



Superintendent Monthly Update

by **Jon Rother**. April 2024

JCC's Three Major Resources

(And how to most efficiently utilize them.)

When providing education for our students, there are three major resources to utilize: people (staff), facilities and finances. The amount that a school can finance to budget for the school year has limitations by law. These are the Budget Authority, Basic Allowable Growth Rate, Property Tax Authority, Basic Allowable Growth on Property Tax Authority and Levy Limit.

Budget Authority = The total amount of funds that may be budgeted to be expended during a school fiscal year. In the General Fund, this includes special education expenditures, special grant funds and non-special education expenditures.

Basic Allowable Growth Rate = (i.e. How much expenditures can grow.) The basic allowable growth rate for 2022/23 was 2.5%. May also be referred to as BAGR.

Property Tax Authority (LB 243) = Certified amount of Property Taxes each district can request in total for the General and Special Building fund.

Basic Allowable Growth on Property Tax Authority = How much your revenues can grow, then based on student growth, LEP (Limited English Proficiency numbers) & poverty may increase from there. Limited at 3% unless 70% of the board approves, otherwise can be up to 7%.

Levy Limit = a restriction on the tax requests for all taxing funds for a school district. The statutory maximum levy is \$1.05 plus exclusions per \$100 of assessed valuation for all taxing funds. Bond Principal and Interest are exempt from the Levy Limitation. May also be referred to as the levy lid.

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Journey together...
Creating opportunities...
Committed to excellence!**

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Budget Authority is calculated one of three ways:

Budget Based = (General Fund Budget of Expenditures - Special Grant Funds - Special Education Budget of Expenditures - General Fund Lid Exclusions) X 1.025

Student Growth Adjustment = (General Fund Budget of Expenditures - Special Grant Funds - Special Education Budget of Expenditures - General Fund Lid Exclusions) + (Student Growth Adjustment + Student Growth Correction)

OR

Formula Needs Based = ((Formula Needs X 1.10) - (SPED X 1.025))

JCC's Budget Authority is derived from the Budget Based calculations.

When building the budget for the upcoming school year, the district cannot exceed any of the limits. The only one that can be exceeded is the levy limit. However, this can only be done with a vote of the people. Therefore, if we want to add programming to the curriculum or activities, the funds to do so must be with the limits provided.

Over the last four years (not including the current year), personnel (wages/benefits/retirement) accounts for 73.2% or an average of \$6.7 million per year.

That all being said, there is not an unlimited supply of money for staff to be utilized to provide services at JCC's two sites and within the three buildings. As we have some duplicity of services at both sites, increased transportation costs to get students to one site or the other, time lost due to staff traveling during the day and the higher cost to maintain and provide utilities for both sites and all three buildings, inefficiencies in time, money and use of personnel exist. The solution (without cutting programming or activities for students) would be to get all programming to one site, where staff can fully be utilized without duplication of services and with the least amount of transportation.

Until that happens, there will be decisions to try to best utilize all three resources. This may be providing programming for some students in locations to best utilize staff or facilities. The fact is, neither site can house all students, staff and programming in their current state without major renovations. This becomes the sticking point: How much do we invest in our old facilities before it becomes more financially prudent to invest in new facilities?

As always, should you have questions, or just want to discuss any and all things Johnson County Central, please contact me at 402-921-0187 or jon.rother@jccentral.org. I always enjoy discussing our school!

Correction: School Board Numbers

On average, a school board in Nebraska is **36.5% female** and **63.5% male**.

The percent of male board members reported in the March newsletter was incorrect.

2024-2024 Calendar & School Day

The 2024-2025 school calendar has been approved as well as the hours of operation. The following are some notes and numbers on next year's school days and calendar:

School Day

High School 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Middle School 8:00 AM-3:55 PM

Elementary 8:00 AM-3:50 PM

*Breakfast starts at 7:15 AM.

*AM shuttles leave at approximately 7:35 AM.

*PM shuttles would return to each site at approximately 4:15 PM.

Student Days

154 (152 full days, one 3 hour day, one 4.5 hour day)

August 12 (first day of school) is a 1:00 PM dismissal.

May 22 (last day of school) is an 11:00 AM dismissal.

Student Hours

High School (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) = 7.5 hours*

Middle School (8:00 AM-3:55 PM) = 7.42 hours*

Elementary (8:00 AM-3:50 PM) = 7.33 hours*

- *0.5 hours has been subtracted from each day for lunch.

