Cross Country: Madison VanLaningham & Logan Topp qualified for the State Meet.

We will dive a little deeper into awards and results in the December newsletter so let us take a look ahead to the winter season. High school practices are set to begin on Monday, November 18th and junior high is even set to begin at the end of October. One thing new this year is that we have added junior high girls wrestling. This will take place during November and December months and should give girls the chance to participate in both wrestling and basketball.

Here is the list of coaches and activities that will be taking place this year.

Wrestling: Neil Bowman, Larry Kuhl, Brad Gabriel, Mendell Rulla,
Carlos Prado, Tanner Erdman

Boys Basketball: Kirk Faris, Ben Swanson, Ryan Haughton

Girls Basketball: Garrett Collin, Justin Damme, Reid Genuchi

JH Boys Basketball: Scott Straka, Rich Bacon, Marsha Bacon

JH Girls Basketball: Randy Miller, Jacy Pollard, Brittney Teeman

Unified Bowling: Lisa Schuster, Maggie Rother

Bowling: Mikki Wright, Candy Laue

One-Act & Speech: Matt Dierking, Amy Little

Please reach out to a coach and tell them thank you for all the time they put in and sacrifices that they make to help our athletes be successful!

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as we get started on this upcoming season!
Go Thunderbirds!

Garrett Collin





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 RETURN FORMS TO THE SCHOOL BY NOVEMBER 5TH.

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.

November 2024 Johnson County Central Lunch Menu




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 	4 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	5 Chicken Noodle Soup Cornbread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6 NATIONAL NACHOS DAY Sloppy Nachos Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk 	7 Chicken Nuggets Bug Bites Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	8 Veteran's Day Program Meatloaf Mashed Potato/Gravy Dinner Roll Dessert Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	9 Meatloaf Mashed Potato/Gravy Dinner Roll Dessert Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
10 NO SCHOOL 	11 NO SCHOOL	12 Corndog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Creamed Chicken/WG Biscuit Carrots Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14 Sloppy Joe/WG Bun Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	15 Meatball Sub French Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	16 Meatball Sub French Fries Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
17 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	18 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	19 Torcho's Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 Cheeseburger/WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21 Turkey Mashed Potato/Gravy Dinner Roll Dessert Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	22 Fiestada Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	23 Fiestada Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk
24 Sweet & Sour Chicken Fried Rice-HS/MS PB&J/Scoby Snack-EL Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	25 Sweet & Sour Chicken Fried Rice-HS/MS PB&J/Scoby Snack-EL Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Chef's Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	28 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	29 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	30 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break 

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November 2024 JCC Activities Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Daylight Savings Ends FALL BACK  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS Set clocks back one hour</p>	<p>4 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service V Unified Bowling Invite @ Sun Valley Lanes, Lincoln 8th Grade Life Skills Pep Rally @ Pinnacle Bank Arena-9:00 am</p>	<p>5 GENERAL ELECTION DAY </p>	<p>6 JCC Booster Club Meeting @ Mariachi-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 V Volleyball State Tournament MS Choir Crete Honor Choir Rehearsal & Concert - 9:00 am W Girls JH Invite @ Auburn HS-4:30 pm</p>	<p>1 Red Ribbon Week Dress up-70's /Tie Die JAG to SCC Milford Discovery Day-8:00 am</p>	<p>2 V Volleyball State Tournament</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>11 VETERANS DAY NO SCHOOL ECNC Honor Choirs (7-12) @ Weeping Water-1:00 pm</p>	<p>12 HOSA Sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drive @ JCC HS-8:00 am V Unified Bowling Invite @ Arbor Lanes, Nebraska City-4:00 pm</p>	<p>13 Brighter Smiles to begin assessing students ESU #4 Leadership Workshop @ Auburn-9:00 am JCC School Board Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab-6:00 pm</p>	<p>14 JCC Staff vs Students Fundraiser @ JCC HS-6:00 pm Girls BB Parent Meeting @ JCC HS Cafeteria-7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 SCC Beatrice Discover Day/ Accuplacer Testing-9:30 am</p>	<p>16 CNA Clinicals @ Good Samaritan Center, Auburn-5:00 am</p>
<p>17 CNA Clinicals @ Good Samaritan Center, Auburn-5:00 am</p>	<p>18 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service V Unified Bowling ECNC Invite @ Lanes End, Auburn-2:00 pm W JH Girls Tourney @ Weeping Water HS-2:00 pm</p>	<p>19 ECNC One Act Districts @ Palmyra-9:00 am</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 JH Boys BB @ Freeman HS (A,B,C) - 4:00 pm V Unified Bowling Invite @ Harvest Bowl-4:00 pm</p>	<p>22 W Girls JH Invite @ Falls City HS-4:30 pm Public Performance-One Act @ Tecumseh Elem Auditorium-7:00 pm</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 <u>SCHOOL IN SESSION</u> V Unified Bowling District Tournament @ Lanes End, Auburn-12:30 pm</p>	<p>26 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program @ Elem Auditorium-3:15 p. JH Boys BB @ Pawnee City HS-4:00 pm V Girls BB Jamboree @ JCC HS-6:00 pm V Boys BB Jamboree @ JCC HS-7:45 pm</p>	<p>27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>	<p>28 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK </p>	<p>29 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</p>	<p>30</p>

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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, November 4th

Teacher In Service

No School Monday, November 11th

No School Monday, November 18th

Teacher In Service

SCHOOL IN SESSION Monday, November 25th

No School Wednesday, Nov. 27th,

Thursday, Nov. 28th &

Friday, Nov. 29th

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