

# Back-to-School

2016-17

*A special supplement to The Holton Recorder  
Monday, July 25, 2016*

*Don't forget the first day of school!*

**•Holton**

*Enrollment: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, Holton High School commons area*

*First day of school: Thursday, Aug. 18 for pre-K through ninth grade; Friday, Aug. 19 for grades 10-12*

**•Royal Valley**

*Enrollment: Noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 at RVHS for all returning students; Noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3 at individual attendance centers for new students*

*First day of school: Wednesday, Aug. 17*

**•Jackson Heights**

*Enrollment: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3 at the elementary commons (K-6) or the high school office (7-12)*

*First day of school: Thursday, Aug. 18*

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Members of the Holton USD 336 Board of Education are, from left in the top photo, Orin Marshall, Carl Matousek, Shelby Patch, Mike Ford, Rex Frazier, Bob Phillips and Allen Arnold. In the photo above, the board is seen taking action at a recent meeting. Photo above by David Pows

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## New elementary school ready in Holton

By David Pows

It's a very exciting time in Holton USD 336. The construction of the new Holton Elementary School for grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade has been completed and now it is time to put the new school to work for the school district.

A public open house for the new school is being planned for 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, it has been reported.

At this time, the focus of the project has shifted from the school building itself to the public parking lot to be located directly east and south of the new school that will park 100 vehicles.

The new elementary school, at just under 90,000 square feet, has 38 classrooms and will serve about 650 children all under one roof, with 46 teachers, taking the place of both Colorado Elementary School (for grades pre-k-2) and Central Elementary School (for grades 3-5).

The exterior of the new school features red brick and split face block limestone and includes high energy-efficient windows that shade any bright sunlight entering, but allows for full daylight view looking out.

Most of the Colorado school was demolished to make room for a parking lot for the new school. The newer addition part of Colorado on the south end of the campus remains.

The new school has so many extraordinary features that it is difficult to name them all.

Here's a few:  
\*The school bus pick up and delivery location on the west

side of the new school is designed to accommodate a lot of buses and a lot of kids. Bus students will enter the school at the lower level front door at the southwest part of the building.

\*The lower area of the school grounds, on the southwest corner, will serve as an outdoor nature study area with lots of native grasses, flowers, bushes, etc. That area will also serve as a water runoff retaining area for the school. All roofs will drain to that area where runoff will be collected for a slower, secondary drain off at the southwest corner of the campus.

\*The student drop off and pick up location in the front of the school on the upper south side is designed for safety and a good flow of traffic for parents. There will also be a visitors parking lot at that area.

\*Across the street to the west, north of the old Jackson County Fair Building, there will be another school parking lot. Teachers who have classrooms on that side of the school will park there and enter at the lower front entrance – the same entrance for the bus kids.

\*For the most part, student lockers in the new elementary school are located in the classrooms.

\*The classrooms for each grade are spacious and grouped together and carry a common color scheme, as do the hallways. Only the small-sized kindergarten lockers will be located outside of the classroom in a commons-type open area.

Some of the classroom walls are painted with "white board paint" that students can write

on with marker pens. They are easily erasable.

\*Each grade level area has its own set of bathrooms and a small commons-like area. Wash stations are located just outside the bathrooms. Each grade level also has smaller "pull-out" classrooms where teachers can work privately with students one-on-one or two-on-two.

Each grade level area also includes special reading rooms and special education rooms (called pull-out rooms) that will be used for extra, more-individualized student instruction and as testing locations.

\*Local history will be an important theme in the new school. There will be a Jim Lane Cabin – a pioneer style cabin – built in the school to be used for educational purposes.

In the pre-school area, there will be a sensory room to help kids with hand-eye coordination. That room will include a modern-day covered wagon.

\*The new school has a nice, spacious library with a pull-out portable wall so large groups can spill out into a hallway area.

\*The new school will have "wobbly chairs" for some students who need that to maintain their focus on school work.

There will also be some standing desks for some students to use while they stand up.

\*The new school has a large media room with a tall ceiling and a second-floor student viewing area for large assemblies.

The school board recently approved the purchase of new i-Pads, whiteboards and projectors for the new school, also.

Other features of the new school include a nice-sized gymnasium and a stage area that opens from both the gym and from the cafeteria and an elevator for those who have difficulty navigating stairs and a nice kitchen area.

The front entrance of the new school will have all the latest technology regarding safety and security.

Office personnel will have a clear window view of everyone entering the school. The main entryway also has built-in glass showcase areas for rotating displays regarding local history.

The decision by Holton school patrons to build a new elementary school could not have come at a better time.

State tax aid to help pay for the new school in Holton (and new schools located elsewhere all across the state) will cover 58 percent of the \$27.5 million principal cost.

The year after Holton approved its school bond issue, the State Legislature decreased state aid for new schools by 22 percent, making the new state aid match 36 percent. At this time, it is not clear whether state aid to help local Kansas communities build new schools will even exist in future years.

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# USD #336 Official School Opening Announcement

School Starts – Thur., Aug. 18, 2016 (Grades Pre-K-9 & New Students Only) & Fri., Aug. 19, 2016 (All Students)

## 2016-2017 Holton

### ENROLLMENT

Thursday, August 4th  
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
All students enroll at the  
High School Commons Area

### 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August 4	Enrollment
August 12	New Teachers Report
August 15	Staff Meetings, No School
August 16	Staff Development, No School
August 17	Teacher Work Day, No School
Aug. 18	1st Day of Classes- Grades PreK- 9
Aug. 19	1st Day of Classes- Grades 10-12
Sept. 5	Labor Day/NO SCHOOL
Sept. 26	Staff Development/ NO SCHOOL
Oct. 14	End of 1st Quarter
Oct. 19	P/T Conferences – 4 P.M. - 8 P.M.
Oct. 20	P/T Conferences – 8 A.M. - 7 P.M.
Oct. 20 – Oct. 21	NO SCHOOL
Nov. 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 22	End of 2nd Quarter
Dec. 23-Jan. 4	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Resumes
Jan. 16	Staff Development/ NO SCHOOL
Feb. 22	P/T Conferences – 4 P.M. - 8 P.M.
Feb. 23	P/T Conferences - 8 A.M. - 7 P.M.
Feb. 23-24	NO SCHOOL
Mar. 10	End of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 20-24	Spring Break
Apr. 7	Kindergarten Roundup/ No Kindergarten
Apr. 14	NO SCHOOL
Apr. 21	Staff Development/ NO SCHOOL
Apr. 22	Prom
May 20	Graduation
May 24	Last Day of Classes

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### ENROLLMENT FEES

Textbook rental for students grades K - 12 is \$45.00. Special fees may be required for students who take classes requiring special equipment and materials i.e. Art, Crafts, Foods, Ag Ed. Students in grades 7 - 12 who participate in activities will also pay a \$30.00 activity fee.

### SCHOOL MEALS

Nutritious meals are served to students daily. Menus are printed in *The Holton Recorder* and can be found online at [www.holtonks.net](http://www.holtonks.net)

Breakfast Prices: Pre-K - 12 - \$1.50  
Adults - \$2.20  
Lunch Prices: K-5 - \$2.30  
Middle School - \$2.50  
High School - \$2.50  
Adults - \$3.70  
Milk Price: \$ 0.35

### IMMUNIZATION/ BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Kansas law requires that all students enrolling in a Kansas public school shall have a copy of their birth certificate and a copy of their immunization record. Each student must present proof of 4 immunization doses for DTP and/or TD, 3 of the oral polio vaccines, 2 doses for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) 2 doses for Varicella (Chickenpox) and 3 Hepatitis B.

### TRANSPORTATION

The district will provide transportation for those students who reside more than 2 ½ miles from their attendance center. Bus transportation may also be provided to students less than 2 ½ miles from school provided there is space available on the bus and the bus does not have to deviate from its planned route. In cases where transportation is provided to students residing less than 2 ½ miles from school, transportation may be withdrawn when space is needed on the bus for students residing more than 2 ½ miles from school.