Total Student Hours

High School = 1,147.5 hours (1,080 hours are required)

- 9 days over requirement

- Current school year is 1,157.55 hours

Middle School = 1,132.3 (1,080 hours are required)

- 7.5 days over requirement

- Current school year is 1,141.05 hours

Elementary = 1,117.1 hours (1,032 hours are required)

- 11 days over requirement

- Current school year is 1,129.5 hours

*Note that there are three (3) flex days in the event that they are needed to meet student hours due to extenuating circumstances such as excessive weather related cancellations:

- April 7
- April 28
- May 5

2024-2025 School Calendar

July 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July
4 Independence day

January 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January
1 New Year's Day
6 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
20 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18

August 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August
7-9 Teacher In-Service
12 First Day For Students - 1:00 PM Dismissal
16 Teacher In-Service
19 NO SCHOOL
20 First Day For Preschool
26 Teacher In-Service
Teacher Days = 17 Student Days = 12

February 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

February
7 ESU4 Engaging Educators Conf. - NO SCHOOL for
14 Valentines Day
17 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences
Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18

September 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

September
2 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
9 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
23 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18

March 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

March
3 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
7 End 3rd Quarter
14-17 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
24 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
Student Days = 16 Teacher Days = 18
Total 3rd Qtr. Student Days = 36
Total 3rd Qtr. Teacher Days = 41

October 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

October
7 NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences
11 AM - 7 PM
End 1st Quarter
21 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
Student Days = 19 Teacher Days = 21
Total 1st Qtr. Student Days = 36
Total 1st Qtr. Teacher Days = 44

April 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

April
7 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
18 NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
25 NO SCHOOL - District Music Competition
Student Days = 18 Teacher Days = 20

November 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

November
4 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
18 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
27-29 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Student Days = 15 Teacher Days = 17

May 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May
10 JCC High School Graduation
14 Last Day For 3-year-old Preschool
15 NO SCHOOL - District Track & Field
22 Last Day for Students - 11 AM Dismissal
End 4th Quarter/2nd Semester
23 Teacher In-Service
Student Days = 14 Teacher Days = 16

December 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

December
2 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
16 Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL for students.
20 End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
23-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
22-26 NSAA Winter Moratorium
Student Days = 12 Teacher Days = 14
Total 1st Sem. Student Days = 74

June 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Total 4th Qtr. Student Days = 44
Total 4th Qtr. Teacher Days = 49
Total 2nd Sem. Student Days = 80
Total 2nd Sem. Teacher Days = 90
2024-2025 TOTAL = 154 Student Days
2024-2025 TOTAL = 177 Teacher Days
Make-Up Dates:
April 7, April 28, May 5

Kindergarten Enrollment

For the 2024-2025 School Year

Johnson County Central Public Schools kindergarten registration and visitation day is **Monday, April 8, 2024, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Tecumseh site.** Parents will attend a short presentation where you will be introduced to the faculty that will be working with your child and given the necessary paperwork for enrollment. At the conclusion of the parent presentation you will be asked to leave so that the kindergarten children can experience a half-day of school on their own. Your child will be exposed to curriculum and activities that they will encounter next year. You will return to school at 11:30 a.m. to pick-up your child.

What to bring on April 28, 2023

(report to the kindergarten room– no office sign-in required):

* **State sealed birth certificate**

* **Immunization records**

**** If you don't have these or cannot find these now that's okay, but they are a state requirement for all Nebraska kindergarteners prior to attending class.

Students reaching age 5 on or before July 31, 2024 are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

Students who will reach the age of 5 between August 1 and October 15 this year, can be enrolled for the 2024-2025 school year. However, the student must demonstrate through JCC's recognized assessment procedure that they are capable of performing the work of Kindergarten. JCC School Board Policy 5055 states:

“The board delegates to the elementary principal responsibility for determining whether the conditions of this policy have been met. The elementary principal may deny early enrollment of a child who meets the early enrollment criteria if, in the principal's professional judgment, the child lacks the academic or social skills to be successful in the district's kindergarten program.”

Early enrollment requests for the 2024-2025 school year were to be submitted by March 29, 2024.

