

## Superintendent Monthly Update

by **Jon Rother**. December 2024/January 2025

# Thank you!

The December 11, 2024 regular school board meeting will mark the end of tenure for board members Becky Plager, Arlin Beethe and Bob Hutt. During the last eight years of Becky and Arlin's time on the board, and during the last four years that include Bob, much has changed with Johnson County Central.

The school board hired an interim superintendent, Dr. Galen Boldt, in the wake of Mr. Jack Moles resignation to become the Executive Director for NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association). During Dr. Boldt's two years as superintendent, the board began taking action to update facilities and form a plan to unify all students and programming at one site. As part of that plan, a contract for the option to buy 52 acres of land adjacent to the football field was drafted and signed. A construction manager at-risk was hired (Boyd Jones) and architects/engineers (Clark Enersen) to help assess the facilities situation and devise a plan moving forward. Since that time, there have been multiple meetings by the board committees, the board and with the public. Along with two attempts at a bond to construct new educational facilities.

Needless to say, the board members have spent a great deal of time taking in information, listening, discussing and making decisions that impact education at Johnson County Central. And not just for the school bond efforts. At board meetings, school board members are asked to read, review, understand and give feedback on policies, state and federal regulations, school financing, budgeting, school transportation, staff negotiations, curriculum, maintenance, buildings and grounds and extracurricular activities, just to name a few. It is a lot of information and some very big decisions.

That being said, I want to express sincere gratitude to our board members who are leaving us. They have exhibited genuine and passionate commitment to education at Johnson County Central and given an immense amount of time and effort to their appointment.

Thank you Becky, Arlin and Bob!



Becky Plager  
January 2017 to  
December 2024



Arlin Beethe  
January 2017 to  
December 2024



Bob Hutt  
January 2021 to  
December 2024



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

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## NDOT Name a Snowplow Winner!

JCC's Carsyn Gregory (2nd Grade) is one of the Nebraska Department of Transportation's "Name a Snowplow" winners! Carsyn's submission "Avalanche" was selected and the snowplow will make its way to JCC's Tecumseh Site Elementary on Friday, December 6 for introduction.



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](http://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.

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



Kindergarten (L to R) - Charley Beethe, Richard Smith, Blythe Moore, Bruin Schaardt

Not pictured: Thiago Ramirez

1st (L to R) - Emersynn Gartner, Caleb Griess, Blakely Kuhl, Brewer DeKoning, Paitynn Cunningham, Ryder Myers, Emmarie Shullaw, Luna Herrle, Thomas Wilson, Grady Pollard



2nd (L to R) - Colton Bailey, Johann Villalobos, Carsyn Gregory, Piper Lary, Brantly Thiemann, Addy McCoppin, Jaxson Stafford-Laflyn, Elizabeth Orozco, Rainey Neemann

3rd (L to R) - Casin Gottula, Alexa Merlin-Lara, Violet Arguello, Leonidas King, Austyn Broadfoot, Bentley Gottula, Quinn Beck, Zander Rap Young, Dominic Black



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

## **Greetings Thunderbird Family!**

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

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

**In volleyball**, the team finished with a 23-7 record, also, the team finished as District Runner-Up, MUDECAS A Division 4th place, ECNC Champions, Louisville Tournament Champions, Thunderbird Invite Runner Ups, Thunderbird C-Team Tournament Champions.

### **Here are some individual achievements from the year:**

Ashley Beethe - MUDECAS A Division Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference First Team, KMAland Nebraska Player of the Year and All-Nebraska Team.

Harley Lubben - MUDECAS A Division Honorable Mention, ECNC All-Conference Second Team

Molly Weber - ECNC All-Conference Third Team

Riley Wellensiek - ECNC All-Conference Second Team

Sophia Schmid - ECNC All-Conference Honorable Mention

**In cross country**, the boys were the Champions of the Falls City Invite, Fremont Bergan & Weeping Water Runner-ups.

### **Here are some individual achievements for the year:**

Logan Topp - ECNC 8th Place Medalist, 12th Place District Medalist, State Qualifier

Madison VanLaningham - ECNC 4th Place Medalist, ECNC All-Conference, District 6th Place Medalist, State Qualifier

Trevin Huskey - 9th Place ECNC Medalist

Dalton Henderson - 12th Place ECNC Medalist

**In football**, the state finals are still underway and we have not received all the post season awards quite yet. The squad finished with a solid 6-2 record.

