



# A Resource Guide for the 2018-2019 School Year in Jackson County

A special supplement to The Holton Recorder

Monday, July 23, 2018

## Important Dates:

### Jackson Heights USD 335

\*Enrollment for all students will be Monday, Aug. 6.

\*First day of classes: Thursday, Aug. 16

### Holton USD 336

\*Enrollment for all students will be Thursday, Aug. 2

\*First day of classes for Pre-K through 9th grade students will be Thursday, Aug. 16

\*First day of classes for 10th-12th grades will be Friday, Aug. 17.

### Royal Valley USD 337

\*Enrollment for all returning students will be Thursday, Aug. 2

\*Enrollment for new students will be Friday, Aug. 3.

\*First day of classes will be Thursday, Aug. 16.



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Photo by Barb Williamson

New pre-school program, increased security measures reported at RV schools

By Ali Holcomb

A new pre-school program, security updates and a new concession stand are just some of the changes students and staff will notice as they begin the 2018-19 school year at Royal Valley.

Royal Valley USD 337 is kicking off the first year of its community pre-school program with 22 students already signed up for the program, according to Superintendent Aaric Davis. The kids must be four-years-old to be enrolled in pre-school.

The Little Panther Pre-K program will be held in a classroom on the lower level of the elementary school in Hoyt. Amy Pruyser is serving as the lead teacher.

New reading curriculum is being implemented this year at the elementary school. The Lucy Calkins reading series includes more than 16,000 books that will be in elementary school classrooms, Davis said.

"The kids are going to be reading more frequently, and we'll be sending those books home with the kids on a regular basis to practice," Davis said.

At the middle school in Mayetta, Heather Hundley is now serving as the principal and Suzanne Conger is the head secretary.

"Those are big changes, and we're excited about it. I think Heather is going to do an amazing job for us," Davis said.

A new concession stand is currently in the process of being constructed at the Royal Valley High School football and track stadium.

"We have a building now with walls and a roof," Davis said. "It's been on the district to-do list for a long time."

The board approved a bid of \$167,688 to demolish the former stand and construct the new 30-foot by 18-foot stand this summer.

A H R S Construction, Inc. of Bern is serving as the district's construction manager at-risk for the project.

The design includes using split face block with wooden rafters and some tin for the basic structure. There will be one 12-foot wide serving window, which will have a roll-up door. A recessed block area has been designed next to the serving window to hold condiments.

The new stand is being constructed at the same location as the current stand, and the interior will be set up similar to the current stand, which was constructed in the early 1980s.

Controlled-access doors to improve security are being added to all three schools, as well as additional surveillance equipment and video intercom systems at the high school and elementary school.

"I requested that all the equipment be installed before school starts, and they said they would try," he said.

With the security upgrades, staff members will also be required to use access cards to electronically access several doors in all the buildings.

New video intercoms are being added to the elementary school, high school and new pre-school entrance. The middle school in Mayetta already has a video intercom



system in place.

Visitors will now have to be "buzzed" in at the front entrance of both schools and the pre-school.

In addition, five access doors at the elementary school and nine doors at the high school will be equipped with hardwired access control technology that will only allow them to be opened using a key card.

Later in the school year, new handrail systems will be added to the bleachers at the football stadium and gymnasium to improve safety for district patrons.

The handrails will be added to the center of each bleacher aisle and intermediate steps will also be installed, reducing the step height from eight inches to four inches.

Two new school buses have been purchased for the district. Earlier this year, the RV board of education accepted two \$20,000 grants, \$40,000 total, from the Environmental Protection Agency to be used to help replace two of the district's older buses.

Two International-Cummins buses from Midwest Transit of Kansas City, Mo. were purchased. With the grant, the buses totaled \$139,197.

"We're ready to get the school year going," Davis said.

The first day of school for all students in the district is Thursday, Aug. 16. One-stop enrollment for all returning students is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. at the high school on Thursday, Aug. 2. New students will enroll on Friday, Aug. 3, at the individual school buildings, it was reported.

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# USD #337 Official School Opening Announcement



## School Starts – Thursday, August 16, 2018

## 2018-2019 Royal Valley

### ENROLLMENT ONE STOP FOR ALL RETURNING STUDENTS at RVHS Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018 Noon to 6 p.m.

#### STUDENTS NEW TO THE DISTRICT Friday, Aug. 3, 2018

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, 2018. Birth certificates  
are required. First grade students must be 6  
years of age by August 31, 2018. Immuniza-  
tions 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 build-  
ing principal and make other arrangements.

#### 2018-2019 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. 9.....	Orientation for new district staff
Aug. 10.....	Orientation for new teachers
Aug. 13.....	Staff Development
Aug. 14.....	Duty Day/No Classes (Supt. & Staff meetings)
Aug. 15.....	Work Day
Aug. 16 .....	<b>First Day of Classes for ALL Students</b>
Sept. 3 .....	Labor Day/No Classes
Oct. 8 .....	Staff Development Day
Oct. 12.....	End of first quarter (40 days)
Oct. 24.....	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. 25.....	No Classes Parent-Teacher Conf. (8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.)
Oct. 26.....	No Classes/Non-contracted day
Nov. 5 .....	Staff Development Day
Nov. 21-23.....	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 20 .....	End of 1st semester (43/83)
Dec. 21-31 .....	Christmas Break
Jan. 1 .....	New Year's Holiday
Jan. 2 .....	Work Day
Jan. 3 .....	Second Semester Begins
Jan. 21 .....	Staff Development Day
Feb. 20-21 .....	Parent/Teacher Conferences (4 p.m.-8 p.m.)
Feb. 22 .....	No Classes/Non-contracted day
Mar. 8 .....	End of third quarter (45/128)
Mar. 11-15 .....	Spring Break
April 19 .....	Good Friday
May 9 .....	Seniors' Last Day
May 12 .....	High School Commencement (2 p.m.)
May 13 .....	8th Grade Promotion (7 p.m.)
May 16 .....	End of 2nd semester (43/171) K-12 classes dismiss at 11 a.m.
May 17 .....	Snow Day/Teacher Work Day
May 20 .....	Alternate Teacher Work Day
May 27 .....	Memorial Day

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

Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 14, Dec. 5,  
Jan. 23, Feb. 20, Mar. 6, Apr. 17

#### SCHOOL MEALS

The first day for school meals will be  
Thursday, August 16. First meal payment  
should be paid at the time of enrollment.

Cost of meals are as follows:

Lunch K-4	\$2.40 ..	K-4 Bkfst.	\$1.65
Lunch 5-8	\$2.55 ..	5-8 Bkfst.	\$1.70
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Adult Lunch	\$3.65 ..	Adult Bkfst.	\$2.15
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#### ROYAL VALLEY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Royal Valley Public  
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actively engaged in the learning process and  
in developing the citizenship skills necessary  
to become a responsible, productive member  
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#### ROYAL VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS VISION STATEMENTS

- Each staff member will make a commit-  
ment to each student's educational success.
- Each staff member will actively partici-  
pate in professional collaboration focused on  
student learning.
- Each staff member will set high expecta-  
tions 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 rigor-  
ous, viable and defined curriculum.
- Each staff member will be provided  
quality staff development time and support.

#### BUS ROUTES

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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  
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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.  
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tion Director, at 785-966-2246. Adjustments  
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Brittanie Triplett.....	Grade 3
Elizabeth VanHoutan .....	Grade 3
Jolene Dressman .....	Grade 4
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Dandy Thiessen.....	Grade 4
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Melissa Kimble .....	Vocal Music
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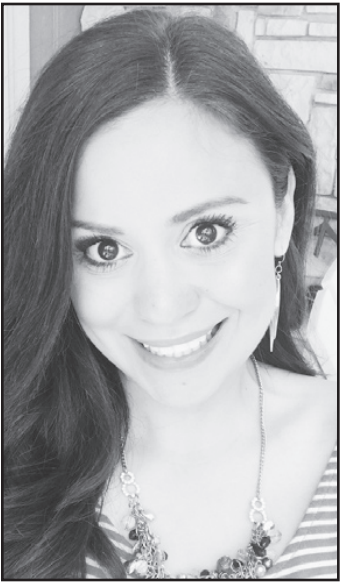
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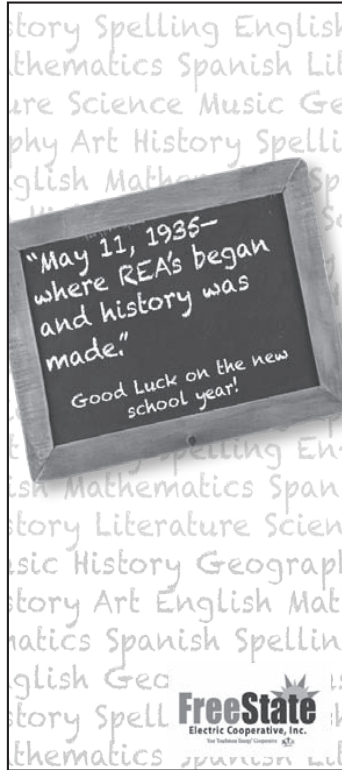
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Rachel Boucher



Royal Valley USD 337 schools will have several new teachers and staff members for the 2017-18 school year, as well as two new administrators.

#### Heather Hundley

Heather Hundley, 42, will serve as the principal at Royal Valley Middle School in Mayetta.

This past school year, Hundley served as the assistant principal at Holton Elementary School and the USD 336 curriculum director.