February Thunderbirds of the Month



K - Merida Britt, Ryder Myers, Hazel Whited, Blayke Broadfoot, Christopher Duarte-Chavez, Emmarie Shullaw, Carter Mills

Not pictured - Izzabella Brown

1st - Liam Little, Owen Bowman, Wren Bischoff, Grady Pollard, Freyja Walton, Aidaly Merlin-Lara, Emry Reynolds, Colton Bailey

Not pictured - Zannah Duff, Addy McCoppin



2nd - Austyn Broadfoot, Lili Sejkora, Ava Herbert, Bryson Bailey, Baeley Neemann, Isabell Gerking, Shelby Rothfuss, Karter Shullaw

Not pictured - Leo King, Connor Mecham



3rd - Baylee Shirley, Randy Louis, Ethan Barnes, Brylee Cropp, Isabelle Linville, Jacob Griess

Not pictured - Mason Nichols, Raytin Wagner



NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL RICK LESTER

Spring is right around the corner and we are winding down our school year at JCC. As we approach the final weeks of the year, I want to congratulate our seniors on all their accomplishments this past year. Success now in academics and extracurricular activities will carry forward to their future endeavors, and I wish the senior class much success as they graduate and move on after high school.

I have some important senior dates coming up that parents and the senior class need to mark on their calendars:

- Friday, April 19, 2024 - at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria I will meet with the seniors to hand out senior check-out sheets, the seniors will have the remaining two weeks (before graduation) to complete their check-out sheets, which is plenty of time.
- Friday, May 3, 2024 - the last day for seniors (this will be a regular full day of school). Tests and assignments must be done by this date.
- Monday, May 6, 2024 - seniors can start to officially check-out. Mr. Lester will check lockers and collect check-out sheets. This needs to be done by the end of the day on Friday, May 10, 2024.
- Monday, May 6, 2024 - senior grades are due on the computer by 8:00 a.m. I will inform the Salutatorian and Valedictorian of their status. At graduation rehearsal I will verify and print report cards and also handout cords to seniors with a GPA of 3.85 or higher.
- Friday, May 10, 2024 - seniors will have graduation rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. After rehearsal I will have a senior party/lunch at the fairgrounds.

As our seniors are preparing to graduate, our 8th grade students are looking to transition into high school. 8th Grade Orientation will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 2:45 p.m. These current 8th graders will be divided into small groups and will be escorted on a tour of the high school facilities. They will also visit with the extracurricular activities sponsors and will have an opportunity to ask questions during a refreshment period at the end of the orientation.

Another important date I want to discuss is our JCC Honors Day, which will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. in the high school gym. This program recognizes our students' academic success. All students will be present at this assembly and will be honored for their achievements in the presence of their peers. We invite and encourage all parents to attend this assembly. We understand this is during the work day, but we hope parents will still attempt to be present as their students are being honored. There will be many awards given during this assembly: Honor roll, perfect attendance, classroom awards, military awards and many others. Please come and help recognize these award recipients.

Let's keep up the good work and end our school year on a high note. Good luck and congrats to all our seniors and have a safe and exciting graduation!

Attention Parents of Upcoming Juniors & Seniors!!

New English Class Opportunity

Next year, Johnson County Central will be offering new English courses for juniors and seniors to help prepare them for college and life after high school. If you are the parent of a senior or junior who plans to attend college, please consider encouraging your student to enroll for these courses. In the fall, I will be teaching a course titled Research Methods where students will have an opportunity to hone their research skills before moving on to college. As the world of public education changes, the expectations at the college level remain exceptionally rigorous leaving many students overwhelmed with college-level research. This course will offer students a chance to dive deeper into the nuances of research in various content areas- not just in English. Students will be able to direct much of their research during the second quarter towards a content area related to a career field of their interest giving them direct application to their future education and careers.

The second semester course will be called Practical Writing and will consist of more applicable writing exercises to help prepare students for life after high school. The primary focus will be writing and editing college and scholarship application essays, a task that can often get overlooked during a student's busy weekly schedule. Writing these in class, with the help of their teacher and peers, will elevate their scholarship essays and hopefully result in additional money to help pay for college. In addition, we will work on writing other types of documents such as e-mails, letters, letters of interest, job applications, discussion posts for online classes, and more. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at timothy.hedger@jccentral.org.