### SAFETY

The safety of your child is one of our major concerns. The cooperation of the home is needed to build good safety habits. URGE YOUR CHILD TO: walk on the sidewalk or the shoulder of the road; cross only when traffic is clear of the intersection and cross only at marked crossings; never enter a strange vehicle; and go directly to and from school along regularly traveled pedestrian walkways.

### ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FOR STUDENTS

Unless participating in the school breakfast program, students should not arrive at their buildings prior to ten minutes before the beginning of the class bell. There is no supervision available prior to that time.

To prevent misunderstandings, parents are asked to contact the appropriate school office when a student is to leave the premises during the school day. Students are to check with the office prior to leaving to insure that communication has been received.

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When the superintendent believes the safety of students is threatened by severe weather or other circumstances, parents and students shall be notified of school closings or cancellations by announcements made through the school's communication system, SchoolMessenger, and over the Radio/TV station(s):

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### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Holton is the sponsoring district for the Special Education Cooperative with Jackson Heights, Onaga, Prairie Hills, and Royal Valley as participating districts. Regular classes are offered for children of all ages and special instruction is available for those children who have specific needs.

### FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Early Childhood Developmental Screenings are held at Holton Elementary School. These are free screenings sponsored by Holton Special Education Cooperative. The screening is open to all children residing within the Holton USD 336 boundaries. To schedule an appointment please call Holton Elementary School at 364-3251.

### SAFE SCHOOL HOTLINE

A statewide school safety hotline, staffed by the Kansas Highway Patrol, has been established. This toll-free hotline allows students to anonymously report possible impending violent acts in school.

The hotline connects to the Kansas Highway Patrol central dispatch center. From there, information is transferred to local law enforcement that will relay information to the local school administrator.

The hotline is a cooperative effort between the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Education.

The hotline number is 1-877-626-8203.

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Jerry Jepson.....Bus Driver  
Dave Kuglin.....Bus Driver  
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# Haussler returns to Holton to lead Special Ed Cooperative

■ New director previously worked 15 years with co-op

By Brian Sanders

For 15 years, Amy Haussler of Holton worked as a school psychologist for the Holton Special Education Cooperative, most of that time under former long-term Director of Special Education Mark B. Wilson.

It was during Haussler's second year with the co-op that she jokingly told Wilson that one of these days, she would have his job.

"He laughed and said, 'You mean this actual seat, or just being a director?' I said, 'I'll be a director. We'll just see where I end up landing,'" she said.

Starting with the 2016-17 school year, Haussler will occupy the seat that Wilson retired from five years ago. The USD 336 Board of Education last week offered a contract to Haussler as the co-op's director, taking over from Vicki Vossler.

Haussler, who's been working the last four years as director of special education for the Marshall-Nemaha Educational Services Cooperative in Seneca, couldn't be happier.

"Making this move back to Holton, in a sense, is like coming back home," Haussler said. "I feel like I was pretty much raised in the Holton co-op, when it comes to my career in special education. So I already have a lot of prior knowledge of how the Holton co-op works."

During her 15 years with the Holton co-op, she said she was also able to build good relationships with staff members and families in the community. Coming back to Holton, she said will give her an



Amy Haussler

opportunity to build on those relationships.

Haussler also sees the Holton co-op as a source of endless opportunities for growth.

"Holton's co-op has always been very rich in available resources," she said. "There are just so many opportunities to build on that and strengthen the services and the quality of services that are provided to students. I don't know that there's a lot in the co-op that needs to be changed, because there are so many great things that have happened there over the years."

One of those great things, she said, was Wilson's leadership — and influence.

"I still keep in touch with him, and he's still kind of a father figure to me," Haussler said of Wilson. "You look back

at the stability the co-op had under Mark, and he was there for 31 years. And I looked up to him, I had so much respect for him. I still do."

It was, in fact, Wilson — and his assistant and later predecessor, Vicki Smith — who encouraged Haussler to seek a degree in administration in 2008, she said.

"They gave me that push that I needed to step up and start learning how to do this," she said.

Already having earned her Ed.S. in school psychology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, she sought administrative degrees from Emporia State University, earning a building leadership degree in 2009 and a district leadership degree in 2012.

That was the year she took on her current position with Marshall-Nemaha, and while she's grateful for what she accomplished there, Vossler's departure opened the door for her to cut the commute and work closer to home. She's lived in Holton for nearly two decades with husband (and Holton High School teacher) Kurt, with whom she has two children.

"It's time to come home," she said. "My kids are at the point where, with AJ as a sophomore and Faith as an eighth-grader this year, I'm going to have two in high school next year. It's going to be good to be home and be available to them."

(Editor's note: This article originally appeared in The Holton Recorder in May.)

# New Holton teachers



Tyler (left) and Stephanie Ryan

**Stephanie Ryan**  
Stephanie Ryan, 29, is a new fourth grade teacher in the Holton school district this year.

Stephanie graduated from Hesston High School in 2004 and then attended college at Wichita State University where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. She also earned a master's degree in school leadership at Baker University.

Stephanie served three years in education at Discovery Intermediate School at Goddard, one year at Kingman and most recently served as a fifth grade teacher for two years at Lincoln Elementary School at Wellington.

She and her husband, Tyler, enjoy riding horses, going to rodeos, traveling and hiking.

## Tyler Ryan

Tyler Ryan, 33, is a new business/computers teacher at Holton High School this year. He is familiar with the Holton school district, as he was a coach and student-teacher here in 2005.

Tyler's hometown is Benton. He graduated from Kansas State University at Manhattan in



Taylor Lewis

2005. Most recently, he was a teacher at Wellington High School for four years and also served as coach for the football and track teams there.

Tyler's wife, Stephanie, is also a new fourth grade teacher in the Holton school district this year. Tyler's hobbies include horses and football.

## Taylor Lewis

Taylor Lewis, 24, of Topeka, is one of the newest additions to the Holton Special Education Cooperative as a behavior specialist, it was reported.

Lewis, a graduate of Washburn Rural High School, graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in social work and later from Washburn University with a master's degree in social work with an emphasis on school social work.

She recently served as an intern at Williams Magnet School in Topeka, doing clinical social work, and she also worked for a year as a case manager and social worker in child welfare.

Lewis and her husband, Tanner, were married earlier this month. In her spare time, she said she enjoys knitting, walking and biking.

## Christie Fearing

Christie Fearing is joining the Holton Special Education Cooperative this year as a behavior specialist, it was reported.

Fearing, a graduate of The University of Kansas, has a background working in residential facilities, foster care, mental health facilities and schools. She enjoys reading, aerial lyra and playing "Pokemon Go" with her son.