### **Some important winter dates:**

**First varsity basketball game:** December 6th

**First wrestling competition:** December 7th

**First bowling competition:** December 5th

**No School - Gyms Closed -NSAA Moratorium:** December 22 - December 26

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

*There is also another major rule change in high school basketball this year. The shot clock. We have installed clocks in both the high school and middle school and plan to use them for as many JV games as possible and now we are required to use them for all varsity games. Here is some basic information from the NFHS about the rule:*

*Begins with 35 seconds*

*Starts when: players inbound the ball, a team controls possession after a rebound, control of a loose ball.*

*Resets when: a personal or technical foul, jump ball that favors the defensive team, violation occurs.*

*Does NOT reset when: the ball is deflected out of bounds by the defense, injury, jump ball that favors the offense*

*Resets to 20 seconds: intentionally kicked or fisted ball*

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

## **Most Misunderstood Basketball Rules**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Have a safe holiday season!

Garrett Collin



## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

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

Students that are interested in changing their classes for the second semester need to see Mrs. Reuter by the end of the day on Friday, December 20, 2024. Students need to complete a Schedule Change form and have the counselor, teachers and parents sign it before officially changing classes. Students will also have five school days to make changes to their class schedule at the beginning of the second semester from Tuesday, January 7, 2025 to Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Have a great Christmas break with your family and friends and safe travels. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

## 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.



JCC PTO PRESENTS  
*Teacher Christmas*

## *Wish Lists*

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

We will have ornaments with wish lists items on Christmas trees located at the Cook site, and Tecumseh Elementary.

We will also be posting an Amazon list with teachers names and a link to their wish list items. The links will be posted via the Johnson County Central PTO Facebook page.





# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

With the month of December upon us thoughts often turn to the holidays and spending time with family. But, the month of December also brings with it the rapidly approaching end of the first semester and a month full of basketball games, wrestling matches, vocal concerts and band concerts. In addition to all these extracurricular activities, the normal everyday work in the classroom continues as well. Students who are able to participate in activities and keep up with their class work should be commended. The second semester ends on December 20. Please remind your student(s) to continue to work hard and keep up with their school work.

On Friday, November 8, an assembly was held at the middle school honoring local veterans for their service to our great country. Representatives from Bryan-Holtgrewe American Legion Post #246 of Talmage and Bickel-Nelson American Legion Post #360 of Cook combined to present the colors. An ensemble of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students performed the National Anthem and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the Middle School Leadership Team, Jackson Gottula, Heidi Reyes, Xavier Arguello and Maria Pinedo Pena led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. We were fortunate to have Mr. Jimmy Ray share his thoughts and experiences about Veterans Day. The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes performed patriotic musical numbers and Tim Johns-Hinrichsen performed Taps. At the conclusion of the program, the veterans, their spouses and guests were treated to dinner at school. Thank you to all veterans for their service to our country.

On Monday, November 4, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders had the opportunity to attend a Life Skills Sportsmanship Pep Rally at Pinnacle Bank Arena where they heard several University of Nebraska coaches and athletes speak on various topics, all aimed at promoting the importance of education, diversity, inclusion, sportsmanship, and good decision-making. Speakers such as women's basketball coach Amy Williams, women's basketball players Alexis Markowski, Kendall Coley and Allison Weidner; volleyball players Merrit Beason and Bergen Reilly; 2024 Miss Nebraska USA Kami Buchanan; Track & Field athletes Micaylon Moore and Niko Schultz; and baseball players Drew Christo and Caleb Clark, gave presentations on developing positive relationships, being a good teammate, showing gratitude to those who help you, doing all the little things correctly, and overcoming adversity with a positive attitude. Each speaker presented a positive message for the nearly 3,800 middle school students in attendance. After the Pep Rally students were given a slice of Valentino's pizza and a ticket to watch the UNL women basketball team's season opening win against University of Nebraska-Omaha, Lady Mavs.

The Junior High Boys Basketball team has started their season with 28 boys participating. We have three home events this year before their season ends before winter break. Also, for the first time our Junior High Girls Wrestlers are competing in their own season, instead of competing with the boy wrestlers. We have 12 girls wrestling this year. Their season ends with the ECNC Championships on December 9 in Falls City. Please support our young athletes as they learn about hard work, how to compete and work to improve their skills in their respective sport. Hopefully, we will be able to see you at a game or match this season. Go Thunderbirds!