Hundley graduated from HHS in 1994 and received a bachelor of education degree in elementary education from Washburn University in 1998.

In 2008, she earned a master of arts degree in education from Baker University, and in 2015, she received a master of science degree in school leadership from Baker.

Hundley has co-authored the best-selling book, “The Growth Mindset Coach,” as well as “The Growth Mindset Playbook” and “In Other Words: Phrases For Growth Mindset.”

Hundley and her husband, Matt, have three children and live in Holton.

#### David Schooler

After 12 years as a science teacher at Silver Lake Jr. High, David Schooler, 38, will be the new assistant high school principal and athletic director at Royal Valley.

Schooler graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1998 and received a bachelor of science degree in education from Kansas State University in 2003. He received his master of science degree in building administration from Fort Hays State University in 2015.

Besides Silver Lake, Schooler also taught for three years at French Middle School for Topeka USD 501.

Schooler said he enjoys being outdoors and spending time with his wife, Tara, and their four children, as well as attending all his children’s events.

#### Darlene Sipe

Darlene Sipe, 30, a member of the Holton High School Class of 2006, has been hired as a third-grade teacher at Royal Valley.

Sipe previously taught third grade for two years at Topeka’s Logan Elementary School, where she also worked as a certified teacher for two years.

She received her associate of arts degree from Highland Community College and then a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Fort Hays State University.

She worked for the Holton Special Education Cooperative as a special education paraprofessional at RVES and RVMS for three years. She was also the RVES CLC Childcare team leader from Aug. 2011 to May 2015.

She also coached Girls On The Run at Logan Elementary School for the last two years.

She has two children, Grayson, 2; and Averie, 3.

Her hobbies include reading, hanging out with friends and family, running, traveling, outdoor activities, movies, sporting events and concerts.

#### Katrenia Luthi

First-year teacher Katrenia Luthi will teacher first-grade at RVES this year.

A graduate of Holton High School, Luthi recently received her bachelor of science degree in education from Fort Hays State University.

She owned and operated a childcare center for nine years prior to her employment with USD 337.

She and her husband, Russell, have two grown children. Her hobbies include crafting, quilting, sewing, riding bikes, snow skiing, boating and any outdoor activity that is adventurous.

She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an international Honor Society in education.

#### Doreen Seely-Francis

Doreen Seely-Francis will teach art at Royal Valley High School this year after six years teaching that subject at Santa Fe Trail High School.

Born in Wichita, Seely-Francis said her family moved around a lot when she was a child. She graduated from Lawrence High School in 1981. She studied at Parsons, the New School For Design, in New York City from 1982 to 1983.

She received a bachelor of fine arts degree from The University of Kansas in 1986 and then a master of science in teaching from Baker University in 2016.

She is currently involved with continued education programming at Friends University.

Besides art, Seely-Francis has a background in marketing, advertising, public relations, film and video.

She has lived in Topeka for the past 13 years. She and her husband, Jay, have a daughter. Her hobbies include art, travel, bees, making wine and renovating the family’s log house.

She is a member of Kansas Art Education Association (KAEA), National Art Education Association (NAEA) and Kansas National Education Association (KNEA).

#### Ashley Wick

A 2008 graduate of Royal Valley, Ashley Wick, 28, is coming home to serve as the high school counselor.

Wick has spent the last five years as a fifth-grade teacher at Jackson Heights.

She graduated from Kansas State University in 2012 with a degree in elementary education. Last December, she received her master’s degree in school counseling from Fort Hays State University.

She and her husband, Caleb, have two children, Kooper and Kynslee. Her hobbies include spending quality time with her family, walking, taking pictures and outdoor activities.

#### Rachel Boucher

Rachel Boucher, 31, is a new second-grade teacher in the district.

A native of Hartford, Boucher taught at McLouth Elementary School for the past six years. She also taught fifth grade at Jackson Heights for one year and third grade at Pleasant Ridge Elementary for one year.

She received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education/early childhood unified from Washburn University.

Her husband, David, has worked for the district for five years as a history and government teacher and coach. The couple has three children, Taylor, Claire and Myles.

#### Carrie Davis

Carrie Davis, 39, will be joining her husband, Super-

intendent Aaric Davis, in the district this year as the library media specialist at Royal Valley Middle School.

For the past two years, Davis has worked as a Kansas MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports) state trainer.

She is a native of Emporia and graduated from Osawatomie High School in 1997. She received both her bachelor of science degree in elementary education with a math emphasis and a master of science in school counseling from Emporia State University. She also received a school administrator licensure endorsement from Emporia.

She previously worked as a K-12 school counselor and as a middle school mathematics teacher.

Carrie and Aaric have three daughters, Morgan, 13; Maggie, 10; and Maryn, 6.

#### Danelle Hermesch

A native of Kelly, Danelle Hermesch will be a new Early Childhood Education teacher starting this fall.

For the past six years, Hermesch has worked for KinderCare Learning Center.

She graduated from Nemaha Valley High School in 2006. In 2014, she graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education unified.

She previously worked for OMEP, a world organization for Early Childhood Education, and FEATs (Families Empowered by Additional Teaching of Students).

She is a member of OMEP, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and KAEYC (Kansas Association for the Education of Young Children).

Her hobbies include do-it-yourself projects, attending Early Childhood Education conferences, reading, swimming, fishing, painting and traveling.

#### Mallory Diederich

Mallory Diederich will serve as an eighth-grade math teacher at the middle school in Mayetta.

Diederich completed her undergraduate degree in mathematics in May 2016 at Fort Hays State University.

A graduate of Seaman High School, she has been a substitute teacher for Seamn USD 345 for the past two years.

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Lisa Wege is moving from her role as a special education teacher at the middle school last year to a fifth-grade teacher position at the school for the 2018-19 school year, it was reported.

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## Ice-breakers can help get school off to good start

Parents and educators can sometimes underestimate children's anxiety over the dawn of a new school year. Many students feel nervous when wondering if they will make new friends, for example. These worries may be compounded by the return to routine and the end of an enjoyable period of rest and relaxation. In 2015, campers at a summer day camp outside New York City were surveyed. The campers were elementary school students who were asked about what they were most nervous about for the return to school. Homework, tests, competition, greater expectations, grades and making new friends topped the list of fears. To help students transition to the classroom with fewer worries, teachers and parents may want to initiate ice breakers and other stress-reducing interactions. Here are some ideas.

**Buddy up.** - Many schools will give out classroom assignments a few days before the first day of school. Parents can investigate who is in their child's homeroom and initiate contact with the parents of one or more of those students. Collectively, parents can make a buddy plan for students to arrive to school together and enter the classroom as a team. Coordinate clothing colors or have students wear another unifying symbol. This may allay fears and make the first day of school more fun.

**School selfie.** - Students can craft "school selfies" on a piece of paper using a smartphone image template. This selfie illustration will

give the class key facts about each student and present an interesting, creative and enjoyable way for students to get to know one another.

**Student word search.** - Word searches are entertaining and educational tools that can be put to use in the classroom. Parents or teachers can create word searches featuring the first names of all the students in the class. Children often enjoy searching for their own names, and then they can help others, opening up lines of communication. Word searches also can be customized for any subject. Therefore, if student names aren't desired, the theme can be classroom items or school terms.

**Personal introductions.** - Students may worry about teachers mispronouncing their names or using a full name instead of a nickname. Rather than a traditional roll call, teachers can encourage students to introduce themselves to classmates, using their preferential name and including a brief synopsis of their interests and what makes them unique. Teachers also can initiate other ice-breakers by giving students a sheet with various questions, which students then have to complete by asking around among the other students. For example, "Who has a pet fish?" or "Find someone who has blue eyes."

The first day of school can be difficult for some children. Fun activities and some extra effort from parents and teachers can make the return to the classroom less stressful.

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Royal Valley Sport Schedules 2018-19



Fall Schedule

V/JV VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 25	Marysville V Tourn.	Marysville	9 a.m.
Aug. 30	League Tri.	Hiawatha	5 p.m.
Sept. 1	Jeff West V Tourn.	Meriden	8 a.m.
Sept. 6	League Tri.	Sabetha	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	Atchison JV Tourn.	Atchison	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 11	Jeff West	RVHS	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Nemaha Central	Seneca	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	Leaue Tri.	Perry	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Silver Lake V Tourn.	Silver Lake	8 a.m.
Oct. 2	League Tri.	RVHS	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	Rock Crk. JV Tourn.	Rock Creek	9 a.m.
Oct. 9	League Tri.	Holton	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	Abilene V Tourn.	Abilene	9 a.m.
Oct. 13	Wabauunsee JV Tourn.	Alma	9 a.m.
Oct. 16	League Tri.	RVHS	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sub-State Tourn.	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26-27	State Tourn.	Salina	TBA

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 30	League Tri.	Hiawatha	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	League Tri.	Sabetha	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	Jeff West	RVHS	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Nem. Central	Seneca	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	League Tri.	Perry	5 p.m.
Oct. 2	League Tri.	RVHS	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	C Tourn.	Seneca	9 a.m.
Oct. 9	League Tri.	Holton	5 p.m.
Oct. 16	League Tri.	RVHS	5 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 4	Holton (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Holton (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	7th Grade Quad	Rossville HS	9 a.m.
Sept. 8	8th Grade Quad	RVHS	9 a.m.
Sept. 10	Perry-Lec. (7A/7B)	Perry-Lec.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Perry-Lec. (8A/8B)	Perry-Lec.	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sabetha (7A/7B)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sabetha (8A/8B)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Perry Tourn. (7th/8th)	Perry-Lec. HS	9 a.m.
Sept. 17	Nem. Cent. (7A/7B)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Nem. Cent. (8A/8B)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Riverside (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Riverside (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Jeff West (7A/7B)	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Jeff West (8A/8B)	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Nem. Cent. (7A/7B)	Nem. Central	9 a.m.
Sept. 29	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	Hiawatha MS	9 a.m.