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<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL</b>				<b>HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY/JV/9th BASKETBALL</b>				<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING</b>			
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 1	Royal Valley	RV	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 2	Perry-Leocompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 3	Turner/Oskie	Oskaloosa	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 6	Royal Valley	RV	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 8	Seaman/Jeff. W/Perry	Holton	4 p.m.
Sept. 15	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 9	Nem. Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 10	Osaga/ACCJHS/PL	Osaga	4 p.m.
Sept. 22	Perry-Leocompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 13	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 12	Silver Lake	Silver Lake	8:15 a.m.
Sept. 29	Jeff. West	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 16	Jeff. West	Jeff. West	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 15	Sabetha Double Dual	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 20	ACCHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 17	RV/Rock Ck/Mill Ck.	Rock Ck.	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	ACCJHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 3	Perry-Leocompton	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 19	Rossville Invit.	Rossville	8:30 a.m.
<b>FRESHMAN FOOTBALL</b>				Jan. 6	Atchison	Atchison	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 29	Wamego/Jeff. W	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Silver Lake	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 10	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 3	Big Seven Tour.	Riverside	9 a.m.
Sept. 8	Perry-Leocompton	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 13	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS' BOWL</b>			
Sept. 15	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 16	(BOYS)			Mar. 28	Santa Fe Tri	Santa Fe Tri	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	Riverside	Holton	6 p.m.	Jan. 16	(GIRLS)			Mar. 29	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	Santa Fe Trail	SFT	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 21	Tonganoxie	Tonganoxie	TBA	Mar. 3	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4 p.m.
Oct. 6	Falls City	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 21	Basehor-Linwood	Basehor	TBA	Mar. 7	Perry	Perry	4 p.m.
Oct. 17	Jeff. West	Jeff. West	6 p.m.	Jan. 21	Basehor-Linwood	Basehor	TBA	Mar. 22	ACCJHS	ACCJHS	4 p.m.
<b>JV FOOTBALL</b>				Feb. 3	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.	<b>High School Softball</b>			
Sept. 6	Atchison	Atchison	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 7	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 1	Holton JV Tour.(JV)	Holton	9 a.m.
Sept. 12	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 10	Jeff. West (Cheer Clinic)	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 3	Riverside (JV/JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 14	ACCJHS	ACCJHS	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 6	Sabetha (JV/V)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 21	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 10	Perry-Leocompton (JV/V)	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Royal Valley	RV	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 24	Hiawatha (St. Night)	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 20-22	OPEN DATE (V)	TBA	NOON
Oct. 10	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 2	Sub-State BB	TBA	TBA	Apr. 24	Nem. Central (JV/V)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Jeff. West	Jeff. West	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 8-11	State BB	TBA	TBA	Apr. 27	Hiawatha (JV/V)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Falls City	Falls City	4:30 p.m.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>				May 1	ACCJHS (JV/V)	ACCJHS	4:30 p.m.
<b>VARSITY FOOTBALL</b>				Oct. 17	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.	May 4	Jeff. West (JV/V)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Atchison	Atchison	7 p.m.	Oct. 24	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	May 8	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Sabetha	Sabetha	7 p.m.	Oct. 27	Perry-Leocompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.	May 15	OPEN DATE (V)	TBA	Noon
Sept. 16	Nem. Cent. (Cathode)	Holton	7 p.m.	Oct. 31	Jeff. West	Holton	4:30 p.m.	May 25-26	OPEN DATE (V)	TBA	Noon
Sept. 23	Riverside	Riverside	7 p.m.	Nov. 3	Big 7 Tour.	Holton	9 a.m.	<b>High School Baseball</b>			
Sept. 30	Roy. Val. (Homecoming)	Holton	7 p.m.	Nov. 7	ACCJHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 27	Silver Lake (V)	Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	7 p.m.	Nov. 10	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 28	Silver Lake (JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Jeff. West (Cheer Clinic)	Holton	7 p.m.	Nov. 14	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 30	Falls City (V)	Holton	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	Hayden (St. Night)	Holton	7 p.m.	Nov. 17	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 3	Riverside (JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Santa Fe Trail	SFT	7 p.m.	Nov. 21	Perry-Leocompton	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 4	Riverside (JV)	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Regional	TBA	7 p.m.	Nov. 28	Jeff. West	Jeff. West	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 6	Sabetha (V)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Sectional	TBA	7 p.m.	Dec. 1	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 7	Sabetha (JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Sub-State	TBA	7 p.m.	Dec. 5	ACCJHS	ACCJHS	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 10	Perry-Leocompton (V)	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	State	Salina	1 p.m.	Dec. 8	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 11	Perry-Leocompton (JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL</b>				<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL</b>				<b>Middle School Track</b>			
Sept. 1	Atchison/Hiawatha(A)	TBA	3:30 p.m.	Jan. 5	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 6	Silver Lake Invit.	Silver Lake	3 p.m.
Sept. 6	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 9	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 13	Jeff. West Invit.	Jeff. West	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 12	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 20	Royal Valley Invit.	Royal Valley	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Jeff. West	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 14	Big 7 Tour. (7A)	Holton	9 a.m.	Apr. 24	Holton Invit.	Holton	2 p.m.
Sept. 15	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 14	Big 7 Tour. (8A)	McLouth	9 a.m.	Apr. 27	Rossville	Rossville	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Holton Invit. (A)	Holton	9 a.m.	Jan. 16	Perry-Leocompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.	May 1	Jackson Heights	Jackson Hts.	2 p.m.
Sept. 19	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 19	Jeff. West	Holton	4:30 p.m.	May 10	Big Seven	TBA	2 p.m.
Sept. 22	Perry-Leocompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 23	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.	<b>High School Golf</b>			
Sept. 24	Jeff. West (B)	Jeff. West	9 a.m.	Jan. 26	ACCJHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 7	Hiawatha (V)	Hiawatha CC	3 p.m.
Sept. 26	ACCJHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 30	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 7	Sabetha (JV)	Sabetha	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	Big Seven League (7th)	Royal Valley	9 a.m.	Feb. 2	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 10	Sabetha (V)	Sabetha	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Big Seven League (8th)	Sabetha	9 a.m.	Feb. 6	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 10	Hiawatha (JV)	Hiawatha	3 p.m.
<b>VARSITY/JV/9th VOLLEYBALL</b>				Feb. 9	Perry-Leocompton	Holton	4:30 p.m.	<b>This Sports Calendar</b>			
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Sept. 1	Nem. Central (S/J/V)	Holton	5 p.m.	Feb. 16	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.	<b>HNB</b>			
Sept. 6	Jeff. West (S/J/V)	Jeff. West	5 p.m.	Feb. 20	ACCJHS	ACCJHS	4:30 p.m.	Holton National Bank			
Sept. 8	JV Quad	TBA	5 p.m.	Jan. 4	Jan. 4	Jan. 4	4 p.m.	(Branch CNB)			
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# More new Holton staff



**Jeff Price**

**Jeff Price**  
Jeff Price, 47, is the new assistant director of the Holton Special Education Cooperative this year.

Jeff previously served 16 years with Tri-County Special Education based at Independence - nine years as a school psychologist and seven years as a coordinator.

Jeff also worked four years at Parsons State Hospital and Training Center - two years as an adult education activity director and two years as a building administrator.

Jeff, a Parsons native, graduated from Labette County High School in 1987. He earned an associate of arts degree from Labette County Community College in 1994.

From there, Jeff went to Pittsburg State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 1996 and a master of science degree in psychology in 1997, an education specialist/school psychology degree in 1998 and a master of science degree in education leadership in 2008.

Jeff and his wife, Cheryl, have four grown children and a seven-year-old. His hobbies include "anything mechanical in nature" such as custom and classic cars and motorcycles.

**Carlene McManigal**

Carlene McManigal, 24, has been hired as a new third grade teacher in the Holton school district.

A native of Holton, and a 2010 graduate of Holton High School, Carlene is following in the footsteps of her mother who was also an elementary teacher for the district.

This will be Carlene's fifth year as assistant volleyball coach at Holton High School. She has also worked as a substitute teacher in the district and as a paraprofessional at Colorado Elementary School.

Carlene earned an associate of arts degree at Butler County Community College in 2012 where she also played softball. She earned an elementary education degree with special emphasis in middle school English/language arts at Washburn Uni-



**Carlene McManigal**

versity in 2016. Carlene is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Holton and is currently training to compete in a half marathon. She also has a pet dog named Archie.

**Colby Wilson**

Colby Wilson, 23, has been hired as a new kindergarten teacher in the Holton school district.

A native of Holton and a 2011 graduate of Holton High School, Colby said she is very excited to be "back home" to start her teaching career.

"This is my first job classroom teaching in education," she said.

After high school, Colby attended Pittsburg State University. She then transferred to Kansas State University at Manhattan where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in December of 2015.

Colby served last year as a long-term substitute third-grade teacher at Royal Valley Elementary School for eight weeks and then served as a general education paraprofessional at Jackson Heights Elementary School.

Colby has many interests outside of teaching. She enjoys being outdoors and staying active with softball and volleyball. She loves to read and be around children. She loves to go shopping and she loves to bake. On the weekends, she likes to go boating and spend time with her family. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Holton.

**Jenny McElroy**

Jennifer (Jenny) McElroy, 30, is a new kindergarten teacher in the Holton school district this year.

Jenny grew up in Cottonwood Falls and graduated from Chase County High School. After high school, she went to college at Kansas State University at Manhattan where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She also earned a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education at Fort Hays State University.