NOTES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Olivia Reuter

Sign Up Now: June 8th ACT

We are planning to offer the Saturday, June 8th ACT at JCC High School. Right now, we only have four students signed up, they will cancel our site if we don't have at least 20 students signed up to test. To test at JCC, students do not necessarily have to be students at JCC, they can be enrolled at other schools in the area as well. Everyone who wants to test, registers online and pays their testing fee on the act.org website. In order for the JCC testing site to show up, students must choose paper testing and not computer testing. We only offer paper/pencil ACT testing here. The deadline for registration without a late fee is May 3rd. Students can register between May 4th and May 19th, but they will have to pay a late fee. The fee to test without writing is currently \$68. The ACT test with writing is \$93. In most cases, colleges and universities do not need a writing score to consider students for academic scholarships. Students on the free and reduced lunch program may be available for a fee waiver for June testing. Any JCC high school student who wants to test and who thinks they may be eligible for a waiver should see Mrs. Reuter as soon as possible. Waivers are in limited supply.

Project Aware

Project Aware is a program associated with the Nebraska Family Help Line, Children's Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department. The goal of this program is to help Nebraskans understand that if they feel like they can't make it through the day, it's OK to reach out to a trusted professional. Just like going to the doctor when you have a pain, it's healthy to seek help with your mental health as well. Project Aware is working to end the stigma on mental health in rural Nebraska. They're providing school-based mental health services and education so students just like you can get the support they need and feel safe doing it. If you're wondering where to turn for help, call the Nebraska Family Helpline at (888) 866-8660. Or, visit education.ne.gov/csss/school-mental-health/mental-health-awarenessEducation.

James M. Cox Scholarship Program- Applications Must Be Postmarked By April 15th

The James M. Cox Scholarship Foundation offers fifty Nebraska high school seniors a one-time scholarship of \$2000. All JCC seniors have been emailed this scholarship information twice. They can download the application from their email and type directly into the form on their iPad by using Notability. In order to be considered for a scholarship award, seniors in high school must:

1. Reside in Nebraska, with special consideration given to students residing in the eastern one-third of the state;
2. Demonstrate financial need;
3. Demonstrate a likelihood of academic success in chosen field of study;
4. Attend a Nebraska-based institution of higher learning;
5. Complete and sign the Application;
6. Include a certified copy of your high school transcript;
7. Include two letters of recommendation from instructors, advisors or counselors; and
8. Include an educational commitment essay of no more than 1 page relating to the impact of a higher education on your permanent career objectives.
9. Other factors, obstacles or extenuating circumstances of the family such as financial burden, medical expenses, death of a parent, and/or disabilities factor into the decision-making process.

Mail all items with postmark on or before April 15, to:

Steve Otto- James M. Cox Foundation
1500 Kingston Road
Lincoln, NE 68506

Scholarship winners will be notified by mail, typically by the end of May.

Meet JCC's Class of 2024

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



Ava Klein

Ava Klein is the daughter of Joshua Klein and the late Holly Klein. She lives in Tecumseh and has an older sister, Nadia, who is 23, and a younger brother, Bodhi, who is 13 and in the 8th grade. According to Ava, "The best thing about being a senior is seeing all the amazing opportunities ahead of me and taking advantage of them." Ava's favorite class was English, "I love being able to write and express my feelings on a piece of paper." Ava's most challenging class was "any kind of math

class, I'm bad at math." During her high school years, Ava was involved in basketball, band, volleyball, cheer, NHS, and FCA. Ava adds, "My absolute favorite school lunch is and always will be the popcorn chicken bowl." Outside of school, Ava likes to bake and read books. After high school, Ava says, "I'm thinking about going into teaching or dentistry, I have yet to decide but I would like to go to SCC in Lincoln, UNL, or Peru State College." In ten years, Ava says, "I see myself living in Nebraska, married, not so sure about kids quite yet. I'm hoping to either be a second grade teacher or an orthodontist by then

Jadeyn Grobler

Jadeyn Grobler is the daughter of Jacobus and Samantha Grobler. She lives in Cook. She has two siblings, Chandler who is 23 and Juanita who is 16. According to Jadeyn, the best thing about being a senior is "being able to prepare for college." Her favorite class is journalism "because I love all of the girls in the class and my teacher is super sweet." Her most difficult class is "chemistry because I honestly don't really understand it." During high school, Jadeyn has been in academic decathlon, quiz bowl, cheer, HOSA, and Skills USA. She was just elected as one of five voting representatives for the JCC Skills USA chapter at the Nebraska state conference. She will compete in two events at the Skills USA conference- extemporaneous speaking and early childhood education. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Jadeyn likes to hang out with her friends. After high school, Jadeyn will be attending Southeast Community College for their early childhood education program. After that, she wants to be a nanny or a pre-school teacher. In ten years, Jadeyn hopes to "have a loving family and a good job."