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 24	Fun Run	Hoyt City Park	4 p.m.
Aug. 30	Jeff West Invit.	Shaw N.C. Center	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	Holton Invit.	Banner Crk. Res.	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	McLouth Invit.	McLouth	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	RV Invit.	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Perry Invit.	Lake Perry	4 p.m.
Oct. 4	Sabetha Invit.	Sabetha GC	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	Big 7 League	Riverside HS (TBA)	4 p.m.
Oct. 20	Regional Meet	TBA	TBA
Oct. 27	State Meet (6A/5A/3A)	@ Rim Rock	

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 4	Fun Run	Hoyt City Park	4 p.m.
Aug. 30	Jeff West Invit.	Shaw N.C. Center	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	Holton Invit.	Banner Crk. Res.	4 p.m.
Sept. 10	JH Invit.	Jackson Hts. HS	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Seaman Invit.	Shaw N.C. Center	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	McLouth Invit.	McLouth	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	RV Invit.	Hoyt City Park	4 p.m.
Sept. 27	Perry Invit./Big 7 League Meet	Lake Perry	4 p.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Aug. 31	Perry-Lecomp.	RVHS	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Jeff West	Meriden	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Riverside	RVHS	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Wamego	Wamego	7 p.m.

Sept. 28

Holton

Oct. 5	Marysville	RVHS	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Sabetha	RVHS	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Bi-District Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Nov. 3	Regional Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Nov. 9	Sectional Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Nov. 16	Sub-State Championships	TBA	TBA
Nov. 24	State Championships	TBA	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 4	Perry-Lecomp.	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Jeff West	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Wamego	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Holton	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Marysville	Marysville	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Hiawatha	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Aug. 30	Holton (7th/8th)	RVHS	4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Sept. 6	Hiawatha (7th/8th)	RVHS	4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sabetha (7th/8th)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Sept. 20	Riverside (8th)	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Perry-Lec. (7th/8th)	RVHS	4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Oct. 4	Nem. Cen. (7th/8th)	Seneca	4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Oct. 11	Jeff West (7th/8th)	Meriden	4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Winter Schedule

Oct. 15	Holton (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Holton (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Sabetha (7A/7B)	Sabetha HS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Sabetha (8A/8B)	Sabetha MS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Riverside (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Riverside (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Perry-Lec. (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Perry-Lec. (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Nem. Cent. (7A/7B)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Nem. Cent. (8A/8B)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	8A Classic Tourn.	McLouth	9 a.m.
Nov. 3	Silver Lake	Silver Lake	9 a.m.
Nov. 5	Jeff West (7A/7B)	Jeff West ES	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Jeff West (8A/8B)	Jeff West MS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Holton (7A/7B)	Holton ES	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Holton (8A/8B)	Holton MS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 12	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Sabetha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Sabetha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Riverside (7A/7B)	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Riverside (8A/8B)	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	Perry-Lec. (7A/7B)	Perry-Lec. MS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 25	Perry-Lec. (8A/8B)	Perry-Lec. HS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Nem. Cent. (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Nem. Cent. (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Jeff West (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Jeff West (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 3	Holton (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	Holton (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Sabetha (7A/7B)	Sabetha HS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Sabetha (8A/8B)	Sabetha MS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Riverside (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Riverside (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Perry-Lec. (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Perry-Lec. (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Nem. Cent. (7A/7B)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Nem. Cent. (8A/8B)	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Jeff West (7A/7B)	Jeff West ES	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Jeff West (8A/8B)	Jeff West MS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	7A Classic Tourn.	RVHS	9 a.m.
Jan. 26	8A Classic Tourn.	Holton MS	9 a.m.
Jan. 28	Holton (7A/7B)	Holton ES	4:30 p.m.

Jan. 28

Holton (8A/8B)

Jan. 31	Hiawatha (7A/7B)	Hiaw. Armory	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Hiawatha (8A/8B)	Hiawatha MS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Sabetha (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Sabetha (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Riverside (7A/7B)	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Riverside (8A/8B)	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Perry-Lec. (7A/7B)	Perry MS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Perry-Lec. (8A/8B)	Perry HS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Nem. Cent. (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Nem. Cent. (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Jeff West (7A/7B)	RVES	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Jeff West (8A/8B)	RVMS	4:30 p.m.

V/JV/FRESHMAN BASKETBALL (BOYS/GIRLS)

Nov. 30	Perry-Lecompton	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	Nemaha Central	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Holton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Hiawatha	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Jeff West	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Sabetha	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Perry-Lecompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Riverside	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 17-18	Panther Classic (V)	RVHS	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Panther Classic (V)	RVHS	12 p.m.
Jan. 22	Osage City	Osage City	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Burlington	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Holton	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Jeff West	Meriden	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	RV JV Tourn.	RVHS	9 a.m.
Feb. 12	Riverside	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Silver Lake	Silver Lake	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 25	Sub-State Tourn.	TBA	TBA
Mar. 2	State Tourn.	TBA	TBA

VARSITY/JV WRESTLING

Dec. 1	Wamego V Tourn.	Wamego	9 a.m.
Dec. 6	Topeka/Atch./Piper	Atchison	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	R. Crk./Hayden/Perry	Perry	5 p.m.
Dec. 14	Council Gr. JV Tourn.	Council Grove	3 p.m.
Jan. 3	Atch./Perry/P.Rdg.	Atchison	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Seaman JV Tourn.	Seaman HS	2 p.m.
Jan. 5	Rossville V Tourn.	Rossville	9 a.m.
Jan. 11	St. Marys/BV/Atwood	St. Marys	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	St. Marys Tourn.	St. Marys	9 a.m.
Jan. 15	Burlington/Sabetha	Burlington	5 p.m.
Jan. 18	Holton JV Tourn.	Holton	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Sadowski Tourn.	Holton	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	ACCHS/Holton dual	RVHS	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	Manhattan JV Tourn.	Manhattan	4 p.m.
Jan. 31	S.Lake/Hayden/Atch.	Silver Lake	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Big 7 League Tourn.	RVHS	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Burlington JV Tourn.	Burlington	9 a.m.
Feb. 15-16	Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA
Feb. 22-23	State Tourn.	FHSU-HAYS	TBA

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Nov. 1	P.Ridge/JV/Horton/Per	Perry-Lec. HS	4 p.m.
Nov. 3	Manhattan Tourn.	Manhattan HS	9 a.m.
Nov. 8	Rossville/Sabetha/Osk.	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Seaman/Washb./R/SFT	Seaman MS	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Holton/Wabau./RC	Holton	4 p.m.
Nov. 17	Rossville Tourn.	Rossville HS	8:30 a.m.
Nov. 19	ACCMS/SL/Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	Big 7 MS Tourn.	Sabetha	9 a.m.

Apr. 29

May 2

May 13-17

May 23-24

Nemaha Central

Riverside

Regional Tourn.

State Tourn.

Seneca

Hoyt City Park

TBA

TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar. 19	Santa Fe Trail	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 22	ACCHS	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Wamego	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 5	Jeff West	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	Holton	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 16	Perry-Lecompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	Sabetha	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 30	Nemaha Central	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
May 3	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.

VARSITY/JV SOFTBALL

Mar. 19	Santa Fe Trail	Carbondale	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Wamego	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 4	Jeff West	Meriden	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 8	Holton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 15	Perry-Lecompton	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Rock Creek JV Tourn.	Rock Creek	9 a.m.
Apr. 22	Hiawatha (V)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	Hiawatha (JV)	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 29	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
May 2	Riverside	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
May 13-17	Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA
May 23-24	State Tourn.	TBA	TBA

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Apr. 2	Jeff West Invit. (JV)	Village Greens GC	3 p.m.
Apr. 5	Sabetha Tourn. (JV)	Sabetha GC	3 p.m.
Apr. 8	Hiawatha Tourn. (JV)	Hiawatha CC	3 p.m.
Apr. 12	League Quad	Sabetha GC	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 22	Centralia Tourn.	Cool Springs GC	1 p.m.
Apr. 29	League Tri.	Firekeeper GC	3 p.m.
May 1	Jeff West Tourn. (JV)	Village Greens GC	8 a.m.
May 6	Big 7 League JV Tourn.	Holton CC	3 p.m.
May 8	Big 7 League V Tourn.	Hiawatha CC	9 a.m.
May 13	Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA
May 20	State Meet	TBA	TBA

VASITY/JV TRACK (BOYS/GIRLS)

Apr. 2	League Quad	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Seaman JV Invit.	Seaman	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	RV April Invit.	Hoyt	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 16	JH Invit.	Jackson Hts.	3 p.m.
Apr. 18	Abilene Invit.	Abilene	3 p.m.
Apr. 23	League Quad	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	DeSoto Invit.	DeSoto	3:30 p.m.
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## Meet the Holton school board

Members of the Holton school board this year are, front row, left to right, Mike Ford, Carl Matousek, Christina Murphy and Shelby Patch (board president). Back row, left to right, Rex Frazier, Orin Marshall and Allen Arnold (board vice president).