Jenny has worked as a kindergarten paraprofessional and a special education paraprofessional and most recently served as a first grade teacher in Topeka.



**Colby Wilson**



**Jenny McElroy**

She and her husband Matt, who is a teacher for Highland Community College's Holton campus, have one son, Meyer, born earlier this year at Holton Community Hospital.

Jenny's interests outside of teaching and parenting include camping, gardening, attending KSU football games, crafting and spending time with her family.

The McElroys are members of St. Dominic Catholic Church of Holton.

**Gail Thomas**

Gail Thomas of McLouth is joining the Holton Special Education Cooperative this year as a physical therapist after working in the Lawrence school district for eight years.

Thomas, a graduate of McLouth High School, earned her bachelor of science degree in physical therapy at The University of Kansas, then earned a master of science degree in special education at Kansas State University before returning to KU to earn her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Thomas has worked as a physical therapist for several school districts and is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association.

She and her husband, Jim, have three children. She enjoys carriage driving and swimming in her spare time, she said.

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## New Holton school...

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The new school will be a source of pride in the district for

many years to come. And when young families consider Holton as a potential new place to call home, the new school will definitely impress them.

Superintendent Dennis Stones said that some other

things that people should know about the new school are as follows:

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# Davis ready for first year as RV's superintendent

By Ali Holcomb

A familiar face has returned to Royal Valley USD 337 to lead the district as it enters the 2016-2017 school year.

Aaric Davis, who served in a variety of capacities at Royal Valley for 12 years, is back in the district as superintendent after a three-year absence. Prior to his return, Davis served as the principal at Hartford Jr./Sr. High School in Southern Lyon County USD #252.

"I wanted to come back to Royal Valley because I really enjoyed my time here," Davis said. "There are a lot of great people to work with, and I'm just happy to be back. It's a great place to work."

Davis spent 12 years in the district from 2001 to 2013, starting as a math teacher and a coach at the high school. He was then promoted to assistant high school principal in 2008. He served as the middle school principal for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years.

Originally from rural Emporia, Davis graduated from Northern Heights High School and then earned a bachelor's degree in secondary mathematics from Emporia State University in 2001.

He received his master's degree in educational administration from ESU four years later and completed additional certification and earned his superintendent license in 2011.

Davis and his wife, Carrie, have three daughters.

Davis said that, as superintendent, he wants to get to know the patrons of the district and that he has an "open door" policy.

"I'm an open person, and I am always willing to listen to anyone about their needs," he said. "The district office is open if anyone needs to share something positive or something they would like to see done differently."

Since he's been gone for three years, Davis said he will spend the first few months getting re-acquainted with the district staff and administrators.

"I'm going to start out by gauging how things are currently operating," he said. "As far as personal goals for myself, this is my first year in a superintendent role and there's going to be a learning curve and some challenges, and I plan on attacking things head on as they come to me."

Davis said he's been impressed with how the use of technology in the classroom has grown since he left RV.

"We have a one-to-one technology initiative in place with Chromebooks, and I enjoy watching students use technology to learn," he said.

He said he's also excited to be back working with all the administrators and staff at Royal Valley.

"Hands down, this is an incredible group of people to work with from the leadership to the teachers," he said. "We also have incredible facilities for our students and teachers to work out of. I'm just glad to be a part of it all, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role."

Besides the addition of Davis, several other changes will be noted as students and teachers return to school in August, especially among the three school buildings.

At the middle school in Mayetta, several updates were made to the middle school gymnasium, including a fresh coat of paint and the installation of new gym lockers in both the girls and boys locker rooms, Davis said.

The number of class periods



Aaric Davis

for seventh- and eighth-grade students at the middle school was also reconfigured, Davis said. Instead of nine 42-minute periods, students will now have eight 50-minute periods.

"This will allow the teachers more time with the students," Davis said.

The entryway at the elementary school in Hoyt received an update this summer with the installation of a new touch screen display, which will be used to showcase videos or photos of projects by each classroom in the school.

"Parents (visiting the schools) can select the grade level and teacher and search projects from the class," Davis said. "This will help families visiting get a better sense of what their children are working on in their classes."

Royal Valley Elementary School Principal Noah Slay presented information about the interactive board to the board of education in March.

The equipment was purchased and installed by SectorNow of Lincoln, Neb., at a total cost of \$14,087.30 for the first year of service.

Both the kitchens in Mayetta and Hoyt schools were updated with new lighting, ceiling tiles and some new appliances. New lights were also added to the high school gym.

In May, 85 additional Chromebook laptop computers were purchased to expand the district's one-to-one technology initiative to grades fifth through 12.

The laptops were purchased from Twotrees Technologies of Wichita at a total cost of \$26,886.

At the high school, students are each assigned a Chromebook, which they can use and take back and forth from home to school with parent permis-



Members of the Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education include (front row, left to right) Ann Kelly, Cindy Broxterman, Pat Tuck, (back row, from left) Jeff Stithem, Jim O'Toole and Boone Smith. Not pictured is Linda Hegemann.

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sion.

At the middle school, students are assigned a Chromebook for use just at school, and the laptops are not allowed to leave school grounds.

"We're getting really close to having an iPad available for everyone at the elementary school, too," he said.

No new textbooks or curriculum were adopted for this coming year, but Davis said staff and administrators will be reviewing elementary reading and language arts curriculum throughout the year for possible adoption for next school year.

Following board action in January, the district is now in

contract with Providence Working Canines to conduct 10 random searches next year at both the high school and middle school starting this fall.

The specially-trained dogs can detect illicit substances, alcohol beverages, commonly abused medications and numerous firearms, it was reported.

The estimated cost for the one-year contract is \$6,000 plus expenses.

In years past, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office provided drug-sniffing dogs at the school two to three times a year for random searches.

The first day of school for all students in the district is

Wednesday, Aug. 17. One-stop enrollment for all returning students is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. at the high school on

Tuesday, Aug. 2. New students will enroll on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the individual school buildings, it was reported.

*Good Luck to the Students and Staff at Holton, Royal Valley and Jackson Heights Schools.*



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# USD #337 Official School Opening Announcement



## School Starts – Wednesday, August 17, 2016

### 2016-2017 Royal Valley

**ENROLLMENT**  
**ONE STOP FOR ALL**  
**RETURNING**  
**STUDENTS at RVHS**  
**Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016**  
**Noon to 6 p.m.**

**STUDENTS NEW TO THE DISTRICT**  
**Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2016**

**At individual building attendance centers**  
**from Noon to 6 p.m.**

*Credit/Debit cards will be accepted for*  
*payments of meals, and other student fees.*

All Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2016. Birth certificates are required. First grade students must be 6 years of age by August 31, 2016. Immunizations for all students must be current. Kindergarten and high school parents must bring proof of immunizations to enrollment.

**LATE ENROLLMENT**

Parents with a student who cannot enroll at times stated above should contact the building principal and make other arrangements.

**2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

- Aug. 2.....Enrollment at RVHS for all students. One stop enrollment!
- Aug. 3.....Enrollment at all schools for students new to the district.
- Aug. 11.....Orientation for new district staff
- Aug. 15.....Duty Day/No Classes (Supt. & Staff meetings)
- Aug. 16.....Work Day
- Aug. 17.....First Day of Classes for ALL Students**
- Sept. 5.....Labor Day/No Classes
- Oct. 10.....Staff Development Day
- Oct. 14.....End of first quarter (41 days)
- Oct. 26.....Full Day of Classes-grades 5-12/ K-4 Parent-Teacher Conf. (8 a.m.-4 p.m.) /K-12 Parent-Teacher Conf. (4 p.m.-8 p.m.)
- Oct. 27.....No Classes Parent-Teacher Conf. (8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 28.....No Classes/ Non-contracted day
- Nov. 7.....Staff Development Day
- Nov. 23-25.....Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 21.....End of First Semester (42/83)
- Dec. 22-30.....Christmas Break
- Jan. 2.....New Year's Holiday
- Jan. 3.....Work Day
- Jan. 4.....Second Semester Begins
- Jan. 16.....Staff Development Day
- Feb. 13.....No Classes/Parent-Teacher Conf. (10 a.m.-6 p.m.)
- Mar. 10.....End of Third Quarter (46/129)
- Mar. 20-24.....Spring Break
- Apr. 14.....Good Friday
- May 11.....Seniors' Last Day
- May 14.....High School Commencement (2 p.m.)
- May 15.....8th Grade Promotion (7 p.m.)
- May 18.....End of Second Semester (43/172) K-12 Classes dismiss at 11 a.m.
- May 19.....Snow Day or Teacher Work Day
- May 22.....Alternate Teacher Work Day
- May 29.....Memorial Day

**LATE START WEDNESDAYS (9:30 a.m.)**

Wed., Sept. 7; Wed., Oct. 5; Wed., Nov. 16; Wed., Dec. 7; Wed., Jan. 25; Wed., Feb. 8; Wed., Mar. 8; Wed., Apr. 19

**SCHOOL MEALS**

The first day for school meals will be Wednesday, August 17. First meal payment should be paid at the time of enrollment.

