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SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

by Josh Meyer, Superintendent

As we ring in the new year, news of increasing Covid cases and schools moving to remote learning across our country is in the headlines. Like many of you, I find myself constantly focused on the negative things that could happen. We have been in crisis mode for so long, it just seems like second nature. Obviously at school we need to anticipate situations that may arise so we are ready to face them. Being prepared is a good thing, but dwelling on the negative is not.

While circumstances may make it more difficult to have a positive mindset, it is still a choice that we make. We can choose to focus on the negatives or we can make a decision to be optimistic. One thing that has helped me be more positive is to think of the things I am looking forward to. This takes time away from the negatives (planning for bad things) and focuses it on the positives (looking forward to good things).

I recently asked our staff members what they were looking forward to in the new year. Here is a short list of the things we are looking forward to: children's graduations, vacations, connecting with students, getting married, having a baby, welcoming a grandbaby, growing professionally, better habits, and earning a teaching license. The point here is that we all have many reasons to be concerned and reasons to be optimistic; we get to choose how we focus our thoughts. So what are you looking forward to in the new year?

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Use your smartphone camera.



UPCOMING EVENTS



5th Grade Typing photo by Mrs. Mixon

BACK TO SCHOOL

January 3rd

PROM PARENTS TOURNAMENT

January 8th

Contact the HS front office for more details.

HOOP IT UP FOR FITNESS

January 10th - 22nd

1ST TECHNOLOGY CLUB MEETING

January 11th during LS

Visit the Mrs. Mixon's room for more information.

HSBB MID WINTER CLASSIC

January 17th - 22nd

Contact the HS front office for more details.

NO SCHOOL - STAFF DEVELOPMENT

January 21st

No school for students. Staff development day.

CHOIR CLINIC & CONCERT

January 22nd

SWKMEA District Elementary and Middle Level Choir Clinic & Concert at Dodge City Middle School

STAFFORD COUNTY SPELLING BEE

January 26th @ 9 am

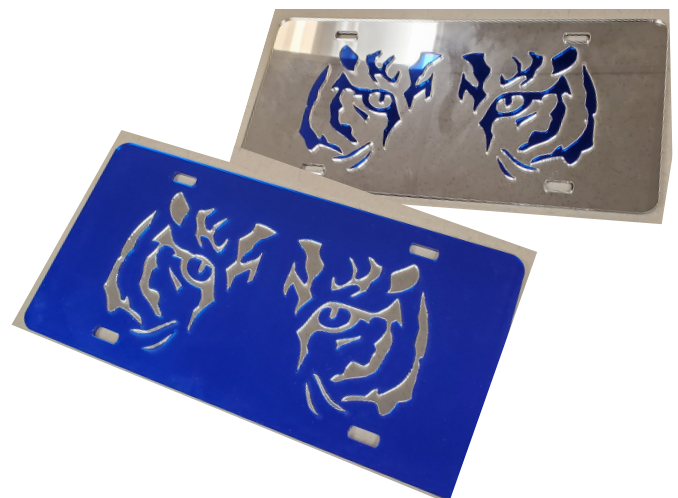
The spelling bee will be held at St. John. Please contact the front office for more details.

FUNDRAISER

LICENSE PLATES AVAILABLE FOR SALE

by Mrs. Alisa Fisher

Proceeds helps out the St. John Hudson PTO. They are available for purchase in the Elementary Front Office. \$20 each. Blue and Silver available.



SUPERINTENDENT NEWS

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January is School Board Recognition Month and we would like to thank each of our board of education members for their incredible service to our community and schools. School board members develop policies and make important decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are entrusted by this community to ensure the all students have an opportunity for a great education. They focus on what is doing right by everyone in our school community without regard to ideology and politics. In short, their focus is on student success.

This January, please join us as we thank our school board members for volunteering their time, for fulfilling this very important civic responsibility, and for advocating on behalf of every child in our community. The men and women serving on your school board are: Carl Behr, Darin Brummer, Vance Fisher, Derek Foote, Raymond Long, Shawn Ward, and Debby Waddle.

We are currently seeking applicants for a Family & Consumer Sciences teacher and an elementary principal. Susan Patterson is retiring at the end of this school year after 10 years of service to our district. The district has been without an elementary principal for several years and the time has come to find a quality candidate to lead the elementary staff and students. Information about these positions is posted on our district website.

The school board is in the process of acquiring a building for a daycare. The board will be looking to select a provider to operate a daycare on or near the school campus. In the coming weeks, a request for proposals for a daycare provider will be made available. If you are interested in running a daycare business, please be on the lookout for this RFP very soon.