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## College, career readiness focus at HHS

By Brian Sanders

There's plenty to look forward to in the 2018-19 school year for students in the Holton school district, whether students are preparing for their kindergarten years or looking ahead to life after graduation, according to District Superintendent Bob Davies.

But in between those two stages of education, Davies said, there are a few things to keep in mind, such as keeping school fees paid and up to date, reminding students of safety rules at school and on district buses and, of course, "changing everyone's attitude toward school."

"School should be an exciting place. If, by junior high, you're not enjoying school, we need to get together and figure out why," Davies said. "We've got to figure out a way to make classes more interesting and relevant."

One of the first priorities for USD 336 officials, he said, involves keeping parents up to date on the fees necessary for their children's education. The district's board of education recently discussed the need to prioritize the fees that need to be paid ahead of other fees at enrollment time, as well as through the school year.

Unpaid school lunch fees, for example, have been a problem for the district — in fact, during the past school year, unpaid lunch fees totaled more than \$1,700, it was reported. If those and other fees go unpaid, school officials noted, high school seniors with balances due are not allowed to graduate.

Davies said that regardless of which fees must be paid before others, it is up to the district to keep parents apprised of balances due.

"For kids, we've always had a \$20 ceiling on the lunches that sometimes works and sometimes doesn't," he said. "The hard part is, at all three schools, we don't do a very good job of letting

parents know that kids all have \$19.95, and by the time we find out they've got \$20, it's a little late."

Since the school lunch program is, as Davies noted, a federal program administered by state and school officials, it is up to the school to make sure that those unpaid lunch fees are collected every year, so that when parents pay enrollment fees for their children, it's a safe bet that the money will go toward enrollment first.

Priority fees include lunch fees, prior-year fees, current year CTE fees (agriculture, art and FACS classes), band fees (uniform and instrument rental), AP course test fees, middle school physical education uniform fees, textbook fees, high school laptop computer insurance, middle school technology fees and student activity fees.

Those fees must be paid before the following fees now recognized as "optional fees" — sports passes, class dues, yearbook purchase, school photos, club dues, middle school calculator fees and elementary school milk tickets — are covered.

School officials also noted that the district offers a payment plan for parents struggling to pay all of their kids' school fees, and free and reduced meal prices are also offered for qualifying families. Davies also noted that the USD 336 board is also looking at finalizing a policy on free meals for adults volunteering during the school day.

The district is also stepping up enforcement of its bus safety policy, which some tend to summarize as a "three strikes and you're off" type of policy. Davies said that while that policy "pretty much applies to all students," the policy will be enforced depending on the age of the students involved and the nature of their behavior.

"It's going to depend on the

situation," he said. "We're trying to get people to understand that bus safety is just as important as school safety — probably a little more, because we've got people on that bus that could get hurt if somebody did something wrong."

Another ongoing safety issue involves the water at Holton Elementary School, where lead and copper levels in the water have raised concerns with school officials and parents, and bottled water has been used for student consumption and for cooking. Davies said that issue is "at a standstill," but school officials continue to work toward a solution.

In other news at HES, Davies said he is ready to see what the school's two new administrators — principal Karen Williams and assistant principal Chris Kasson — can do at their new positions.

"We're excited to have them," he said of Williams and Kasson.

Davies also said HES has been notified in recent days that a federal grant — the Preschool 4-Year-Old at Risk grant, administered by the Kansas State Department of Education — has been awarded to the school, enabling HES to provide up to 40 slots for kids who qualify for the preschool program.

He credited the work of former preschool teacher Mary Porter, former HES principal Beth Smith and former HES assistant principal Heather Hundley with "working very hard" to secure the grant for the preschool program, which will now have the benefit of up to 20 more full-time enrollment (FTE) students, since each preschool student is counted as half when determining FTE.

"It's not going to be a huge amount, but 20 FTE is not bad," Davies said. "It's going to be good for our kids and our community. The goal's going

to be that we reduce fees for the program, maybe not for this year, but for next year at least so that we can start making it more available."

It's also good news for the district as a whole, Davies said, because kindergarten readiness is something school officials have been working on as part of the district's school improvement program.

"The younger our students are," he said, "the more every dollar we spend on them pays back."

At Holton Middle School, students interested in art will now have elective classes in that particular field of study. Nate Cunningham has been hired to lead the middle school art program, which Davies said the district is excited about.

Davies also noted that the kitchen at HMS has been "redone and updated," and he also noted that teachers at the school are "branching out a little more" to teach more than their core classes in an effort to expand the number of classes for students with a wider array of interests.

College and career readiness is the key focus at Holton High School, where Davies said teachers are looking at expanding the school's career-technical education by involving business people in the community and getting students more interested in their post-education careers.

"We want to bring in people with a different perspective on careers, so maybe that'll get a fire started," he said.

Davies also addressed concerns that school officials had brought up with the retaining wall at the HHS football stadium. The wall, he said, "is a done issue" following a review involving a local engineer, but school officials will continue to monitor it "to make sure nothing starts getting worse."

## Education sector ranked sixth for most "security incidents"

Thanks to advancements in technology, students and educators are increasingly turning to tablets and computers when working on daily school assignments and classroom activities.

Students rely on the internet for research and keeping in touch with teachers and other students and work is even assigned and completed via digital platforms.

Despite the upside of technology, cyber crime is a potential pitfall of all that time spent online. The internet provides instant access and that can put students at risk.

According to Verizon's 2016 Data Breach Investigations Report, the education sector ranked sixth in the United States for the total number of reported "security incidents."

Schools are data-rich, meaning they give hackers access to information like identification numbers, birthdates, e-mail addresses, financial data, medical records, and more.

Students must understand cyber security risks when working and sharing data online. The following are some tips students can follow.

**\*Protect passwords.** Students are urged to keep their passwords to themselves.

This prevents others from using accounts maliciously or even in seemingly harmless ways that can put you in trouble, such as searching for inappropriate content in school. Choose complicated passwords that can't be easily guessed, and opt for two-step authentication whenever offered.

**\*Use secured WiFi networks.** Free or open WiFi connections are not encrypt-

ed, meaning they can be accessed by anyone.

Many cyber criminals gain access to information through these channels. Schools should have encrypted systems in place.

**\*Limit what you share on the internet.** Students are urged to be aware of what they share online.

According to DataManagement, a computing service, information posted to social media is permanent, and deleted items aren't necessarily gone.

Exercise caution on social media. Don't post unless it is something you would be comfortable sharing in public.

**\*Watch out for phishing scams.** Phishing usually occurs through fraudulent e-mail messages that mimic the look of reputable solicitations.

Scammers rely on these tactics to tempt people to click on links or download attachments that can put malware on a device and steal personal data. Exercise caution with all links and downloads.

**\*Schedule routine backups.** Data can be lost if a device crashes, so routinely back up personal devices and home computers.

Backups can be stored on external hard drives or with cloud services.

**\*Exercise caution when files sharing.** UC Santa Cruz's information technology services says viruses and malware can be transmitted by files sharing software and files offered by others may not be what they say they are. Only use school-approved files sharing options.

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Karen Williams



Chris Kasson



Paula Hough

# Meet Holton’s three new administrators

By Brian Sanders  
Two educators from northeastern Kansas have been chosen to lead Holton Elementary School in the 2018-19 school year and beyond — Karen Williams as principal and Chris Kasson as assistant principal — while Dr. Paula Hough, a native of Minnesota, will take on the job of curriculum director for the Holton district.

A reception welcoming Williams, Kasson and Hough to Holton USD 336 and the Holton community will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31 at the HES commons area. The public is invited to attend.

**Karen Williams**  
After spending 15 years in the Topeka area in different areas of education, Horton native Karen Williams is looking forward to being in a community that’s closer in size to the town where she grew up as the new principal at HES.

“We’re moving closer to home,” Williams said. “My husband is also from the Powhattan area, and he’s still got family in that area. And while most of my immediate family has moved on, there’s still a lot of extended family in the Horton area.”

A 1998 graduate of Horton High School, Williams said she knew for a long time that she wanted to be a teacher and work with children.

“I didn’t explore any other career paths,” she said. “This was just kind of my calling.”

Williams sought her undergraduate degree from Washburn University, graduating in 2002 and going straight into the education field from there with a job in Topeka’s USD 501. She went back to Washburn and earned her master’s degree

there in 2009, then took on her first administrative position three years later as principal of Topeka’s Ross Elementary School.

“Certainly there are more responsibilities, but there’s also a greater opportunity to impact the lives of students and to influence education at a different level than in the classroom,” she said. “Ross was a really big school, much like Holton is in terms of student numbers. So there was more of an opportunity to become part of the bigger picture of education.”

In 2014, Williams moved to the principal’s position at Topeka’s Randolph Elementary School, then was hired to serve as the new principal of the USD 501 pre-school center, starting this year — until she had a change of heart about the new job.

“Through lots of conversations with my family, and thinking about things that happened through the years, I decided I needed something different, and this wasn’t exactly the direction I wanted to go,” she said.

When the HES principal’s position became available, Williams went for it and was hired in mid-May. The chance to come to Holton, she said, made her and her family “super excited,” and not just in terms of the school she’ll be leading.

“We’re excited to raise our kids and let them finish out their high school years in a smaller community that was more like where we grew up,” she said.

Williams said she and her husband Eric, a union bricklayer who works primarily in the Kansas City area, are also excited for their children’s prospects. Son Andrew, who will be a freshman this year, is “already doing weights” and active in sports, while daughter Ryleigh, who will be an eighth-grader this year, is a

competitive dancer.