Cost of meals are as follows:  
 Lunch K-4 \$2.25 K-4 Bkfst. \$1.55  
 Lunch 5-8 \$2.40 5-8 Bkfst. \$1.60  
 Lunch 9-12 \$2.40 9-12 Bkfst. \$1.60  
 Adult Lunch \$3.55 Adult Bkfst. \$2.15  
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**RV SCHOOLS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**

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**ROYAL VALLEY MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Royal Valley Public Schools is to ensure that each student is actively engaged in the learning process and in developing the citizenship skills necessary to become a responsible, productive member of the global workforce.

**ROYAL VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS VISION STATEMENTS**

- Each staff member will make a commitment to each student's educational success.
- Each staff member will actively participate in professional collaboration focused on student learning.
- Each staff member will set high expectations for both instruction and learning.
- Each staff member will use research-based effective school instructional practices.
- Each staff member will engage in periodic, ongoing evaluation of student learning.
- Each staff member will implement a rigorous, viable and defined curriculum.
- Each staff member will be provided quality staff development time and support.

**BUS ROUTES**

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide transportation for all students living more than 2.5 miles from school. In some cases it will be necessary for students to meet the bus at some point other than their home, depending on road and weather conditions. It is also the policy of the Board of Education that rural students living less than 2.5 miles from school may ride the bus if the regular route goes by their home and IF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE. Also, those students may meet the bus at a designated point and ride IF SEATS ARE AVAILABLE.

The bus drivers will schedule their routes so that each bus will arrive at the first school stop between 7:45 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. Specific schedules will be announced later to students riding the buses. If families new to the district have questions about bus routes, they should contact Jeff Gustin, Transportation Director, at 785-966-2251. Adjustments in bus routes will be made only after careful consideration.

We ask for your help and cooperation by not allowing students to arrive at school until 5 minutes before the buses arrive or classes begin. Elementary and middle school students will not be permitted in the buildings until 5 minutes before classes begin.

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Travis Van Vleck.....	Asst. Principal, RVHS

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**SENIOR CITIZEN PASSES**

Again this year, the Board of Education is making available lifetime Senior Citizen Passes to all USD 337 residents who are 65 years of age or older. The Board also provides a pass to qualifying non-resident Senior Citizen grandparents of Royal Valley students, if requested. If you do not have a pass and would like to have one, please go to the high school office in Hoyt or the superintendent's office in Mayetta with proof of age. You will then receive a complimentary pass to all Royal Valley home games and activities (post season games and tournaments are not included.)

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# Royal Valley welcomes three teachers

**Kayleen Fleming**  
 Kayleen Fleming, 28, has been named the eighth-grade language arts teacher at Royal Valley Middle School.

For the past two years, Fleming worked at Highland Park High School in Topeka teaching English and Pre Advanced Placement English to freshmen students.

She taught sixth- through eighth-grade Honors English at Kearney Public Schools in Kearney, Neb. for three years.

She is a native of Manhattan and graduated from Manhattan High School in 2006. She received her bachelor of science degree in education degree from The University of Kansas in 2010.

She received a master of science degree in curriculum and instruction from KU in 2011.

In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding (hunter/jumper). She is engaged to Jason Hisle; they plan to wed in March.

**Andrew Gower**

**Andrew Thomas Gower**, 33, will be teaching eighth-grade math at RVMS. He will also continue to serve as an assistant high school boys basketball coach.

Gower has worked at U.S. Foods, Inc. as an inventory lead for the past 11 years.

A native of Topeka, Gower



**Kayleen Fleming**

graduated from Royal Valley High School in 2001. He received a bachelor's degree in business administrative from Washburn University in 2005 and a master of science degree in teaching from Baker University in 2013.

He served as the head girls basketball coach at Jefferson West High School from 2011 to 2013. He has been the assistant boys basketball coach at RVHS since 2014.

He and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 11 years. They have two children.



**Andrew Gower**

His hobbies include coaching, traveling and do-it-yourself home projects.

**Nathan Smith**

**Nathan Smith**, 39, is a new math teacher at Royal Valley High School.

For the past two years, Smith worked at McLouth High School. He also coached cross country, track, basketball, softball and wrestling and sponsored a chess club.

He graduated from Atchison County High School in 1995 and obtained his mathematics



**Nathan Smith**

degree from Kansas State University 2007.

He received a transition to teaching degree from Fort Hays State University in 2010.

He has been a youth minister at Effingham Union Church for seven years.

His wife, Cherise, is a kindergarten teacher at Royal Valley.

The couple has three children, Jaemon (sixth grade), Jeven (third grade) and Keziah (age four).

Nathan's hobbies include sports, chess and youth ministry. He is also an avid bird watcher.

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Nearly 60 staff members

serve the five districts in various capacities.

This program follows state and federally-mandated guidelines on providing services for students with disabilities, including but not limited to emotional disturbance, mentally handicapped, learning disabilities or visual or hearing impair-

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# Royal Valley Public Schools Athletic Sport Schedules 2016-17