Earlier this fall, we had to cancel school due to Covid. The state law requires a minimum number of instructional hours for students each year. As of today, we are short of that minimum requirement. We have made some adjustments to the calendar that will help. However, there is potential for more missed school days due to weather or Covid. The board is anticipating adding two days to the end of the school year to make up some of this time. No final decision will be made until we get through the winter weather season, but we want to make sure families are aware of this calendar change in advance. Parents should plan on the last day of school being May 19th this year.

As always, if you'd like to visit about any of these topics or have other questions or concerns, I can be reached at 620-549-3564 or meyerj@usd350.com. I am proud to be a Tiger and proud to serve USD 350 with Purpose, Passion, and Pride.

- Josh Meyer - USD 350 Superintendent



SPORTS SCHEDULES

HS BASKETBALL

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
January 4th	KINSLEY	AWAY	6 PM
January 7th	NESS CITY	AWAY	4 PM
January 11th	ELLINWOOD	HOME	4 PM
January 14th	CIMARRON	AWAY	4 PM
January 17th - 22nd	MID WINTER CLASSIC	HOME	TBA
January 28th	RUSSELL	AWAY	4:30 PM

JH BASKETBALL

For sponsorship or other details please contact the front office.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
January 6th	KINSLEY	AWAY	4 PM
January 8th	CENTRAL PLAINS JV EAST	CENTRAL PLAINS	TBA
January 10th	STAFFORD	HOME	4 PM
January 13th	LA CROSSE	AWAY	4 PM
January 17th	CENTRAL PLAINS	AWAY	4 PM
January 24th	MACKSVILLE	AWAY	4 PM
January 29th & 31st	CPL TOURNAMENT	VICTORIA	TBA

Events are subject to change without notice.

PHOTO GALLERY

STUDENT MOMENTS



6th Grade Typing



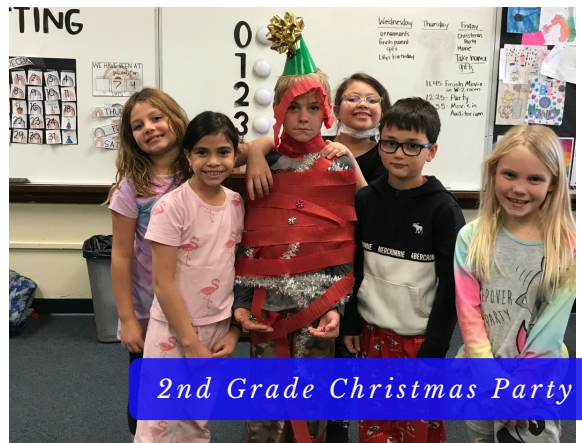
Eli's ceramic project



Student at work



5th Grade Typing



2nd Grade Christmas Party



2nd Grade Christmas Party



Happy 4th Graders

STUDENT MOMENTS



Ixik's ceramic statue



STUDENT MOMENTS

PRINTMAKING & PHOTOSHOP

by Mrs. Behnke, Art Teacher

The image below depicts 1st hour started printing proofs of their linoleum block today. The proof is the first few prints to test the imagine and see if there needs to be more carving done to the plate. They are using printing ink, brayers, and barrens.



The image on the left is Ryan Eulenstein's photoshop project. Students are working on cut out backgrounds or COB. The project is inspired by surrealism. The model is Kyla Rodarmel.

IN THE CLUB

TECHNOLOGY CLUB BEGINS JANUARY

by Mrs. Mixon, Technology Club Sponsor

We are super excited to announce that the Technology Club has been approved and the very first meeting will be January 11th. Future meetings will be held Tuesday's during LS in the Spanish Room. Anyone who is interested in joining the Technology Club may contact Mrs. Mixon. The club is open to all 7th - 12th graders.



3D ART CLAY PROJECTS

by Darlene Behnke, Art Teacher

3D art class is finishing the sculpture challenge. Many made a mushroom house or gingerbread house. A few are glazing the box with fitted lid project.

ART CLASS



RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

by Mr. Bryant, Comic Book Club Sponsor

Heath Duntz donated a collectible statue to support the St. John Comic Book Club. A raffle fundraiser is being held for a Royal Gengar (Pokemon) collectible statue that measures approximately 7"H x 8"W and weighs approximately 8 oz. The statue is pictured below.

Raffle tickets will be sold between January 10th through February 10th. Ticket prices are \$2.00 each or 5 tickets for \$8.00. Tickets can be purchased from club offers: Frances Duntz, Lochlyn Duntz, Issac Torres, Rafael Gonzalez, Anthony Johnson, Nevaeh Fischer or Mr. Bryant.