“Our summer has been spent doing dance and baseball,” she said.

Williams’ interests include reading and “a lot of supporting my children’s interests.” She and her family are also looking forward to becoming a part of the Holton community.

“We’ve felt really welcomed by the community already,” she said.

“We’ve really enjoyed getting to know people, and we’re looking forward to continuing to get to know people and becoming a part of the community.”

**Chris Kasson**  
Growing up in the southern Kansas community of Dexter, Chris Kasson, who will be the new assistant principal at HES this fall, felt privileged to be a part of a family of educators.

“I grew up with it,” Kasson said. “When I was a senior in high school, I got the opportunity to work with elementary students through a summer program. That was just exciting to me.”

That opportunity cemented her choice of career, so after she graduated from Dexter High School in 1996, Kasson went to Fort Hays State University to pursue an undergraduate degree in elementary education, graduating in 2002. She then moved to Lawrence, where she taught for 11 years.

“I taught first grade for nine years at Woodlawn Elementary, and I taught fourth grade for two years at Schwegler Elementary,” she said. “I knew, while I was teaching first grade, that I wanted to obtain a master’s degree, so I started checking into the programs.”

During her time at Woodlawn, she worked toward her master’s degree in school leadership, earning the degree in 2010 from Baker University.

“The leadership program I got into at Baker was phenomenal,” she said. “I met lots of great people. Some of the instructors there were current principals. That really just intrigued me. Moving into the coaching position, I knew that was a great road to get the experience in another area, and that just kind of drove me down the path toward becoming an administrator.”

After her time in Lawrence, Kasson moved to Topeka, working as a literacy coach at Highland Park Central, and she has spent the last three years as an instructional coach at Randolph Elementary School.

“While I was at Highland Park, I was also a half-time behavior interventionist, which involves basically working with students on behavior issues and assisting the principal with those issues,” she said.

Her new position at HES is her first in the sphere of education administration, and she said she looks forward to the challenge.

Kasson and her husband Mark, married in 2014. They have a 1-year-old daughter, Laney, and Mark’s son, 14-year-old Anthony.

“We spend a lot of time with sports that Anthony’s playing, including soccer, so we both enjoy that,” said Kasson, who also noted that her family has enjoyed their involvement with sports through recreational programs in Lawrence.

**Dr. Paula Hough**  
After graduating from high school in her native Detroit Lakes, Minn., in 1996, Paula Hough didn’t immediately see herself getting into a career in education.

“I thought I was going to be an editor at a book company,” Hough says with a laugh. “But I liked kids, and as I got into

education, I was thinking more and more about curriculum.”

The youngest of six children, Hough also grew up with “someone there to teach me how to do things” at all times.

“It just made me appreciate being in that role, and I wanted to turn around and do that for other people,” she said.

After earning her first bachelor’s degree in English language and literature from the University of Montana in 2000, Hough returned to Minnesota State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in English and language arts teacher education in 2003.

From 2001 to 2004, Hough would also return home to the Detroit Lakes schools for her first teaching job, handling middle school and high school English courses.

“It was phenomenal. I loved every second of it,” she said. “It was a unique experience being behind the desk that, for four years of my high school experience, no students were allowed behind.”

Family ties brought her to Kansas in 2005, where she attended classes at Mid-America Nazarene University in Olathe.

“One of my sisters was working on a master’s degree at Emporia State,” she said. “It was a distance learning class that she was taking up north for one weekend a month, and it was going to take her a little more than two years to finish the program, so she decided to move to Emporia and finish the program within a year.”

Another of her sisters moved to Kansas, and one of them had a baby, Hough said.

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## USD #336 Official School Opening Announcement

School Starts – Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018 (Grades Pre-K–9) & Friday, Aug. 17, 2018 (All Students)

### 2018-2019 Holton

#### ENROLLMENT Thursday, August 2 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All students enroll at the High School Commons Area.

#### 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 2..... Enrollment  
Aug. 10..... New Teachers Report  
Aug. 13..... Staff Development/No School  
Aug. 14..... Staff Development/No School  
Aug. 15..... Teacher Work Day/No School  
Aug. 16..... 1st Day of Classes-PreK-9  
Aug. 17..... 1st Day of Classes-10th-12th  
Sept. 3..... Labor Day/No School  
Oct. 8..... Staff Development/No School  
Oct. 10..... P/T Conferences-4 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Oct. 17..... P/T Conferences-4 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Oct. 19..... End of 1st Quarter  
Oct. 26..... No School  
Nov. 12..... Staff Development/No School  
Nov. 21-23..... Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 20..... End of 2nd Quarter  
Dec. 21-Jan. 2..... Winter Break  
Jan. 3..... School Resumes  
Jan. 21..... Staff Development/No School  
Feb. 18..... Staff Development/No School  
Feb. 20..... P/T Conferences-4 p.m.-8 p.m.  
Feb. 21..... P/T Conferences-4 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Feb. 22..... No School  
Mar. 8..... End of 3rd Quarter  
Mar. 11-15..... Spring Break  
Apr. 12..... Staff Development/No School  
Apr. 19..... No School  
May 18..... Graduation  
May 22..... 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. Arts, 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 - \$1.75  
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Middle School - \$2.80  
High School - \$2.80  
Adults - \$3.85  
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. **Pre-K:** Each student must present proof of 4 immunization doses of DTaP and/or DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), 3 doses of the oral polio vaccines, 1 dose for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), 1 dose for Varicella (Chicken Pox), 2 doses of Hepatitis A, 3 doses Hepatitis B, 4 doses Hib (haemophilus influenza type B), and 4 doses Prevnar (pneumococcal conjugate). **Grades K-6th:** Each student must present proof of 5 immunization doses for DTaP and/or DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), 4 doses of the oral polio vaccines, 2 dose for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), 2 doses for Varicella (Chicken pox) and 3 doses Hepatitis B. **Grades 7-12:** Each student must present proof of 1 dose (Tdap) tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, 4 doses polio, 2 doses measles, mumps, and doses rubella (MMR), Varicella (Chicken Pox), 3 doses Hepatitis B. **Note:** Immunization requirements can be found on the Department of Health Environment website.

#### 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 ensure that communication has been received.

#### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

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#### 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.

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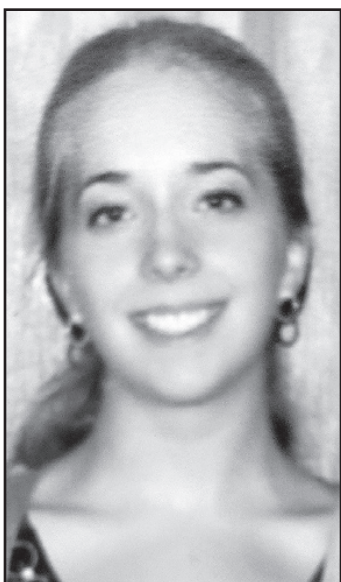
# Holton welcomes eight new teachers



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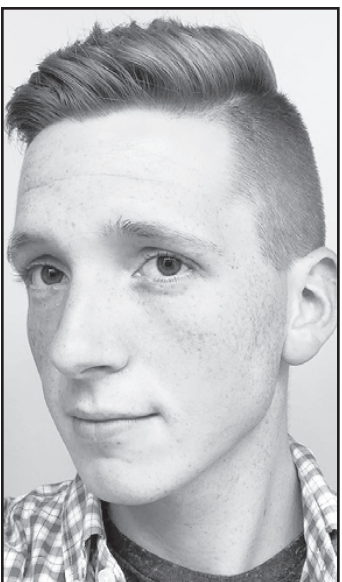
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Eight new teachers are being welcomed into the Holton school district for the 2018-19 school year, it has been reported. Information on each new teacher is presented below.

## Connor Bechard

If Connor Bechard's last name sounds familiar, it's because he's got family connections to Holton High School — his uncle Rich is a former vice principal and athletic director at HHS, and his cousin, Brent, currently has his dad's old job.

In fact, Bechard, 29, will have part of his duties under his cousin as the new head boys basketball coach at HHS. His primary focus in the Holton district is serving as a gifted facilitator at Holton and other districts served by the Holton Special Education Cooperative.

A native of Gardner and a 2007 graduate of Gardner-Edgerton High School, Bechard graduated from Baker University in 2012 with a bachelor of arts degree in physical education and health, and he recently completed his master of liberal arts degree, also at Baker.

For the past two years, he taught physical education at Winfield High School, where he was also head boys basketball coach, freshman football coach and JV boys golf coach. He also served as an assistant men's basketball coach at Baker University from 2012 to 2016.

Bechard enjoys spending time with his wife, Savannah, golf, watching sports and playing guitar.

## Lakota Bohl

Phillipsburg native Lakota Bohl, 27, is coming to the Holton school district as a fourth-grade teacher at Holton Elementary School.

A 2009 graduate of Thunder Ridge High School, located between Phillipsburg and Smith Center, and a 2013 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Bohl joins the Holton staff after serving as a fourth-grade teacher in the Golden Plains school district in Sheridan County for the past five years.

Bohl's hobbies include crocheting, gardening, cooking and reading.

## Melody Davies

After spending a year at Jackson Heights teaching middle and high school English and yearbook, Melody Davies, 47, is coming to the Holton district as an eighth-grade English and journalism teacher.

A native of Fulton, Mo., where she graduated from high school in 1989, Davies earned her bachelor of arts degree in English in 1993 from

Westminster College and her master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from Washburn University in 2003.