# **NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

## **Mrs. Olivia Reuter**

### **FAFSA Help Available on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00- 8:00 PM**

Treve Florum from Education Quest will be here on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in Mrs. Schuster's classroom to help students and families with the 2025-2026 FAFSA (the federal financial aid application needed for students attending college in 2025-2026). Students will need to bring their iPads to this event. Please make sure that student iPads are charged. All families will be mailed information on what they need to bring with them to fill out the FAFSA. If you have everything on the list available, you should be able to finish your FAFSA that night, if you don't, you can at least get started, which should be helpful as well. You don't have to arrive right at 6:00 PM, but please do not arrive any later than 7:20 PM to start your FAFSA.

### **ACT Prep Classes- December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

On December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>, JCC will be offering ACT prep classes for high school students. We will serve supper to students who participate from 6:15 to 6:45 PM. After that, there will be two ACT study sessions- Session 1 from 6:50 to 7:30 PM and Session 2 from 7:35- 8:15 PM. Students will pick two subject area sessions to attend each evening. There will be sessions in English, Math, Reading, and Science. All high school students received an email on how to sign up for these sessions. All students must be signed up by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **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 Jersey, Graycen, and Rue.

#### **Jersey Graham**



Jersey Graham is the son of Lynsey and Jeremy Graham of Tecumseh. He has five siblings. Jersey’s favorite high school class is Team Games because it gives him something to do and it’s easy. His most challenging class is Ag Business. During his high school years, Jersey has participated in football, FFA, and choir. His favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Jersey says, “I like to work on vehicles. I also like reading Alan Gratz books and any movies with Ryan Reynolds or Adam Sandler in them.” As of now, Jersey is not planning to go to college, but he has looked into a few military options. He knows that he wants a career in the future that involves welding. In ten years, Jersey sees himself having a good job, being married, living in a barndominium out in the country, and having a nice car and truck.

## Graycen Arguello

Graycen Elise Arguello is the daughter of Erin Arguello and Eugene Arguello. She has four siblings- Adrian (21), Jackson (19), Tatum (18), and Xavier (13). Graycen's favorite high school class has been JAG because she has learned a lot about the future. Her most challenging classes have been her math classes because math is hard for her. Outside of school, Graycen likes to sleep, eat, and hang out with her friends. Her favorite book series is the Kings of Sins series. Her favorite TV show is Grey's Anatomy, and her favorite singer is Zach Bryan. She's interested in a future career in either psychology or education. In ten years, Graycen says, "I will hopefully be engaged or married with either one or two kids living in a nice little house in Nebraska, or if I'm single I'll be traveling the world."



## Rue Kuhl



Rue Kuhl is the daughter of Duane and Tisha Kuhl of Elk Creek. She has one brother, Phineas who is 15. During her high school years, Rue has been involved in Art Club, Skills USA, Journalism, and FFA. According to Rue, "My favorite class is Psychology, even with the struggle of trying to understand the human brain and how people as a mass function." When asked about her most challenging class, Rue said, "That's also Psychology because you seriously have to try to remember each part of a neuron and each chemical your brain creates without fail. It's not easy." Rue's favorite school lunch is chicken and rice. Outside of school, Rue likes to sit outside when the weather is nice, go for walks, read, and play video games. When asked about her favorite movies, TV shows, music, etc., she said that her favorites are Fish inside a Bird Cage, Queen, and Billie Eilish. In the future, Rue is interested in a career as either a graphic designer or an art therapist. She plans to attend either Peru State College or Southeast Community College. In ten years, Rue says, "I'll be living on my own with my cat, and maybe a roommate. I will have a good job that I like. I'll possibly be in a relationship, but most likely, I will not be married."

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **Johnson County Central Preschool**

**2025-26 Enrollment Opens  
February 1, 2025**



**An on-line application can be completed beginning  
February 1, 2025  
[www.jccentral.org](http://www.jccentral.org)**

**Even if your child is currently enrolled, you must  
complete a new application to maintain a spot for the  
2025-26 school year.**

All preschool children, regardless of their abilities, disabilities, or the social, linguistic, or economic diversity of the children's families are eligible to be served in our preschool program.

## 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".

## “Election Days” in Kindergarten – Mrs. Borrenpohl



On November 5th, the 10 students in Mrs. Borrenpohl's class participated in their very own classroom debate! After learning about voting we held our own election over the best tasting cookie. The two contestants were the All American chocolate chip versus the Oreo. Students completed

their own registration cards before being able to fill out their voting ballot and cast their vote. Once all the votes were in, we tallied up our total and elected a winner! It was close but the winner was.....the OREO COOKIE!