Fall Schedule				Winter Schedule				Spring Schedule			
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sept. 1	Holton (7th/8th)	Hoyt	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Sept. 1	Jeff. West Invit.	Shaw, N.C. Ctr.	4 p.m.	Sept. 1	Perry-LeCompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Perry-LeComp (7th/8th)	Perry	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Sept. 8	Holton Invit.	Banner Crk. Res.	4 p.m.	Sept. 8	Nemaha Central	Elwood	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	ACCJH (7th/8th)	Hoyt	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Sept. 15	McLouth Invit.	McLouth HS	4:30 p.m.	Sept. 15	ACCHS JV Tour.	ACCHS	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 22	Riverside (7th/8th)	Hoyt	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Sept. 22	RV Invit.	Hoyt City Park	4 p.m.	Sept. 22	ACCHS	Hoyt	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	Sabetha (7th/8th)	Sabetha	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Sept. 29	Perry Invit.	Lake Perry	4 p.m.	Sept. 29	ACCHS	Hoyt	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	Hiawatha (7th/8th)	Hoyt	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Oct. 6	Sabetha Invit.	Sabetha Golf Club	4 p.m.	Oct. 6	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Jeff West (7th/8th)	Meriden	4:30 & 6 p.m.	Oct. 13	Big 7 League	Sabetha Golf Club	4 p.m.	Oct. 13	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Sabetha (7A/7B)	Sabetha HS	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 20	Perry-LeComp. (8A/8B)	Perry HS	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 3	Perry-LeCompton	Perry	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	Sabetha (8A/8B)	Sabetha MS	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 20	Perry-LeComp. (7A/7B)	Perry MS	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 10	Nemaha Central	Elwood	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	ACCJH (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 24	ACCJH (8A/8B)	RVHS	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 14	Riverside	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	ACCJH (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 24	ACCJH (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 17	Jeff. West	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 31	Sabetha (8A/8B)	Sabetha MS	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 21	ACCHS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 31	Sabetha (7A/7B)	Sabetha HS	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 23	Sabetha	Sabetha	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	Riverside (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 3	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 2	Burlington Dual	Burlington	3 p.m.
Sept. 22	Riverside (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 3	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 6	Lawr. Free St/Top. High	Topeka	6 p.m.
Sept. 24	Perry Tour.	Perry	9 a.m.	Nov. 8	8A Classic Tour.	Silver Lake	9 a.m.	Dec. 9	Baldwin Duals	Baldwin	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	Jeff. West (7A/7B)	Jeff. West MS	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 8	7A Classic Tour.	McLouth HS	9 a.m.	Dec. 16	Marion Dual Tour.	Marion	3 p.m.
Sept. 26	Jeff. West (8A/8B)	Jeff. West MS	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 8	Jeff. West (8A/8B)	Jeff. West ES	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 16	Council Grove JV Tour.	Council Grove	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	Big 7 League 7th Tour.	RVHS	9 a.m.	Nov. 10	Holton (8A/8B)	Holton HS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 5	PR/Atch/Perry	Easton	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Big 7 League 8th Tour.	Sabetha	9 a.m.	Nov. 10	Holton (7A/7B)	Holton HS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 7	Seaman Dual Tour.	Seaman	9 a.m.
Sept. 1	Jeff. West Invit.	Shaw, N.C. Ctr.	4 p.m.	Nov. 14	Perry-LeComp. (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 7	Seaman JV Tour.	Seaman	9 a.m.
Sept. 8	Holton Invit.	Banner Crk. Res.	4 p.m.	Nov. 14	Perry-LeComp. (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 12	Eudora/Silver Lk	Eudora	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Jack. His. MS Invit.	JHHS	4 p.m.	Nov. 17	ACCJH (8A/8B)	ACCHS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 13	St. Marys Dual Tour.	St. Marys	3 p.m.
Sept. 15	McLouth Invit.	McLouth HS	4 p.m.	Nov. 17	ACCJH (7A/7B)	ACCES	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 14	St. Marys Dual Tour.	St. Marys	9 a.m.
Sept. 22	RV Invit.	Hoyt City Park	4 p.m.	Nov. 21	Riverside (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 20	Holton JV Tour.	Holton	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Perry Invit.	Lake Perry	4 p.m.	Nov. 21	Riverside (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 21	Piper Tour.	Kansas City	8 a.m.
Oct. 6	Sabetha Invit.	Sabetha Golf Club	4 p.m.	Nov. 28	Sabetha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 21	Holton Sadowski Tour.	Holton	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 13	Big 7 League	Sabetha Golf Club	4 p.m.	Nov. 28	Sabetha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 26	ACCHS/Holton	Holton	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Regional Meet	TBA	TBA	Dec. 1	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	Hiaw. MS	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 28	Pleasant Rdg JV Tour.	Easton	9 a.m.
Oct. 29	State Meet	Rim Rock	TBA	Dec. 6	Holton	Banner Crk. Res.	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 2	Onaga/Sabetha/RV	Hoyt	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 13	Perry-LeCompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 11	Big 7 League Tour.	ACCHS	9 a.m.
Sept. 9	Nemaha Central	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 13	Perry-LeComp.	Perry Lake	4:45 p.m.	Feb. 17	Regional Tour.	TBA	TBA
Sept. 16	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 16	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 17	League Tour.	TBA	TBA
Sept. 23	Sabetha	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 16	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 18	Regional Tour.	TBA	TBA
Sept. 26	Sabetha	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 20	Riverside	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 24	State Tour.	TBA	TBA
Oct. 3	Holton	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 20	Riverside	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 25	State Tour.	TBA	TBA
Oct. 10	Jeff West	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 28	Sabetha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 28	Wamego	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Perry-LeCompton	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 28	Sabetha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 31	Clay Center	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Hiawatha	Hoyt	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	Hiaw. MS	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 3	Santa Fe Trail	Overbrook	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Nemaha Central	Seneca	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 6	Perry-LeCompton	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Riverside	Hoyt	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	Jeff. West (8A/8B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 10	Jeff. West	Ozawie	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Sabetha	Sabetha	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	Riverside (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 20	Nemaha Central	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Holton	Hoyt	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	Riverside (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 27	ACCHS	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Jeff West	Hoyt	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 1	Riverside	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Perry-LeCompton	Perry	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 4	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Osakaosa	Hoyt	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 8	Holton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Silver Lake	Hoyt	7 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 15-18	Regional Tour.	TBA	TBA
Nov. 1	Bi-District Playoffs	TBA	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 25-26	State Tour.	TBA	TBA
Nov. 5	Regional Playoffs	TBA	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 28	Wamego	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	Sectional Playoffs	TBA	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 31	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Sub-State Playoffs	TBA	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 4	Santa Fe Trail	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	State Championships	TBA	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 7	Perry-LeCompton	Perry-LeCompton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	RVMS	Meriden	8 a.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 11	Jeff. West	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Riverside	Elwood	5 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 21	Wamego JV Tour.	Wamego	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	ACCHS JV Tour.	ACCHS	8:30 a.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 27	Wamego JV Tour.	Wamego	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	ACCHS	Hoyt	5 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 28	ACCHS	Eltingham	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Sabetha	Sabetha	5 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 2	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Jeff. West	Hoyt	5 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 5	Sabetha	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Nemaha Central	Seneca	9 a.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 9	Holton	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Freshman Tour.	Eltingham	9 a.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 28	Wamego	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Perry-LeCompton	Hoyt	6 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 31	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Wabunsee Tour.	Alma	9 a.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 4	Santa Fe Trail	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	State Tourney	Salina	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 7	Perry-LeCompton	Perry-LeCompton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	State Tourney	Salina	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 11	Jeff. West	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	State Tourney	Salina	TBA	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 21	Wamego JV Tour.	Wamego	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	Riverside	Elwood	6 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 27	Wamego JV Tour.	Wamego	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	ACCHS	Hoyt	6 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 28	ACCHS	Eltingham	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Holton	Hoyt	6 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 2	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Sabetha	Sabetha	6 p.m.	Dec. 28	RVMS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.	May 5	Sabetha	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Jeff. West	H									

# Tips for transitioning into the school year

With summer break coming to a close, parents spend a lot of time getting their kids ready for school.

New school supplies, haircuts, and special end-of-summer outings all play into the back-to-school routine.

There are some other things that parents can do for themselves and their kids to ensure a smooth transition into the school year, too. Take a look below at few ways to get this year off to a great start in your house.

Set up a bedtime and wake-up routine in advance. If possible, it's best to establish bedtimes and wake-up times two weeks in advance of the start of school. By the time the first school bell rings, kids will already be on the right sleeping schedule and it will be one less worry for your family.

Get to know new teachers. There will be open houses, orientations, and other meet-and-greet options at the beginning of the school year, but none will give you the chance to spend some quality time getting to know your kids' teachers. Try to find a few minutes before or

after school to connect one-on-one with the teachers. At the very least, send an introductory email that includes how you can help during the school year, however big or small.

Plan healthy lunches and snacks. The better you plan out the meals in your home, the healthier choices you will make for your kids. When you pack protein-rich snacks and lunches, balanced with fruits, vegetables, and other wholesome items, you ensure that your children will have the energy and brainpower to make it through their school days.

Organize clothing. Of course you will need to donate or otherwise get rid of the clothing that your kids have outgrown, but you should also take the time to carefully organize what is left. From there, decide what items you may need more of before school begins.

Set up a staging area. Find a central spot to store everything related to school, including backpacks, upcoming outfits, and a dry erase calendar with family schedules. Try to keep this area free of clutter and oth-

er non-school items so that you can find what you need, when you need it—and quickly. Have the kids help you stock it with school-related items and keep it clean and functional. Find some inspiration here.

Update medical records. Most schools will let you know if your shot records are out of date, but why not go beyond that? Make sure teachers and administrators have a complete list of any medical concerns regarding your kids, including allergies. You will also want to be sure that all emergency contacts are up to date.

Talk to your kids about bullying. Research shows that one in three kids experience bullying at some point in their school career—and in the increasingly digital world, the consequences

can be extreme. Make sure your kids understand the right way to treat their peers, and when to speak up if they see someone else being bullied. Also make sure they know when to come to you if they feel they are being bullied.