Davies and her husband Bob, who is superintendent of the Holton district, have three children. She enjoys landscaping and home improvement projects, as well as "attending our sons' sports and activities."

## Laura Mannell

The new sixth-grade science teacher at Holton Middle School is Laura Mannell, a native of Wisconsin who previously taught seventh-grade science at Atchison Middle School.

Mannell grew up in North Fond du Lac, Wisc., where she graduated from Horace Mann High School, then came to northeastern Kansas, earning two degrees from Washburn University — a bachelor of arts in political science, in 1994, and a bachelor of education in elementary education in 2003. She earned her Master of School Leadership degree in 2009 from Baker University.

Her other teaching work includes teaching kindergarten and first, third and fifth grade classes and sixth and eighth-grade science in Topeka USD 501, as well as K-3 special education in the district. She has also been involved in the credit recovery program at Washburn Rural High School and worked as a GED teacher.

Mannell has also been involved with Camp Quality, the VFW and American Legion Auxiliary, Topeka Rescue Mission, Dream Factory and KNEA/NEA.

Mannell resides in Topeka with husband David and their three children. Her hobbies include spending time with her children and her grandson, arts and crafts, puzzles, reading, games and playing flute and piano.

## Brooke Stallbaumer

According to Washington native Brooke Stallbaumer, 32, she has had a "non-traditional" route to her first job as a teacher, which begins this fall at Holton Elementary School, where she will teach fourth grade.

Stallbaumer graduated in 2004 from Washington High School, in 2006 from Cloud County Community College and in 2008 from Kansas State University, where she has worked for the College of Veterinary Medicine Dean's business office. After receiving her diploma, she and her husband, Jeremy, moved to Auburn, Ala., and she worked at Auburn University.

For the past five years, Stall-

baumer has been working at Eisenbarth Plumbing in Seneca, but now she is ready to begin her career as a teacher.

She and Jeremy have two children — Ava, 7, and Will, 4 — and she enjoys attending K-State football games in the fall with her family, exercising, reading, spending time outdoors with family and friends and attending sporting events in which either Jeremy is coaching or her children are participating.

## Nate Cunningham

New Holton Middle School art teacher Nate Cunningham, 33, said he is excited to get the new art program started at HMS for 2018-19.

Prior to joining the HMS staff, Cunningham served as a middle school art teacher at Junction City for three years. He has also worked for four years as a para-educator in a class for behaviorally-disabled students at Manhattan's Marlatt Elementary School.

A native of Tecumseh, Cunningham graduated from Shawnee Heights High School in 2003, then went on to earn an associate of arts degree from Highland Community College in 2005 before earning his bachelor of fine arts degree in ceramics from Kansas State University in 2008. He returned to KSU, earning his master of science degree in curriculum and instruction in 2017.

Cunningham also enjoys fishing and gardening, and he is also a photographer for the Kansas Art Education Association.

## Dustin McBride

Dustin McBride, 28, is joining the Holton Elementary School staff this year as a fourth-grade teacher after serving at Great Plains Elementary School in Sheridan County for four years as a third-grade elementary teacher.

McBride grew up in Albion, Neb., graduating from Boone Central High School in 2008 before going on to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, graduating in 2014.

McBride's hobbies include video games and classic Chevrolet muscle cars.

## Tim Smale

A recent graduate of Washburn University, Tim Smale, 23, is kicking off his teaching career as vocal music director at Holton Middle School and Holton High School.

Smale grew up in Overland Park, completing his high school studies at Heritage Christian Academy in 2013 before coming to Washburn, graduating this past May with a degree in music education. He did some student teaching at Topeka High School while working on his degree at Washburn.

In addition to his teaching duties, Smale also serves as pianist and orchestra leader for Topeka Civic Theatre, has played piano for the Kansas City Civic Orchestra and is a musician at a couple of churches in Topeka. He also teaches private piano lessons.

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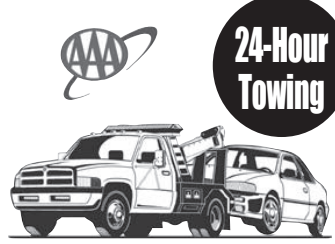
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High School/Middle School Office for 7–12

- Early enrollees who enrolled online just need to pay fees.
- Parents of students who cannot enroll on August 6 should contact the building secretary for other arrangements after August 6.
- 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: \$45 for grades Pre-K – 12; ACT Prep Class Fees \$37  
Vocational Fees: \$25 per high school class  
School-Owned Instruments: \$50 rental fee for all students who play school-owned instruments

**Breakfast Prices:** PK-6.....\$1.25  
7-12.....\$1.35  
Adults.....\$2.15

**Lunch Prices:** K-6.....\$2.30  
7-12.....\$2.50  
Adults.....\$3.65

Free and reduced meal prices are available to students of families meeting federal income guidelines. Applications are available at all the school offices, on the district website, and in the July district newsletter. Completed lunch applications can be turned into the district office prior to enrollment.

## Upcoming Events:

Aug. 13..... First day of practice. Pre-K & K Open House 5-7 p.m.  
Aug. 15..... 1st-6th Grade Open House 6-7 p.m.  
Aug. 15..... 7th Grade Orientation 6 p.m.  
Aug. 16..... First Day of School  
Aug. 24..... Fall Pep Rally and HS Scrimmage

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# Holton Sport Schedules 2018-19



## Fall Schedule

### V/JV VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 30	V/JV Tri.	Riverside	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	JV Quad	Wamego	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	Nem. Central	Holton	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	JV Tourm.	Holton	9 a.m.
Sept. 11	V/JV Tri.	Hiawatha	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Rossville Tourm.	Rossville	9 a.m.
Sept. 18	V/JV Tri.	Holton	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	Wamego	Wamego	9 a.m.
Sept. 25	Jeff West	Jeff West	5 p.m.
Oct. 2	V/JV Tri.	Royal Valley	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	V/JV Tri.	Holton	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	Sabetha	Sabetha	9 a.m.
Oct. 16	V/JV Tri.	Perry	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26-27	State Championship @ TBA	TBA	TBA

### FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 25	Freshman Tourm.	Wamego	9 a.m.
Aug. 30	Freshman Tri.	Riverside	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	Marysville	Marysville	9 a.m.
Sept. 11	Freshman Tri.	Hiawatha	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Freshman Tri.	Holton	5 p.m.
Oct. 2	Freshman Tri.	Royal Valley	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	Freshman Tri.	Holton	5 p.m.
Oct. 16	Freshman Tri.	Perry	5 p.m.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 28	Atchison (7A/8A)	Atchison	4 p.m.
Sept. 4	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Nemaha Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	7A/8A Tourm.	TBA	9 a.m.
Sept. 17	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Jeff West	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Jeff West (7B/8B)	Jeff West	9 a.m.
Sept. 24	Perry	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	7th League Tourm.	Nem. Central	9 a.m.
Sept. 29	8th League Tourm.	Hiawatha	9 a.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 30		Shaw N.C. Center	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	Holton Invit.	Holton	4 p.m.
Sept. 13		Hiawatha	4 p.m.
Sept. 20		Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27		Perry	4 p.m.
Oct. 4		Sabetha	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	League Meet	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 16		Jackson Hts.	3:45 p.m.
Oct. 20	Regional Meet	TBA	TBA
Oct. 27	State Championship @ TBA	TBA	TBA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 30		Shaw N.C. Center	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	Holton Invit.	Holton	4 p.m.
Sept. 10		Jackson Hts.	4 p.m.
Sept. 13		Hiawatha	4 p.m.
Sept. 20		Royal Valley	4 p.m.
Sept. 27		Perry	4 p.m.
Oct. 16		Jackson Hts.	3:45 p.m.

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Aug. 31	Jeff West	Holton	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Perry	Perry	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Nem. Central	Holton	7 p.m.

#### Cheer Clinic

Sept. 21	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Royal Valley	Holton	7 p.m.

**Homecoming**

Oct. 5	Sabetha	Sabetha	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Marysville	Holton	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Wamego	Wamego	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	TBA	TBA	7 p.m.
Nov. 2	Regional Playoffs @ TBA	TBA	TBA
Nov. 9	Sectional Playoffs @ TBA	TBA	TBA
Nov. 16	Sub-State Playoffs @ TBA	TBA	TBA
Nov. 24	State Championship @ TBA	TBA	TBA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Aug. 30	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Shawnee Hts. (7th)	Holton	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	Riverside (8th)	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Jeff West	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	Nemaha Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Perry	Perry	4:30 p.m.

### GIRLS GOLF

Aug. 22	V Scramble	Village Greens GC	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 10	JV Invit.	Holton CC	3 p.m.
Sept. 19	V Golf	Paola CC	3 p.m.
Sept. 19	JV Golf	North Topeka GC	3 p.m.
Sept. 24	V Golf	Village Greens GC	9 a.m.
Sept. 27	JV Golf	Village Greens GC	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	V Golf	Falcon Lakes	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Oct. 15	State Championship @ TBA	TBA	TBA

## Winter Schedule

### V/JV/FRESHMAN BASKETBALL (BOYS/GIRLS)

Nov. 30	Atchison	Holton	4 p.m.
Dec. 7	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Perry	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Nem. Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Jeff West	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14-19	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Mid-Season Tourm.	TBA	TBA
Jan. 25	Eudora	Eudora	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	Chapman	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.