# *JCC Music Calendar*

<b>December</b>	6	Friday	PB - BB vs. Mead
	10	Tuesday	PB - BB vs. Southern
	12	Thursday	PB - BB vs. Syracuse
	<b>13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>4-8 Christmas Concert @ 7:00 PM - Cook</b>
	15?	Sunday	Christmas Caroling
	<b>17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>K-3 Christmas Concert - Auditorium @ 7:00</b>
	19	Thursday	PB - BB vs. Louisville
<b>*New</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>HS Christmas Concert - Auditorium @ 7:00</b>
<b>January</b>	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)
<b>February</b>	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)
<b>March</b>	4	Tuesday	30th Annual Freshmore Clinic - Tecumseh
	<b>11</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>MS Contest Concert - Cook @ 6:30 pm</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>MS Contest - Humboldt</b>
	29	Saturday	Class C Allstate Band - Kearney
	<b>31</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>MUDECAS Music Contest - Pawnee City</b>
<b>April</b>	4	Friday	Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band (7th/8th) - Daykin
	<b>24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HS Contest Concert @ 7:00pm - Aud and HS Gym</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>HS District Music Contest - Tecumseh</b>
<b>May</b>	Apr 30, May 2	Wed & Fri	Spring Play - Wed @ 2:00, Fri @ 7:00
	4	Sun	Musical - Sun @ 2:00
	<b>8</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>HS Spring Concert &amp; Art Show @ 7:00 pm - Auditorium</b>
	10	Saturday	<b>HS Band at Graduation</b>
	12	Monday	ECNC Honor Band - Elmwood Murdock
	14	Wednesday	Band Recruitment Day
	<b>19</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4-8 Spring Concert - Cook @ 7:00pm</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>K-3 Spring Program - HS GYM @ 7:00 pm</b>



# December 2024 Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	3 Shredded Pork/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 <b>NATIONAL COOKIE DAY</b> Crispy Chicken Wrap L&T Sun Chips WG Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk 	5 Walking Taco L&T Refried Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6 Hotdog/WG Bun Potato Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL	10 Chicken Nuggets Hot Veggie Scooby Snack Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Chili Cinnamon Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	12 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Dinner Roll Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13 Pizza Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL TEACHER IN-SERVICE	17 Spaghetti Hot Veggies Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 Chicken Patty/WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	19 Tator Tot Casserole Green Beans Breadstick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20 <b>Chef's Choice</b> Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	28
29	30 	31 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	<b>Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice</b> <b>“This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”</b>			