River White



River White is the son of Steve and Sarah White of Tecumseh. He has two older brothers, Declan and Dakota. According to River, the best thing about being a senior is, "I'm going to graduate!" River says that his favorite high school classes have been all of his classes with Mrs. Baehr because she was nice to him. River says that his most difficult high school class has been, "Math, cause I don't like it." His favorite school lunch is pizza. During high school, River has been involved in unified track, Jag, Buds, and Bowling. Outside of school, River likes to play with his dog and take her for walks. After high school, River wants to work at Pizza Hut.



Jaylene Arroyo-Reyes

Jaylene Arroyo-Reyes is the daughter of Hansel Veras and Katherine Reyes of Tecumseh. She moved here from New York City earlier in high school. She has one brother, Noah, who is in kindergarten, and one sister, Sophia, who is in third grade. According to Jaylene, the best thing about being a senior is the seniority. Her favorite class is business math because it's pretty easy and she enjoys the class. She doesn't find any of her classes to be difficult. During high school, she has participated in wrestling, soccer, softball, marching band, and choir. Outside of school, Jaylene likes to hang out with her friends. Her favorite school lunch is chicken nuggets. In the future, after high school, Jaylene plans to attend Peru State College and major in criminal justice. She hopes to be a police officer eventually. In ten years, Jaylene says, "I see myself having the career I want and living in my own house. Maybe, I'll have a family. I will be a police officer and in my free time, I'll travel around the world to visit different places that I've never visited."

Jose Duarte

Jose Duarte is the son of Jose Duarte of Tecumseh. He has a younger sister, Jaquelin, who is a sophomore, and a younger brother, Edgar, who is a freshman. According to Jose, the best thing about being a senior is, "It's my last year of high school." His favorite high school class is "welding because you can get creative and build things to be proud of afterwards." His most difficult high school class is "English because I am still learning the language." During his high school years, Jose has participated in Skills USA, cross country, track, football, wrestling, and bowling, although he hasn't been in those activities for all four years. He will be participating in the automotive skills technology contest at the Nebraska state Skills USA conference in April. His favorite school lunch is the cheeseburger. Outside of school, Jose likes to go fishing or hike trails. The job or career he is most interested in after high school is an apprenticeship in automotive. In ten years, Jose hopes to be working as an auto mechanic at Brinkman's here in Tecumseh.



Nathaly Martinez

Nathaly Martinez is the daughter of Margarito and Maria Martinez of Tecumseh. She has one brother, Diego, who is 13 years old. Nathaly's favorite part about being a senior is, "I get to look back and see how far I've come and all of the memories I have made with my friends. Her favorite high school class is Spanish Heritage because she always has a good time with her friends in that class. Her most difficult high school class was Algebra because it was hard for her to understand it. During high school, Nathaly participated in basketball all four years. Soccer for three years, volleyball for two years, journalism for two years, choir for two years, track for one year, and JAG for one semester. Her favorite school lunch is the popcorn chicken bowl. Outside of school, Nathaly likes to hang out with her friends. After high school, Nathaly plans to attend Southeast Community College in Lincoln and earn an associate's degree in dental hygiene. She then plans to find a job as a dental hygienist in Lincoln. In ten years, Nathaly says, "I see myself being successful in my career and being settled down with a family. I'm not sure where I will be living because Nebraska is definitely not my favorite place to be. No matter where I live, I'll be working as a dental hygienist and hopefully I'll be comfortable where I'm living, as long as I am happy and thriving."

Greetings Thunderbird Family!

April is finally here and with that comes spring sports! The boy's track team has 24 athletes participating and is coached by Mrs. Angela Huskey. The girls' track team has 22 athletes participating and is coached by Mr. Nick Weber. The track team is also assisted by Mr. Reid Genuchi and Mr. Justin Damme. Junior High track has 18 girls and 30 boys. They are coached by Mr. Timothy Hedger and Mr. Cody Franklin. They are assisted by Mr. Brad Gabriel and Miss Madison Moran. Boys golf has 11 golfers out this year and is coached by Mr. Ben Swanson and assisted by Mr. Russ Waring. JCC also has 3 girls and 3 boys that are participating in soccer in a Co-op with Nebraska City.

To stay up to date with these teams throughout their seasons you can follow them on Twitter. Give them a follow!