#### Cheer Clinic

Feb. 5	Perry	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Jeff West	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Sub-State Tourm. @ TBA	TBA	TBA
Mar. 6-9	State Tourm. @ TBA	TBA	TBA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Oct. 15	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Jeff West	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Nem. Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Silver Lake (7A)	Silver Lake	9 a.m.
Oct. 3	McLouth (8A)	McLouth	9 a.m.
Nov. 5	Perry	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.

Nov. 12	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 15	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Jeff West	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Perry	Holton	4:30 p.m.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 3	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Jeff West	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 17	Nem. Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	Perry	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	7A Classic Tourm.	Royal Valley	9 a.m.
Jan. 28	8A Classic Tourm.	Holton	9 a.m.
Jan. 28	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Jeff West	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	Nem. Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Perry	Holton	4:30 p.m.

### VARSITY/JV WRESTLING

Nov. 30	V/JV	Spring Hill	2 p.m.
Dec. 6	V/JV	Santa Fe	5 p.m.
Dec. 7	JV	Santa Fe	4 p.m.
Dec. 8	V/JV	Clay Center	9 a.m.
Dec. 15	V/JV	Ottawa	9 a.m.
Dec. 20	V/JV	Spring Hill	4 p.m.
Jan. 11-12	V	Newtown	9 a.m.
Jan. 19	Sadowski Tourm.	Holton	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 24	V/JV	Royal Valley	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	V/JV	Baldwin City	9 a.m.
Jan. 31	V/JV	Wamego	5 p.m.
Feb. 7	V/JV	Tonganoxie	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 15-16	Regional Tournament @ TBA	TBA	TBA
Feb. 22-23	State Tournament @ TBA	TBA	TBA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Nov. 6	Quad	Jeff West	4 p.m.
Nov. 8		ACCMS	4 p.m.
Nov. 10		Silver Lake	9 a.m.
Nov. 13		Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 15		Holton	4 p.m.
Nov. 17	Rossville Tourm.	Rossville	8:30 a.m.
Nov. 27		Holton	4:30 p.m.

## Spring Schedule

### VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar. 28	Falls City	Falls City	4 p.m.
Apr. 4	Riverside	Riverside	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 8	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 15	Jeff West	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	Perry	Perry	4 p.m.
Apr. 22	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	T-Bone	T-Bone	4 p.m.
Apr. 26	Perry	Perry	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	T-Bone	T-Bone	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	T-Bone	T-Bone	4 p.m.
Apr. 29	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
May 12	Nemaha Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
May 23-24	Regionals	TBA	TBA
	State	TBA	TBA

## JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Mar. 28	Falls City	Falls City	4 p.m.
Apr. 5	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	Perry	Holton	4 p.m.
Apr. 16	Jeff West	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	Perry	Holton	4:30 p.m.
May 3	Nemaha Central	Nem. Central	4:30 p.m.
May 6	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.

## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Mar. 26	Topeka	Topeka	4 p.m.
Apr. 29	Hiawatha (V)	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
May 6	Hiawatha (JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
May 13-16	Regionals	TBA	TBA
May 23-24	State	TBA	TBA

## BOYS GOLF

Apr. 5	JV	Sabetha	3 p.m.
Apr. 8	V	Sabetha	1 p.m.
Apr. 8	JV	Hiawatha	3 p.m.
Apr. 15	V	Sabetha	3 p.m.
Apr. 18	V	Nemaha Central	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	JV	Onaga	3 p.m.
Apr. 23	V	Village Greens	1 p.m.
Apr. 25	V	Rolling Meadows	9 a.m.
Apr. 25	JV	Horton	3 p.m.
Apr. 29	V	Royal Valley	3 p.m.
May 1	JV	Village Greens	8 a.m.
May 6	Big 7 League JV Tourm.	Holton	3 p.m.
May 8	Big 7 League V Tourm.	Hiawatha	10 a.m.
May 13	Regional Tourm.	TBA	TBA
May 20	State Meet	TBA	TBA

## HIGH SCHOOL TRACK (BOYS/GIRLS)

Mar. 26	Holton Invit.	Holton	4 p.m.
Apr. 4	Jeff West (9th/10th)	Jeff West	4 p.m.
Apr. 16	Jackson Hts. Invit.	Jackson Hts.	3 p.m.
Apr. 25	Hiawatha Invit.	Hiawatha	4 p.m.
Apr. 29	Perry Invit.	Perry	4 p.m.
May 2	Royal Valley Invit.	Royal Valley	3:30 p.m.
May 6	JV Tourm.	Onaga	3 p.m.
May 9	Big 7 League Tourm.	Jeff West	3 p.m.
May 17	Regionals	TBA	TBA
May 24	State Meet	Wichita	TBA

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK





Meet the Jackson Heights School Board

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education is shown in the photo above. Members include, front row, from left: Konrad Coe, Dr. David Allen and Neal Keeler; back row, from left: Doug Amon, Kelly Kennedy, Melinda Wareham and Ed Rostetter.

Photo by Brian Sanders

JH students will visit “Camp Learn-a-Lot” this school term

By Brian Sanders

An “outdoorsy” theme for elementary students, a new Family and Consumer Sciences pathway for middle and high school students and some authentic exposure to Spanish culture for students at all grade levels are just a few of the things that students in the Jackson Heights school district can look forward to in 2018-19.

District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh said this year’s elementary theme is “Camp Learn-a-Lot,” incorporating outdoor-themed activities that focus on camping, hiking, hunting, plants, trees, insects and survival skills. The theme will also feature curriculum topics gleaned from the pages of the popular children’s nature magazine, Ranger Rick.

The year starts with a celebration of National Trail Mix Day on Aug. 31, at which time students will also make use of the Jackson Heights High School fitness trail and cross country course for a handful of outdoor activities. Walsh added that the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has also been contacted for some National Hunting and Fishing Day activities in September.

Elementary students will also be able to participate in a new supplemental program utilizing STEM (science, technology, English and math) project-based learning, Walsh said.

“It will involve posing a scenario that kids can create or construct their own things from,” she said. “I would see teachers using it either for enrichment or to supplement our current science curriculum.”

Students will also be introduced to the “Second Step” character education curriculum at the elementary level, Walsh said. The curriculum will be introduced into the elementary school’s collaboration classes with new guidance counselor Danielle Alley.

Character education is also part of this year’s curriculum at the middle school level, where Walsh said a leadership

and character education class is being offered this year as an elective.

“We want to focus on the leadership aspect, but there’s character education and all of those qualities that you would want your kids to come out of school with. We’re still kind of in the process and narrowing things down about what kinds of curriculum we’re going to use,” she said.

At the high school level, Walsh said a new family and consumer sciences (FACS) pathway focusing on human growth and development is being offered this year. She added that the pathway involves offering an introductory course at the middle school level “so that all of our eighth-graders will be able to take it for one semester.”

Finally, all students at all grade levels will have an opportunity to get a taste of Spanish culture with the addition of Spanish teacher Maria Valiente to the Jackson Heights teaching staff. Valiente, Walsh said, is “a visiting international teacher” from Spain who’s looking to share her home country’s culture with all Jackson Heights students.

“She taught in Iowa for a while, so this isn’t here first time in the States,” Walsh said of Valiente. “But I’m really thrilled that she’s coming, and our kids are going to get some really authentic exposure to her culture.”

Seventh-graders will be offered an introductory course in Spanish, Walsh said, adding that elementary students will also get some “Spanish exposure” courtesy of Valiente, whose presence will also act as a catalyst for easier learning of the language.

“We had an online learning program for learning Spanish, but while the curriculum is really strong, it’s awfully hard for, say, a freshman in high school to take a class like that that’s more self-paced,” Walsh said. “Our kids weren’t really used to that. I think that’s an extremely hard way to learn a language.”

But with Valiente working with elementary students in collaboration classes on a rotating schedule, Walsh said students will be able to learn Spanish in a more personal and entertaining way.

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**■ New Holton administrators**

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“I didn’t like being far away, so I moved to the area to be closer to my nephew, and he’s now 13,” she said. “I’ve got two nephews down here now by both of those sisters.”

Hough received a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from Mid-America Nazarene in 2007, then went on to earn a doctor of education degree in the same subject from Argosy University in Chicago in 2012.

Since then, Hough has been involved with the Kansas State Department of Education’s Technical Assistance System Network (TASN) program for three years.

“It’s comparable to an administrative position, but this is the first position I’ve had that’s truly in the realm of administration,” Hough said of her new job with the Holton school district.

That job, she added, is best described as “being able to help teachers embrace instruction and be more impactful for students. It’s really pushing instruction for both teachers and students.”

Hough, who describes herself as “single and an auntie,” is active in Topeka with CASA and the Unitarian Church.

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# J. Heights welcomes new teachers, staff



Alana Seddon



Anna StraubMeier



Danielle Alley

The Jackson Heights school district is welcoming eight new teachers and a new counselor to the district, some of whom are familiar faces, it was reported.

## Danielle Alley

After eight years of working with young people in the Jackson County District Court system, Danielle Alley, 33, will be working with them in a different capacity.

Alley has been hired as a counselor for the Jackson Heights district starting with the 2018-19 year, it has been reported. Previously, she had worked as a juvenile probation officer since 2010.

Alley is a 2003 graduate of Holton High School and also graduated from Kansas State University in 2006. She and her husband Brad, social studies teacher and head cross-country and track coach at JHHS, live in Holton with their three children.

## Jim Childs

Jim Childs, 62, who previously taught woodworking at Jackson Heights High School for 25 years, is returning to JHHS in that same capacity this year, it has been reported.