Ask your kids about their concerns. The start of school is exciting, but can also bring some anxiety—especially when it comes to the unknown. Take a few minutes to ask your kids what they are most looking forward to during the school year, and what things may be worrying them. By giving them a forum to express their concerns, you can help them work through any worries in advance of school starting and clear up any issues that could lead to a bumpy start to the year.

## Special Ed Cooperative...

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instruction and services to meet the varied needs of all students.

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Screenings are conducted throughout the year, and appointments are necessary, it was reported. The screening of children who may have developmental delays includes evaluation of hearing, vision, speech, language, thinking skills, coordination, personal/social skills

and self-help skills.

While the Holton Special Education Cooperative's fiscal year budget is included in the overall budget of its host district, Holton USD 336, that budget is funded by its five member districts based on the number of fulltime equivalency students (FTE) in each district.

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# Concession stand, press box project highlighted at JH

*By Brian Sanders*  
In the Jackson Heights district, there's a whole lot of building going on for the 2016-17 school year, from elementary teachers building young minds using a Lego-based curriculum to volunteers building improvements to the high school stadium area.

A group of district patrons is in the midst of a volunteer effort to convert the old Jackson Heights High School weight room into a concession stand and rebuild the old press box at the top of the bleachers before the first home football game, it was reported. The effort is being spearheaded by Larry Amon, who sought those improvements to complement the school's recently-installed track.

The group is looking to raise \$74,000 for its efforts, and USD 335 Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh said the group is about halfway to that goal. In the meantime, Walsh said, "some work has started in the concession stand area, and the old press box has been prepped to be taken down."

Meanwhile, at Jackson Heights Elementary School, Walsh and elementary teachers are getting ready for the 2016-17 year with a theme of "Building Strong Cobras." The theme, she said, involves construction and engineering, primarily with a curriculum that uses Lego building blocks to teach valuable lessons.

The theme was made possible through the purchase of

more than \$3,000 in Lego-related curriculum materials by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization, Walsh said. The "Legos for Education" curriculum encompasses a wide range of subjects from mathematics to creative writing, and Walsh said she plans to look into expanding that curriculum into an after-school program.

"Having an afterschool program that offers something meaningful for kids has always been a goal of mine," she said. "I'd like it to focus on something that kids will be very enthusiastic about."

Also new for the school year is Quaver, a music-based curriculum for elementary students. Walsh said elementary music teacher Amy Roth piloted the Quaver program and noted that "the kids were really engaged."

At Jackson Heights Middle and High School, the focus will be building students up for the future, with three new classes involved. One of those classes is designed to prepare students for the ACT Assessment, Walsh said.

"We realize what an important test this is for kids in determining scholarships and things of that nature," she said. "We wanted to give them the option to take a semester course to prepare for it."

Building organizational skills is the focus of a new Academic Enhancement class, which targets those students "who still struggle with getting organized," Walsh said.

"We piloted this program last



Members of the Jackson Heights USD 335 school board are, front row, from left: Konrad Coe, Dr. David Allen and Neal Keeler; back row, from left: Kelly Kennedy, Doug Amon, Melinda Wareham and Ed Rostetter. Photo by Brian Sanders

semester with five kids who had some failing grades, and we felt like it was very successful," she said. "A lot of schools don't explicitly teach the organizational skills that kids really need in any class, and while we have

some supports in place, like our seminar time, there are some kids who need more than that."

The class gives students an opportunity to build and hone their study skills, as well as their organizational skills, and not

just for course work, but also for their adult years, Walsh noted.

The third new class for 2016-17 at the middle and high school is an independent music study class aimed at upperclassmen (juniors and seniors). Walsh said

the class helps students who are focused on music to alleviate a tight schedule and allow for participation in both vocal and instrumental music.

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- Early enrollees who returned completed paperwork just need to pay fees.
- Parents of students who cannot enroll on August 3 should contact the building secretary for other arrangements after August 3.
- Book rental and meals should be paid at enrollment.
- Birth certificate and immunization records are required for students enrolling in USD 335 for the first time.
- Out-of-district students must complete a waiver each year.

**Fees:** Textbook Fees: \$40 for grades K – 12; PK Fees \$80; ACT Prep Class Fees \$33  
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**Upcoming Events:**  
Aug. 15 .....First day of practice  
Aug. 17 .....Elementary Open House 6-7 p.m.  
Aug. 18 .....First Day of School  
Aug. 26 .....Fall Pep Rally and HS Scrimmage

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# Jackson Heights school district welcomes several new faces



**Michelle Kuglin**

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Chantue native Michelle Kuglin, 24, is coming to Jackson Heights Elementary School as a new third-grade teacher this year, it was reported.

Kuglin, who graduated in 2010 from Chantue Christian Academy and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Pittsburg State University in 2014, has two years of experience in elementary teaching.

Her first full-time teaching job was as a kindergarten teacher at Chantue Christian Academy for the 2014-15 school year. She followed that with a year as a kindergarten teacher at Key Elementary School in Tulsa, Okla.

Kuglin enjoys reading and spending time with her family. She is married to Sam Kuglin.

**Chelsea Murphy**

New to the Jackson Heights district this year is Chelsea Murphy, 26, who joins the staff as a



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fourth-grade teacher at the elementary school.

Murphy, who taught third grade at Highland Park Central Elementary School in Topeka last year, is a native of Salina who graduated from Southeast of Salina High School in Gypsum. She received her bachelor of science degree with a concentration in special education from Kansas State University in 2015.

Murphy also worked as a MathQuest tutor at the Boys and Girls Club in Topeka during the 2015-16 school year and is a member of the Pinnacle Honor Society.

Murphy has two sons, 4-year-old Cameron and 2 1/2-year-old Tyler. In her spare time, she said, she enjoys reading, knitting, bullet journaling, playing "Sims 4" and watching "Project Runway."

**Shaleya Nelson**

Shaleya Nelson, 25, will join the Jackson Heights Elementary



**Shaleya Nelson**

School staff this year as a sixth-grade teacher.

Originally from Wamego, Nelson said she "always knew I wanted to teach," and after graduating from Wamego High School in 2009, she worked toward her associate's degree in general studies from Highland Community College's Wamego branch before going to Kansas State University.

"After switching my major a couple times, I ended up back at elementary education," Nelson said.

Nelson graduated from KSU in May of 2015 and was soon at work at her first teaching job, a second-grade class at Ross Elementary School in Topeka.

"It was definitely a challenging but rewarding school year, and I met a lot of great people," she said. "After talking with my husband and a lot of a thinking, I realized I wanted to teach



**Melissa Sauls**

at a smaller school. I saw a job opening and I applied at Jackson Heights."

Nelson and her husband of two years, Devin, live in northwest Topeka with their two dogs, Lola and Athena. Apart from teaching, her interests are music — she plays viola and her husband is a drummer, so "music is a big part of our lives," she said — and reading.

"I always have books or music with me, and usually, I am reading multiple books at one time," Nelson said. "I read just about anything that interests me, both for fun and for teaching."

**Melissa Sauls**

Recent Kansas State University graduate Melissa Sauls, 23, is joining the Jackson Heights staff this year as band and choir director.

A native of Topeka, Sauls is a 2011 graduate of Seaman High

School and a 2016 graduate of KSU, earning a bachelor's degree in music education. Her new position at Jackson Heights is her first full-time teaching job. Sauls continues to reside in Topeka, where she enjoys reading, running and playing with her dogs.

head volleyball coach and assistant track coach.

A 1995 graduate of Holton High School, Visocky received her associate's degree from Garden City Community College before attending Washburn University, where she graduated in 1999 with a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics.

After graduating from Washburn, Visocky taught for two years at St. Marys High School and for seven years at Seaman High School in Topeka before teaching at RVHS for the last eight years.

She and her husband Joe live in Holton, along with their four daughters, 13-year-old Paige, 9-year-old Sierra, 7-year-old Sydnee and 1-year-old Piper.