@runjcc

@jcccentralgolf

Here are the home events that we are having this spring:

April 2 - Thunderbird Invitational Track Meet (varsity)

April 20 - MUDECAS Track Invite (HS)

April 25 - Thunderbird Invitational Track Meet (JH)

May 2 - JCC Invitational Golf Meet

May 2 - JCC Invitational Track Meet (varsity)

May 3 - ECNC JH Track Meet

May 9 - District Track Meet

We have had a few winter awards come in (but not all). Here are a few that have been released.

Basketball

Wesley Swanson: 1st Team ECNC All Conference, NCPA Academic All State

Keegan Jones: 2nd Team ECNC All Conference, NCPA Academic All State

Wyatt Ludemann: ECNC All Conference Honorable Mention

Alex Cruz: ECNC All Conference Honorable Mention

Sunnie Rother: 2nd Team ECNC All Conference, NCPA Academic All State

Harley Lubben: 3rd Team ECNC All Conference

Arely Cabrales: ECNC All Conference Honorable Mention

Ashley Beethe: ECNC All Conference Honorable Mention

Maya Straka: NCPA Academic All State, Lady Thunderbird Teammate of the Year

Wrestling

Erik Prado: 1st Team ECNC All Conference

Terry Trew: 1st Team ECNC All Conference

Levi Boardman: 1st Team ECNC All Conference

Logan Topp: 1st Team ECNC All Conference, NCPA Academic All State

Maxwell Goracke: NCPA Academic All State

Jocelyn Prado: 1st Team ECNC All Conference

Alejandra Reyes: 1st Team ECNC All Conference

Haylee Trew: 1st Team ECNC All Conference

Bowling

Mario Lara Jr.: NCPA Academic All State

Salena Conley: NCPA Academic All State

Madison Jansen: NCPA Academic All State

Garrett Collin
Activities Director



Johnson County Central Proudly Presents
Ronald Dahl's

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory



Directed by Emily Fricke

Music and Lyrics
Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley

Adapted for Stage
Leslie Bricusse & Tim McDonald

Based on the Book: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm
and
Sunday, April 28th at 2:00pm

**Johnson County Central's Elementary Auditorium
in Tecumseh**

Admission: \$10 per Adult, \$5 for K-12

Presented through special arrangement through Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (shows.com).



Music Calendar



Music Calendar for the remainder of the year:

April	5	Friday	Meridian MS Honor Choir and Band (7th/8th)
	8	Monday	HS Contest Concert @ 7:00pm
	18	Thursday	HS District Music Contest - Tecumseh
	24, 26	Wed & Fri	Musical - Wed @ 2, Fri @ 7
	26	Friday	Band Recruitment Day
	28	Sunday	Musical - Sun @ 2
	29	Monday	HS Spring Concert and Art Show @ 7:00 pm
May	6	Monday	ECNC Honor Band @ Auburn
	11	Saturday	HS Band at Graduation
	13	Monday	4-8 Spring Concert - Cook 7:00pm
	14	Tuesday	K-3 Spring Program - HS GYM, 7:00 pm



Here is a friendly reminder about School Pay!

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

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

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

By Rich Bacon

Students will be taking a number of state-mandated assessments (NSCAS) throughout the month of April. These assessments are very important for our students and the district. Results from these assessments provide data which help guide curriculum decisions for our district and help us assess our strengths and weaknesses. Results from these assessments may also be used to help determine a student's academic placement for the next school year.

As the testing dates approach there are some things parents can do to help their children be successful on these assessments:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a good breakfast the morning of the tests.
- Encourage your child to practice the following test-taking strategies: Skip a question and move on if you don't know the answer - you can always come back to that question later; Check your answers carefully; Make sure the numbers of your answers correspond to the numbers of the questions on the test; Encourage your child to read on the days leading up to the test. The easiest and best way to prepare your child to do well on tests is to have them read often.
- Encourage your child to have a good attitude. Think positively!

The following middle school students made the honor roll for the 3rd quarter and will be recognized at a student assembly. To earn a place on the Honor Roll a student can have no grade lower than a B. Names in Bold Print signify a person who earned Honor Roll with Distinction. Students who earned a spot on the Honor Roll with Distinction received A's in all their classes. Congratulations to these students for their hard work!