Please write your name on each ticket you buy. One ticket you will keep and the other will go into a raffle container. For raffle dates or any other questions, please contact Mr. Bryant.



2D ART STUDENTS

by Darlene Behnke, Art Teacher

These are art students working on carving their blocks for printing. They are using lino block carving tools or gouges on linoleum blocks.



MORE 3D ART PICS

by Mrs. Behnke, Art Teacher

ART CLASS



3D PRINTING TO DESIGN DREAM HOMES

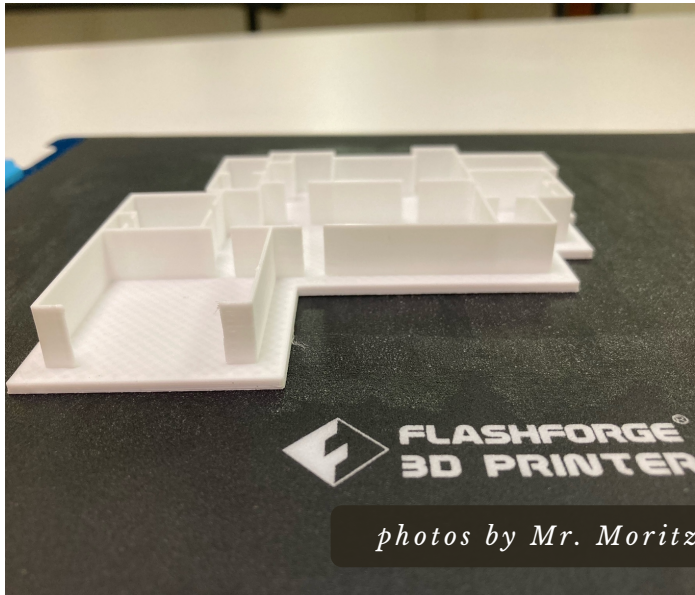
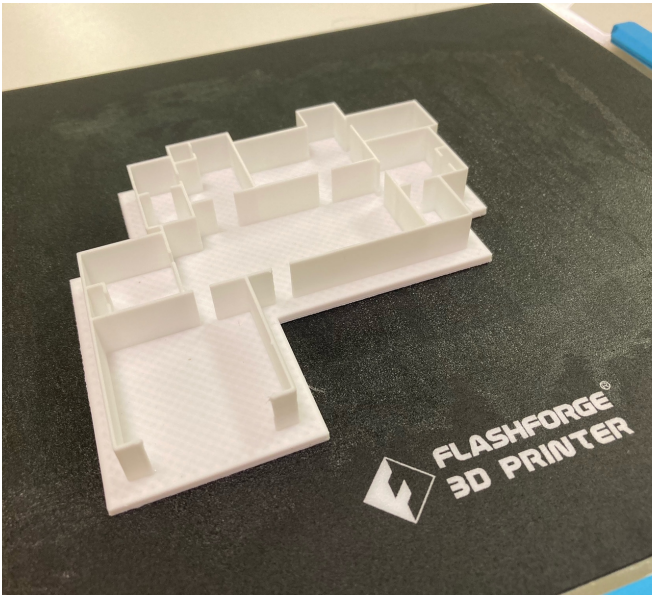
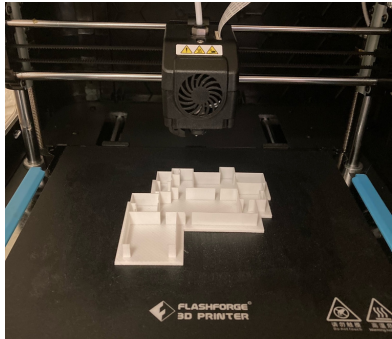
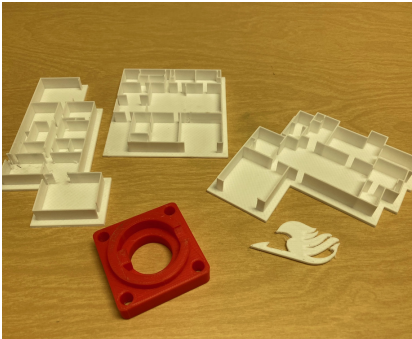
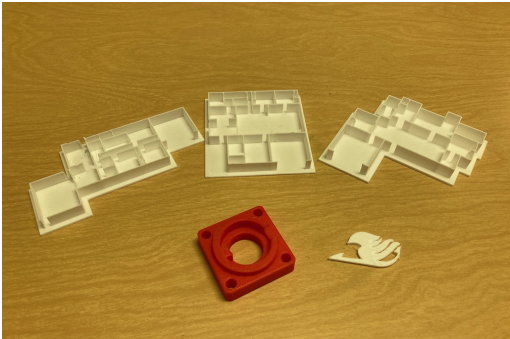
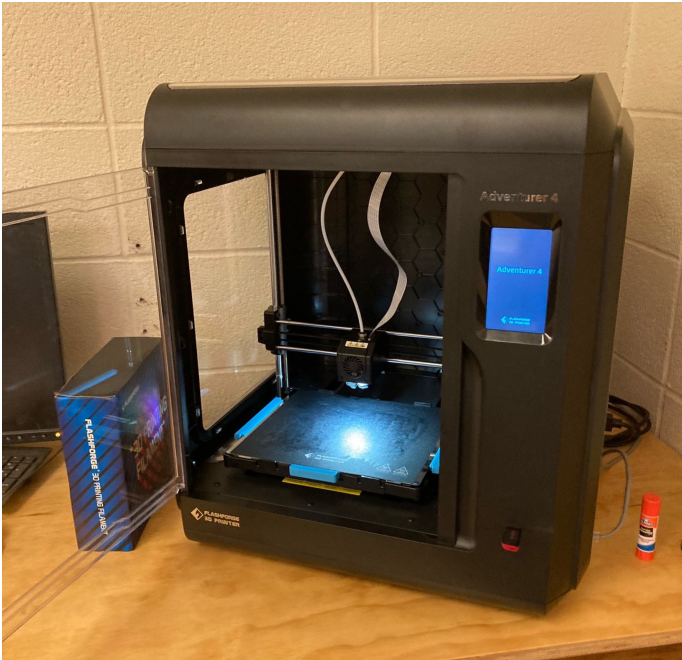
by Adam Moritz

