Dear Parents,

Thank you for another great start to the school year! We appreciate the opportunities to challenge our students in this academic setting. As the school year continues, positive approaches with a caring atmosphere will be important ingredients for a successful school year and we can all contribute those attributes. It truly takes all of us working together to provide a positive atmosphere for our children to grow and develop both academically and emotionally. We thank you for both helping and allowing us to create this characteristic in your children.

CALENDAR DATES

December 23-31: Winter Break No School
January 1-2: No School
January 3: Teacher Inservice No School
January 6: Classes Resume
January 20: Teacher Inservice No School
February 12-13: Parent Teacher Conferences
February 14: No School
February 17: Teacher Inservice No School
March 9-13: Spring Break
April 10: No School
April 13: No School
May 16: Graduations
May 21: Last Day of School
**INFORMATION FOR SENIORS**

Dates and Tips for the Remaining School Year!

- The FASFA is now open! This can help students immensely with financial aid and can open many scholarship opportunities to them. Please take time with your senior to help them with this important document. After you submit the FASFA you will receive a student aid report. This will give you the basic information on what kind of aid your senior may be eligible for.

- Continue to apply for colleges that you are interested in. PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES. Make sure you have registered or taken the necessary tests required for admission.

- Continue to apply for all scholarships that are available to your senior. There is no such thing as applying for too many!

- Work hard all the way up to graduation. Second semester grades are important for scholarship eligibility. Stay involved in activities and continue to do projects that will build resumes.

**Homeless Students**

USD #252 requests information regarding any homeless students within or district. Immediate assistance and federal funds are made available to assist children experiencing homelessness with regards to an appropriate public education.
Sportsmanship Policies and Guidelines

The Board of Education has approved guidelines and policies to address inappropriate behavior by adults, students, and children attending home and/or away athletic and activity school events. School administrators and event supervisors will be enforcing the policies. It is the direction of USD #252 for all the people attending to have the opportunity to enjoy the kids competing and respect all who are involved. We all want a positive environment for our children and these expectations are in place to create a positive setting for competition. Your behavior at events should not inhibit others from enjoying the game. Parents who have concerns are asked to make an appointment with the coach during his/her plan period to discuss the issue. Please do not approach a coach, sponsor, or administrator after an event. This is not the time or the place for either party to discuss these matters. Please remember that time goes so quickly and enjoy the kids!

Donations

We have received many donations from individuals, families, both PTO’s and Booster Clubs during the year. We appreciate the commitment to our staff, students, and communities. Donations are noted each month in our board minutes. These donations are very important and appreciated! Thank you very much!

Many thanks
### Crisis Planning

The District’s Crisis Plan is reviewed annually with student and staff safety discussed in detail. Building principals share suggestions and plans from their staff, site councils and crisis committee and make recommendations informing board members of their ideas and recommended changes. This has been a productive discussion and I want to thank the principals, staff, site councils and parents for all they do on a daily basis to keep our students safe and secure.

### K-12 District Enrollment From KSDE Audits

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The purpose of the Fund is to aid, foster and promote the development and welfare of the students and faculty of Southern Lyon County public schools in Hartford, Neosho Rapids, and Olpe. The Fund provides an outlet for those who desire to make financial gifts to the students and staff of these schools. Donations to the Fund provide scholarships for students each Spring. Money designated for a scholarship through the foundation is strictly used for that. Memorial Scholarships are also an option through the Fund. If a student receives a scholarship and then does not attend school the full term, the money is returned to the foundation to be used for another scholarship opportunity. This is unique to Scholarships that are handled by the Southern Lyon County Educational Fund. As the end of the 2019 calendar year draws near, tax deductible contributions can be made to the foundation and earmarked as the individual or business would like. If you are interested please contact any of the Advisory Board for additional information. The Advisory Board Members are: Lynn Redeker, Michael Dieker, Susan Menke, Emily Darbyshire, and Dr. Michael Argabright.

Winter Resources for Families

The following resources are available for families in need during the winter and holiday season:

Abundant Harvest - 1028 Whittier St., Emporia
Free hot meals Monday - Thursday at 5:30 pm.
Boxed food Monday - Friday 9am-12 pm

First United Methodist Church - 823 Merchant, Emporia
Assistance Offered Thursday and Fridays 9 am-12 pm

Salvation Army - 327 Constitution, Emporia
Clothing, furniture, and food pantry Monday - Saturday 9:30 am - 5:30pm

ECKAN Weatherization - 785-242-6431
Weatherization provides energy savings measures at no cost to income qualifying individuals and families that rent or own their homes
Redesign Update

The Redesign Launch has been successful as we are now orbiting through several of our initiatives. Our areas of focus include personalized learning/social emotional learning, civic engagement, real world application and student success. Within each of these strands, students are currently engaged in the following activities: drone technology, leadership development through our JH/HS civic engagement classes, project based learning in the form of both short and long term projects, job shadowing/internships, social emotional curriculum and individual plans of study to name just a few. In the next few months, we will begin to spotlight each of these and post to our social media accounts. Stay tuned for more updates!

A Note from the Nurse

As we get into the winter months student and staff illness are on the rise. Here are a few tips to help keep the germ bugs away!

- Hand washing is always the best defense
- Don't share drinks, straws, or eating utensils
- Cough into your elbow and throw away used tissues promptly. Wash your hands after coughing and blowing your nose.
- If you are ill stay home. Do not venture out unless it is to see your physician.
- Influenza is very dangerous for newborns, young children., people who have chronic illness or undergoing chemotherapy are at high risk. Please stay home to protect them!
- If you do test positive for influenza, your doctor can order you Tamiflu. Tamiflu cannot prevent the flu virus, it will only lessen the symptoms. It usually takes several days for the virus to run its course.
- Keep hydrated
- Students who are ill must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medicine. Students also must be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours without the aid of medication. Please do not send medicine to school without a doctor’s order.

Remember to get your flu shot!