8th Grade: Reese Badertscher, Leighton Beethe, Nayelli Bobadilla, Payton Brandt, Abigail Burki, Reese Carter, Adree Case, Sylus Desmond, Grace Frederick, Conner Gerking, Chase Harrifeld, Dalton Henderson, Ailyn Herrera, Jesus Hurtado, Cooper Jones, Aaryn Kaster, Bodhi Klein, Trey Lubben, Anthony Orozco, Stefani Peters, Sophia Schmid, Wesley Schmid, Landon Toohey, Tegan Topp, Riley Wellensiek

7th Grade: Damian Andrade, Evelyn Burgett, Bentley Campbell, Jackson Gottula, Hadley Hartman, Ashton Huskey, Marley Jensen, James Kann, Diego Martinez, Easton Neemann, Heidi Reyes, Kenna Thomas, TyLynn Wellensiek, Elliott Werner

6th Grade: Jamison Bacon, Jay Barot, Lydia Bilslend, Lila Britt, Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen, Angel Lara Rojas, Kyndall Meints, Kloie Neemann, Courtney Oltrogge, Emma Othmer, Emry Pollard, Brynn Weber

Congratulations to the following Middle School students who have been selected to perform in the Honor Choir at Meridian High School on April 5th : Reese Carter, Adree Case, Kael Fricke, Kenny Ofoegbu, Stefani Peters, Damian Prado, Wes Schmid, Alex Thipphavong, Tegan Topp, Xavier Arguello, & Heidi Reyes

Congratulations to our Junior High Wrestling team for their 4th place finish at the ECNC Tournament on March 12. We had ten wrestlers medal at the ECNC Championship. Conference Champions included Juan Aguilar, Gerardo Beccera & Jessa Adams. Earning a Runner-up medal was Rene Villalobos Orenelas, Aaryn Kaster & Rodrigo Agapito. Tyler Albers, Damian Prado, Rigo Gurrola earned 3rd place medals and Bodhi Klein earned a 4th place finish. Congratulations and thank you to all our wrestlers and their coaches, Neil Bowman, Coach Kuhl, Coach Gabriel, Coach Rulla and Coach Prado.

The Junior High girls and boys track season has begun with 50 students participating. You can catch them in action at home at the JCC Invitational on Thursday, April 25th and on Friday, May 3rd at the ECNC Junior High Championships. Hope to see you there! Go Thunderbirds!

Johnson County Central Middle School Honor Roll Third Quarter 2023-2024

8th Grade

Reese Badertscher (All A's)

Leighton Beethe (All A's)

Nayeli Bobadilla

Payton Brandt (All A's)

Abigail Burki (All A's)

Reese Carter

Adree Case (All A's)

Sylus Desmond

Grace Frederick

Conner Gerking (All A's)

Chase Harrifeld

Dalton Henderson (All A's)

Ailyn Herrera (All A's)

Jesus Hurtado

Cooper Jones

Aarlyn Kaster

Bodhi Klein

Trey Lubben (All A's)

Anthony Orozco (All A's)

Stefani Peters (All A's)

Sophia Schmid (All A's)

Wesley Schmid (All A's)

Landon Toohy

Tegan Topp

Riley Wellensiek (All A's)

7th Grade

Jorge Andrade (All A's)

Evelyn Burgett

Bentley Campbell

Jackson Gottula (All A's)

Hadley Hartman (All A's)

Ashton Huskey

Marley Jensen

James Kann

Diego Martinez

Easton Neemann

Heidi Reyes (All A's)

Kenna Thomas (All A's)

TyLynn Wellensiek

Elliott Werner

6th Grade

Jamison Bacon

Jay Barot (All A's)

Lydia Bilsland

Lila Britt (All A's)

Timothy Johns-Hinrichsen (All A's)

Angel Lara Rojas (All A's)

Kyndall Meints

Kloie Neemann

Courtney Oltrogge

Emma Othmer (All A's)


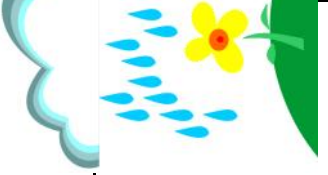
Emry Pollard

Brynn Weber (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

April 2024

Johnson County Central Lunch Menu

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	 <p>NO SCHOOL EASTER BREAK</p>	2 Pizza Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	3 Cheeseburger / wug bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	4 Spaghetti / Meat Sauce Hot Veggie wug Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	5 Hot Dog /wug Bun Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	6	
7	8 Chicken Nuggets Potatoes Cookie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	9 Chefs Choice Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	10 Sloppy Joe /wug bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	11 Thai Meatballs Vegetable Brown Rice Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Rolls Milk	12 Cheese Sticks / Marinara Sauce Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	13	
14	15 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	16 Chicken Tender Wrap Corn Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	17 Chicken Alfredo Hot Veggie Bread Stick Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	18 No School District Music	19 Pizza Hot Veggie Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	20	
21	22 Sloppy Nacho Cheese Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	23 Goulash Hot Veggie wug Garlic Bread Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	24 Hoagie Sun Chips Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	25 Br. Beef Patty / wug Bun Potatoes Fruit & Veggie Bar Milk	26 Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Cookie Milk	27	
28	29 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service	30 [^] Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Fruit & Veggie Bar Dinner Roll Milk	Menu Is Subject to Change Without Notice “This Institution Is An Equal Opportunity Provider”				