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"Kids have to pick and choose their classes. Music is very important to a good percentage of our student body, and some of them can't always fit both band and choir into their schedules," Walsh said. "This class will give them an opportunity to do both within one hour. It's something we've been discussing for several years, and we feel like it's going to work well."

Walsh also noted that an Individual Plan of Study program will be implemented this year

to help upperclassmen focus on career readiness, as well as targeting enrollment in classes that will benefit students later in life.

New teachers this year include Michelle Kuglin, third grade; Chelsea Murphy, fourth grade; Shaleya Nelson, sixth grade; Melissa Sauls, middle and high school band and choir; and Denise Visocky, high school mathematics. Walsh also noted the addition of two new staff members from the Holton Special Education Cooperative, Marcie Kerr and Jason Curley.

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Jackson Heights Sport Schedules 2016-17											
<b>Fall Schedule</b>											
<b>HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL</b>											
Aug. 30	VJV Tri. Tour.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Oct. 6	Sabetha (HS/MS)	Sabetha	4 p.m.	Feb. 9	McLouth	McLouth	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	VJV Tri. Tour.	P. Ridge	5 p.m.	Oct. 13	NEKL	Jackson Hts.	4 p.m.	Feb. 13	Jeff. Co. North	Jeff. Co. North	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Varsity Quad Tour.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Oct. 18	Jackson Hts. (HS/MS)	Jackson Hts.	3:45 p.m.	Feb. 16	St. Benedict	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Lyndon Tour. (VJV)	Lyndon	8:30 a.m.	Oct. 22	Regional	TBA	TBA	Feb. 18	NEKL Play-in	TBA	TBA
Sept. 13	Maur Hill Tour. (VJV)	Maur Hill	5 p.m.	Oct. 29	State	TBA	TBA	Feb. 20	NEKL Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA
Sept. 15	Onaga Tri. Tour. (VJV)	Onaga	5 p.m.	<b>VARSITY FOOTBALL - VARSITY &amp; JV</b>				Feb. 23	NEKL Semifinals	Valley Falls	TBA
Sept. 19	Oskaloosa JV Quad	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.	Sept. 2	Immaculata	Immaculata	7 p.m.	Feb. 25	NEKL Finals	Valley Falls	TBA
Sept. 20	JH Tri. Tour. (VJV)	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Sept. 9	Pleasant Ridge	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL</b>			
Sept. 22	JH JV Quad	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Sept. 12	Pleasant Ridge (JV)	Pleasant Ridge	6 p.m.	Oct. 20	McLouth	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	JV-C Tour.	Valley Falls	5 p.m.	Sept. 16	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Oct. 24	Jeff. Co. North	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Oskie, VJV Tri. Tour.	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.	<b>Homecoming</b>				Oct. 27	St. Benedict	St. Benedict	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Valley Falls V. Tour.	Valley Falls	9 a.m.	Sept. 23	Maur Hill	Maur Hill	7 p.m.	Oct. 31	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	JH VJV Tri. Tour.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Sept. 30	Washington	Washington	7 p.m.	Nov. 3	Pleasant Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Horton V Quad Tour.	Horton	5 p.m.	Oct. 7	Wabunsee	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Nov. 7	Everest	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	JH JV Quad Tour.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Oct. 14	Valley Heights	Valley Heights	7 p.m.	Nov. 10	Xavier	Xavier	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	JCN VJV Tri. Tour.	Jeff. Co. North	5 p.m.	Oct. 21	Horton	Horton	7 p.m.	Nov. 14	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Maur Hill V Quad Tour.	Maur Hill	5 p.m.	Oct. 28	Centralia	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Nov. 21	McLouth	McLouth	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Horton VJV Tri. Tour.	Horton	5 p.m.	<b>Senior Night</b>				Nov. 28	Jeff. Co. North	Jeff. Co. North	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Sub-State	TBA	TBA	Nov. 4	Regionals	TBA	TBA	Dec. 1	St. Benedict	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 28-29	State	TBA	TBA	Nov. 11	Sectionals	TBA	TBA	Dec. 3	NEKL Play-in Game	TBA	TBA
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL</b>											
Aug. 29	Oskie Tri. Tour.	Oskaloosa	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 18	Sub-State	TBA	TBA	Dec. 5	NEKL Quarterfinals	TBA	TBA
Sept. 1	McLouth	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 26	State	TBA	TBA	Dec. 8	NEKL Semifinals	St. Benedict	TBA
Sept. 8	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.	<b>Winter Schedule</b>				Dec. 10	NEKL Finals	St. Benedict	TBA
Sept. 12	Everest Tri. Tour.	Everest	4:30 p.m.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL</b>				<b>HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL - BOYS &amp; GIRLS</b>			
Sept. 15	St. Benedict	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Sept. 1	McLouth	Jackson Hts.	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 2	Immaculata	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 19	JCN Tri. Tour.	Jeff. Co. North	4:30 p.m.	Sept. 8	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 9	Maur Hill/Mt. Acad.	Maur Hill	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Everest	JH Elem.	4:30 p.m.	Sept. 15	St. Benedict	Jackson Hts.	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 10	Centralia Tour.	Centralia	9 a.m.
Sept. 24	A & B-Team Quad	Centralia	10 a.m.	Sept. 22	Everest	Jackson Hts.	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 13	Pleasant Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	5 p.m.
Sept. 26	JH Tri. Tour.	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Sept. 29	Pleasant Ridge	Jackson Hts.	6:30 p.m.	Dec. 16	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Pleasant Ridge	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Oct. 6	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 3	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	5 p.m.
Oct. 1	NEKL Tour.	Xavier	9 a.m.	Oct. 13	Jeff. Co. North	Jeff. Co. North	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 6	McLouth	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>											
Sept. 8	Holton (HS/MS)	Banner Crk.	4 p.m.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL</b>				Jan. 10	Jeff. Co. North	Jeff. Co. North	5 p.m.
Sept. 12	Jackson Hts. MS Meet	Jackson Hts.	4 p.m.	Jan. 9	McLouth	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 13	Horton	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Onaga (HS)	Onaga	4 p.m.	Jan. 12	Jeff. Co. North	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 17-19-21	Nem. Central Tour.	Seneca	TBA
Sept. 22	Royal Valley (HS/MS)	Royal Valley	4 p.m.	Jan. 16	St. Benedict	St. Benedict	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 20	St. Marys (girls only)	St. Marys	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 29	Horton (HS)	Horton	4 p.m.	Jan. 19	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 24-26-28	Hiawatha Tour.	Hiawatha	TBA
<b>Spring Schedule</b>											
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TRACK</b>											
Mar. 4	Sub-State	TBA	TBA	Jan. 23	Pleasant Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 27	St. Marys (boys only)	St. Marys	4:45 p.m.
Mar. 8-11	State	Manhattan	TBA	Jan. 26	Everest	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 31	Immaculata	Immaculata	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 4	Holton	Holton	3 p.m.	Jan. 29	Xavier	Xavier	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 3	Maur Hill/Mt. Acad.	JH-Queen of Courts	5 p.m.
Apr. 11	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4 p.m.	Feb. 2	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 7	Pleasant Ridge	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Apr. 18	Jackson Heights	Jackson Heights	3 p.m.	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK</b>				Feb. 10	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.
Apr. 25	Silver Lake	Silver Lake	3 p.m.	Apr. 4	Everest	Everest	1:30 p.m.	Feb. 14	Valley Falls	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
May 2	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	3 p.m.	Apr. 13	St. Marys	St. Marys	2 p.m.	<b>This Sports Calendar Sponsored by ...</b>			
May 5	Onaga	Onaga	1 p.m.	Apr. 20	Jeff. Co. North	Jeff. Co. North	1 p.m.	<b>THE Farmers State Bank</b>			
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May 26-27	State	Wichita	TBA	May 6	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	9 a.m.	www.fsbks.com			
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK</b>											
Apr. 4	Everest	Everest	1:30 p.m.	<b>Holton</b>							
Apr. 13	St. Marys	St. Marys	2 p.m.	785-364-4691							
Apr. 20	Jeff. Co. North	Jeff. Co. North	1 p.m.								

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