This is a flash Forge Adventure 4 3D printer. You can print PLA plastic and ABS plastic. The images below are PLA plastic. My students were designing floorplans for their dream houses. The houses are around 2000 to 3000 square feet with 8 foot walls sized down to scale. It will print anything you can think of. I can also print and many different filament colors like red, white, blue, green, purple, rainbow and much more.

From the left, the houses were made by Josh Chapman, Nick Huston, and Nerissa Leckenby.

Students interested in using the 3-D printer will have to take Mr. Moritz's drafting class in high school.

DRAFTING CLASS



photos by Mr. Moritz

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS



LEXIE BRUMMER

Senior Class 2022

"The majority of my after school hours and weekends are spent working at an assisted living facility, Kenwood Plaza, as well as coaching tumbling. I have a strong passion for both and am grateful for the experiences that I have gained through them. My goals for after graduation include attending Fort Hays State University and enrolling in the nursing program. I plan on graduating with my Bachelors in Nursing and then furthering my education to a Doctorates and working as a Nurse Practitioner. I am excited for what the future holds and look forward to new learning experiences."

INDIVIDUAL PLANS OF STUDY

by Blain White, HS Principal

One of the main goals of schools across the nation is to prepare our students for their success beyond high school. This may be at a 2 or 4-year college, a technical college, in the military or starting their career by entering the work force. In Kansas this is addressed by each student in grades 8-12 having an Individual Plan of Study (IPS) that they work on as they navigate through their junior high and high school tenure. This is not a one-time process, but an ongoing and evolving process that they build on as they go. There are three main parts of the IPS process, they are self-exploration, career-exploration and career planning. The culminating project is a portfolio with a presentation of the portfolio as a senior.

Every school chooses what tool they use to track and document the progress of the IPS. At St. John we use an online platform called Xello (pronounced zello). During this process students take inventories that measure the students interest, skills and learning style. The results of these inventories can be used when students choose which classes they will be taking for the following year. At the high school level students can map out which classes they will take for the remainder of their high school years, however this “map” can be changed at any time.

In short, the student IPS includes information specific to each student that, students, families and school personnel can use to guide decision making and monitor students’ progress toward goals.

Some of the things that may be included are:

- skills & abilities
- hobbies
- accomplishments
- graduation requirements
- current and past classes
- current and past activities
- grades
- test scores
- examples of student work
- results from career, college, and interest inventories
- personal goal statements
- work based learning experiences
- college and financial planning activities

Throughout the second semester, our students will be working in Xello on their IPS progress. This is often worked on during their LS class and their English class as well as some other classes. By the time we have Parent/Teacher conferences in March our students should have IPS information to share with parents. Later on this year our Seniors will be presenting their portfolios and the public will be invited to attend. Watch our Facebook page for an announcement on a date for those presentations.

- Blain White - HS Principal

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