# December 2024

## JCC Activities Calendar

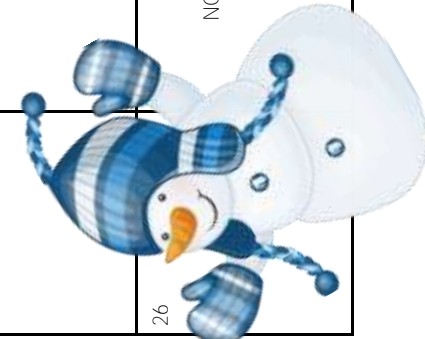
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service V Unified Bowling District Tourney @ Lanes End, Auburn- 2:00 pm	3 District One-Act @ Fillmore Central HS-9:00 a.m. JH Boys BB vs Syracuse @ JCC MS Cook Site-4:00 pm	4 JCC Booster Club Meeting @ El Mariachi - 6:30 pm	5 V WV Boys Tourney @ Palmyra HS Aux Gym-3:00 pm V Bowling vs Omaha Christian Academy @ Maplewood Lanes- 3:30 pm JH Boys BB @ Elmwood-Murdock Elem School-5:00 pm	6 V Bowling vs Elkhorn North @ Harvest Bowl-4:00 pm JV Boys BB vs Mead @ JCC HS- 4:30 pm (Girls JV canceled) V Girls/Boys BB vs Mead @ JCC HS-6:00/7:45 pm	7 JH Boys BB Tourney @ JCC MS Cook Site-9:00 am V W Girls Cougar Classic @ Comestoga-9:00 am V W Boys Invite @ Harvard- 10:00 am JV/V Girls/Boys BB @ Tri-County- 1:15/1:15/2:30/4:00 pm	
8	9 NO SCHOOL FFA District Leadership Development @ Weeping Water- 8:00 am W Girls JH ECNC Meet @ Falls City HS-4:00 pm C Team Girls/Boys BB @ JCC HS-6:00/7:30 pm	10 JV Boys BB vs Southern @ JCC MS Cook Site-4:30 p.m. JV Girls & V Girls/Boys BB vs Southern @ JCC HS- 4:30/6:00/7:45 pm	11 Physics Class to Cooper Nuclear Station Brownville, NE-8:00 am JCC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ JCC HS COMPUTER LAB-6:00 pm	12 V Girls W Tri @ Weeping Water- 6:00 pm JV Boys BB vs Syracuse @ JCC MS Cook Site-4:30 p.m. JV Girls & V Girls/Boys BB vs Syracuse @ JCC HS- 4:30/6:00/7:30 pm	13 V Boys W Invite @ Bellevue West HS-3:30 pm 4-8 Grade Middle School Winter Concert @ JCC MS Cook Site- 7:00 pm	14 JH Boys BB Tourney @ Palmyra- 8:00 am V Bowling Tourney @ Sunset Bowl- 9:00 am V Boys/Girls W Invite @ North Bend Central HS-9:30 am JV/V Girls/Boys BB @ Pawnee City- 12:30/1:15/3:00/5:00 pm	
15	16 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service JH Boys BB @ Auburn-Calvert Elem. 4:30 pm C Team Girls/Boys BB vs Freeman @ JCC HS- 6:00/7:30 pm Preschool Holiday Presentation @ Tecumseh Elem Aud. -6:30 pm	17 V Bowling vs McCool Junction @ Sunset Lanes, York-1:00 pm JH Boys BB vs Weeping Water @ JCC MS, Cook Site-4:00 pm JV Boys BB @ Palmyra Aux Gym- 4:30 pm JV/V Girls/Boys @ Palmyra HS Gym-4:30/5:45/7:15 pm K-3 Grade Winter Concert @ JCC Elem Auditorium-7:00 pm	18 Christmas Cheer Camp Practice @ JCC HS-4:00 pm	19 V Girls W Invite @ Fairbury HS- 2:00 pm JH Boys BB @ Sterling-4:00 pm Christmas Cheer Camp Practice @ JCC HS-4:00 pm JV Boys BB vs Louisville @ JCC MS Cook Site-4:30 p.m. Christmas Cheer Camp Performance @ Girls BB halftime-6:30 pm JV Girls & V Girls/Boys BB vs Syracuse @ JCC HS- 4:30/6:00/7:45 pm	20 END OF 2ND QUARTER/ FIRST SEMESTER HS Choir/Band Winter Concert @ JCC Elem Auditorium- 7:00 pm	21 V Girls/Boys W Thunderbird Invite @ JCC MS Cook Site-9:30 am	
22	23 NO SCHOOL Winter Break GYMS CLOSED-NSAA Winter Moratorium	24 NO SCHOOL Winter Break GYMS CLOSED-NSAA Winter Moratorium	25 NO SCHOOL Winter Break GYMS CLOSED-NSAA Winter Moratorium	26 NO SCHOOL Winter Break GYMS CLOSED-NSAA Winter Moratorium	27 NO SCHOOL Winter Break V Girls BB Holiday Tournament @ Weeping Water HS-1:00 pm V Boys BB Holiday Tournament @ Weeping Water HS-2:30 pm	28 V Girls BB Holiday Tournament @ Weeping Water HS-1:00 pm V Boys BB Holiday Tournament @ Weeping Water HS-2:30 pm	
29	30 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	31 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	<b>ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>				