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JCC Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL <i>Easter Break</i>	2 Golf Boys V Dual @ Wymore Country Club-4:30 pm JAG NE UNL Campus Tour-9:30 am Track V Thunderbird Invite @ JCC HS-9:30 am	3 NSCAS Testing-5th Grade Science Golf Boys V Invite @ Friend Country Club-9:30 am JCC Booster Club Mtg. @ JCC HS-5:30pm FFA STATE CONVENTION @ LINCOLN April 3, 4, & 5	4 NSCAS Testing-8th Grade Science	5 Meridian 7th & 8th Grade Honor Choir @ Daykin-1:00 pm	6
7	8 NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS ONLY Kindergarten Round Up-9:00 am 3rd Grade Orientation @ JCC MS Site-9:15 am Senior Class Meeting, HS Cafeteria-2:00 pm HS Contest Concert @ JCC HS-7:00 pm	9 Mudecas JH Quiz Bowl @ Pawnee City Golf Boys V Invite @ Kirkman's Cove-9:00 am	10 NSCAS Testing-5th, 7th & 8th Grade ELA 4th Grade Field Trip to State Capitol & Morrill Hall-8:15 am JCC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ JCC HIGH SCHOOL-6:00 PM	11 Golf Boys V Invite @ Wildwood Golf Course-10:00 am JH Track Meet @ Palmyra-1:00 pm FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE @ KEARNEY April 11, 12 & 13	12 5th Grade Field Trip to Schwamm Park-9:30 am	13 Track JH Mudecas Meet @ Pawnee City-9:00 am JCC Prom @ Hartman Cattle Co. 7:00 pm
14	15 NO SCHOOL Teacher In Service Golf Boys JV/V Invite @ Falls City Country Club-2:30 pm	16 NSCAS Testing-3rd Grade Math Golf Boys V ECNC Invite @ Crooked Creek Golf Club-9:00 am Track JH Invite @ Falls City-4:00 pm	17 NSCAS Testing- 3rd, 4th & 6th Grade ELA Track V Invite @ Tri County-10:00 am	18 NO SCHOOL District Music Contest Hosted by JCC-all Day	19 Athletic Awards and Intraschool Quiz Bowl @ JCC HS Gym -12:45 pm	20 Track V Mudecas Meet @ JCC HS-9:00 am
21	22 Track V Invite @ Falls City HS-2:30 pm	23 NSCAS Testing-4th, 5th & 6th Grade Math Band Recruitment Day @ MS Cook Site-9:30 am Golf Boys V Dual @ Tecumseh Country Club-2:30 pm	24 NSCAS Testing-7th & 8th Grade Math Golf Boys V Invite @ Woodland Hills Golf Course-8:30 am HS Musical Presentation-Matinee @ JCC Elem Auditorium-2:00 pm	25 FFA Sponsoring Red Cross Blood Drive @ JCC HS-8:00 am Track JH Thunderbird Invite @ JCC HS- 10:00 am	26 HS Musical Presentation @ JCC Elem Auditorium -7:00 pm	27 Track V ECNC Meet @ Freeman HS-10:00 am
28 HS Musical Presentation Matinee @ JCC Elem Auditorium - 2:00 pm	29 NO SCHOOL Teacher In Service Track JH Invite @ Tri County HS-10:00 am HS Spring Concert & Art Show @ JCC HS-7:00 pm	30 Track V Invite @ Freeman HS-9:00 am Golf Boys V Invite @ Grandpa's Woods Golf Course-10:00 am	ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE			

Bus Drivers Wanted!



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



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

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

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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

Friday, March 29th - Monday, April 1st

No School for Students
EASTER BREAK

Monday, April 8th

No School for KINDERGARTEN Students ONLY

Monday, April 15th—Teacher Inservice

Thursday, April 18th—District Music Contest @ JCC

Monday, April 29th—Teacher Inservice