# January 2025

## Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>		<p>1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break</p>	<p>2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break JV/V Girls/Boys BB vs Freeman @ JCC HS— 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:45 pm <b>PARENT'S NIGHT (BB &amp; Cheer)</b> @ JCC HS—7:30 pm</p>	<p>3 NO SCHOOL Winter Break V Girls W Invite @ Wimebago HS—9:00 am</p>	<p>4</p>
5	<p>6 NO SCHOOL Winter Break Teacher In-Service C Team Girls/Boys BB @ Syracuse HS—6:00/7:30 pm</p>	<p>7 2nd Semester Begins Classes Resume V Boys W Tri @ Southern HS— 5:00 pm JV/V Girls BB vs Auburn @ JCC HS—5:30/7:00 pm</p>	<p>8 JCC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ JCC HS COMPUTER LAB— 6:00 pm</p>	<p>9 V Bowling @ Tiger Pin-North Bend—2:00 pm JV/V Girls/Boys BB @ Wilber-Clatonia HS— 4:30/4:30/6:00/7:30 pm</p>	<p>10 V W Girls Invite @ Beatrice HS— 3:00 pm V W Boys Tourney @ Wilber-Clatonia HS—3:00 pm</p>	<p>11</p>
12	<p>13 NO SCHOOL V Girls Mudecas Tourney—TBD</p>	<p>14 V Boys Mudecas Tourney—TBD Health Van Screenings to begin V Bowling vs Lincoln High @ Harvest Bowl—4:00 pm V Girls/Boys W @ Fairbury HS— 6:00 pm</p>	<p>15 JCC Foundation Meeting @ JCC HS Computer Lab—7:00 am JCC Foundation Senior Breakfast @ JCC HS Cafeteria—8:00 am</p>	<p>16 V Girls Mudecas Tourney—TBD V Boys Mudecas Tourney—TBD</p>	<p>17 V Girls Mudecas Tourney—TBD V Boys W Invite @ Superior HS— 2:00 pm</p>	<p>18 V Boys Mudecas Tourney— TBD Singing Youth of Nebraska Choir @ Freemont</p>
19 Singing Youth of Nebraska Choir @ Freemont	<p>20 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service C Team Girls/Boys BB @ Wilber-Clatonia HS—6:00/7:30 pm</p>	<p>21 V Bowling vs McCool Junction @ Harvest Bowl—4:00 pm V Boys W @ Lincoln Christian— Time—7:00 pm JV Boys BB vs Weeping Water @ JCC MS Cook Site—4:30 p.m. JV Girls &amp; V Girls/Boys BB vs Weeping Water @ JCC HS— 4:30/6:00/7:45 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 JV Boys BB vs HTRS @ JCC MS Cook Site—4:30 p.m. V Girls/Boys W @ Tri @ Pawnee City—5:30 pm JV Girls &amp; V Girls/Boys BB vs HTRS @ JCC HS— 4:30/6:00/7:45 pm</p>	<p>24 V Boys W Invite @ Louisville HS— 10:00 am</p>	<p>25 V Girls W Invite @ Weeping Water HS—9:30 am JV/V Girls/Boys BB @ Falls City HS— 3:00/3:00/4:00/5:30 pm</p>
26	<p>27 NO SCHOOL Elementary/MS Quiz Bowl @ Freeman HS—4:00 pm C Team Girls/Boys BB vs Southern @ JCC HS—6:00/7:30 pm</p>	<p>28 V Girls W ECNC Meet @ Auburn HS—4:00 pm JH Girls BB vs Freeman @ JCC MS Cook Site (C,B,A) - 4:00 pm V Bowling vs North Bend Central @ Harvest Bowl—4:00 pm</p>	<p>29 ESU #4 Leadership Workshop in Auburn—9:00 am FFA Seniors State Degree Interviews @ Johnson/Brock— 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>30 V Bowling vs Omaha Christian Academy @ Harvest Bowl—4:00 pm JV Boys BB vs Fairbury @ JCC MS Cook Site—4:30 p.m. JV Girls &amp; V Girls/Boys BB vs Fairbury @ JCC HS— 4:30/6:00/7:45 pm</p>	<p>31 V Boys W Invitational @ Freeman HS—3:00 pm</p>	

# 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  
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Contact Mr. Rother or Laurie Badertscher if interested.  
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### Child find

Children that are birth to 5 years old who are experiencing problems with speech language, cognitive, emotional and/or physical development or have a disability can receive services through Early Childhood Education Services. If interested or in need of more information please contact Rebecca Kling, Special Education Coordinator or Jon Rother, Superintendent at 402-335-3320.

**NO SCHOOL**  
**Monday, December 2nd**  
**Teacher In Service**  
**Monday, December 9th**  
**Monday, December**  
**16th**  
**Teacher In Service**  
**December 23, 24, 25,**  
**26 27, 30, 31.**  
**Winter Break**

**NO SCHOOL**  
**January 1, 2, 3**  
**Winter Break**  
**Monday, January 6th**  
**Teacher In Service**  
**Classes Resume**  
**Tuesday, January 7th**  
**Monday, January 13th**  
**Monday, January 20th**  
**Teacher In Service**  
**Monday, January 27th**