In addition to his quarter-century at JHHS, where he also served as a coach, Childs had taught industrial technology at Seaman High School for nine years, welding at Shawnee Heights High School for three years and house construction at Lyndon High School for one year. His first teaching job was at Syracuse, where he spent a year before coming to Jackson Heights.

Childs, a JHHS alumnus, earned his bachelor of science degree in education at Emporia State University and his master's degree at Washburn University prior to his career in education. In addition to his teaching duties, Childs also operated a successful roofing business in the community for 30 years.

He and his wife of 42 years, Candace, who also taught fourth grade, make their home in Netawaka, where they raised two children, JHHS alumni Marcus Childs

and Olivia Kemnitz. They have eight grandchildren.

In his spare time, Childs enjoys barbecuing, golf — he had hit a hole-in-one recently — and “building things.”

## Johnna Crawford

Haysville native Johnna Crawford, 36, is the new language arts teacher for Jackson Heights middle and high schoolers this fall.

The holder of a bachelor of arts degree in English and a master's degree in creative writing from Wichita State University, Crawford taught college English at WSU for the past three years and has worked as a K-12 substitute teacher in Haysville for 10 years. She also has 10 years of experience with the Haysville Sun-Times newspaper, the last two years as owner and publisher.

Crawford will also be in charge of the fall play at JHHS, noting her experience in community theater along with her husband of nearly 15 years, Mike, as a plus in this regard.

She and Mike are parents of two children, Indiana and KJ. Her hobbies include photography, pottery and yoga.

## Travis Henry

Travis Henry, 31, a 2005 graduate of Jackson Heights High School, is returning to his alma mater to teach after eight years at Holton Middle School.

Henry has been hired as the new science teacher for seventh through ninth grades at Jackson Heights. He and his wife, Shannon, have two children and live in Netawaka.

After graduating from JHHS, Henry went to Kansas State University, where he graduated in 2010 with a bachelor of science degree in secondary science education, then went to work at HMS.

In addition to teaching, Henry is also a “technology enthusiast” and enjoys flying radio-controlled airplanes and helicopters, as well as watching movies with his family.

## Michaela McKenzie

Clovis, Calif. native Michaela McKenzie, 21, is starting her career in education at Jackson Heights, where she will be the new agriculture and FCS instructor this fall.

After graduating from Clovis High School, McKenzie attended Kansas State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education.

McKenzie and her husband, Taylor, have two dogs and two cats. She enjoys running and reading in her spare time.

## Jeremy Melvin

A native of Pottawatomie County, Jeremy Melvin joins the Jackson Heights Elementary School staff this year as a sixth-grade teacher.

Melvin played a lot of sports as a youth but a shoulder injury during a football game his senior year of high school led to a spot on the basketball team during his time at Highland Community College, where he also lettered in track and earned his associate of science degree.

He started to pursue a degree in elementary education at Kansas State University, but also sought opportunities to play baseball and accepted a scholarship from the University of St. Mary,

where he lettered in baseball for two years. He was then offered a pro baseball contract with the San Francisco Giants organization but returned to get his degree in education.

## Alana Seddon

New Jackson Heights band director Alana Seddon, 44, is bringing nearly a quarter-century of music education to the district this fall.

Seddon previously served as middle school band director in LaCrosse, Wisc., since 2012, and has served schools in Connecticut, Illinois and Wisconsin as a music teacher and arts administrator for 24 years. She is affiliated with the National Association for Music Education and the National Band Association.

Seddon and husband Tom, who has worked as a professor of music at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, have two boys and are making their home in Topeka. Seddon also enjoys gardening and reading in her spare time.

## Anna StraubMeier

New first-grade teacher Anna StraubMeier, 57, a native of Topeka, brings a wealth of experience to the Jackson Heights district.

StraubMeier earned her bachelor of education degree in 1985 from Washburn University and did some undergraduate work through Concordia University in Seward, Neb., then went on to teach in Kansas, Texas and Nevada. She said that while she enjoys all ages of youth, she prefers the first-grade curriculum, noting that it “lays a foundation for all other teachers to build upon.”

Part of her teaching experience includes teaching the first generation of families from around the world in America during her time in Nevada. That experience led her to become a strong proponent of multi-sensory teaching and explicit direct instruction, she said.

StraubMeier's teaching experience also includes elementary music, which led to her involvement with handbell choirs. She has conducted and performed with such choirs over the past two decades.

StraubMeier also enjoys the outdoors, with a particular fondness for places of natural beauty such as Montana, Glacier National Park and the north rim of the Grand Canyon. She has two adult daughters, one living in Topeka and one in Manhattan.

## Maria Valiente

Jackson Heights students taking Spanish-language classes this year have the opportunity to learn some “trabalenguas” — tongue-twisters — from new teacher Maria Valiente, 43, a native of northwestern Spain.

Born and raised in La Coruña, Spain, which she describes as “a rainy and cloudy area, although it is sunny sometimes,” Valiente earned her master of modern languages degree from the University of La Coruña.

In previous years, she has taught Spanish and English, served as a translator, worked for summer camps and cultural centers, and volunteered with the Fabretto Foundation for 10 years.

Valiente enjoys reading, sports, listening to music, swimming, going for walks, cooking, crafts and coffee with friends and family in her free time.



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**Fall Schedule**

Aug. 28	V/JV Tri.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Aug. 31	Horton	Horton	7 p.m.	Nov. 8	Everest	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 1	Horton	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Aug. 30	V/JV Tri.	Rossville	5 p.m.	Sept. 7	Effingham	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Nov. 12	P. Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 5	Effingham	Effingham	5 p.m.
Sept. 4	V/JV Tri.	Maur Hill	5 p.m.	Sept. 14	Maur Hill	Maur Hill	7 p.m.	Nov. 15	Effingham	Effingham	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 7	McLouth	McLouth	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	V Quad	Maur Hill	5 p.m.	Sept. 21	Olpe	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Nov. 19	St. Benedict	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 12	Maur Hill	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	V Tourn.	Frankfort	9 a.m.	Sept. 28	Valley Hts.	Valley Hts.	7 p.m.	Dec. 1	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	4:30 p.m.	Feb. 15	P. Ridge	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	V/JV Tri.	Valley Falls	5 p.m.	Oct. 5	Troy	Troy	7 p.m.	Dec. 3	NEKL Play-In Game		TBA	Feb. 19	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.
Sept. 17	JV Quad	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.	Oct. 12	Jeff North	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Dec. 6	NEKL Quarterfinals		TBA	Feb. 22	Valley Falls	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	V/JV Tri.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Oct. 19	Lyndon	Jackson Hts.	7 p.m.	Dec. 8	NEKL Semifinals @ Everest		TBA				
Sept. 25	V/JV Tri.	Effingham	5 p.m.	Oct. 26	Bracket Play	TBA	7 p.m.		NEKL Finals @ Everest		TBA	Feb. 25-Mar. 2	Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Sept. 29	V Tourn.	Valley Falls	9 a.m.	Nov. 2	Regionals	TBA	TBA	Jan. 3	Effingham	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 6-9	State	Manhattan	TBA
Sept. 29	JV Tourn.	Jeff North	9 a.m.	Nov. 9	Sectionals	TBA	TBA	Jan. 7	St. Benedict	St. Benedict	4:30 p.m.				
Oct. 2	V/JV Tri.	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.	Nov. 16	Sub-State	TBA	TBA	Jan. 10	Xavier	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.				
Oct. 4	V Quad	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Nov. 24	State	TBA	TBA	Jan. 14	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Mar. 26	Holton	Holton	3:15 p.m.
Oct. 8	JV Quad	Onaga	5 p.m.					Jan. 17	McLouth	McLouth	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 2	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	4 p.m.
Oct. 9	V/JV Tri.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.					Jan. 21	Jeff North	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 9	Royal Valley	Royal Valley	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	V Quad	Maur Hill	5 p.m.					Jan. 24	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 11-12	Pre-State	Wichita	TBA
Oct. 13	JV Tourn.	Wabaussee	9 a.m.					Jan. 28	Everest	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 16	Jackson Hts.	Jackson Hts.	3 p.m.
Oct. 16	V/JV Tri.	Pleasant Ridge	5 p.m.					Jan. 31	P. Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 18	Rossville	Rossville	2 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sub-State	TBA	TBA					Feb. 7	Effingham	Effingham	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 23	Silver Lake	Silver Lake	3 p.m.
Oct. 26-27	State	TBA	TBA					Feb. 11	Xavier	Xavier	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 26	Seaman Relays	Nem. Central	3 p.m.
								Feb. 14	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	4:30 p.m.	Apr. 30	NEKL	Jeff North	3 p.m.
								Feb. 16	NEKL Play-In Game		TBA	May 9	Regionals	TBA	TBA
								Feb. 18	NEKL Quarterfinals		TBA	May 17	State	Wichita	TBA
								Feb. 21	NEKL Semifinals @ St. Benedict		TBA	May 24-25			
								Feb. 23	NEKL Finals @ St. Benedict		TBA				

**Winter Schedule**

Oct. 15	Effingham	Effingham	4:30 p.m.	Nov. 30	Jeff North	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Jan. 15	St. Marys (girls)	St. Marys	4:45 p.m.
Oct. 18	St. Benedict	St. Benedict	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 4	Horton	Horton	5 p.m.	Jan. 17	Tourn.	Hiawatha	TBA
Oct. 22	Xavier	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 7	Effingham	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Jan. 19	NC Tourn.	Sabetha	TBA
Oct. 25	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 14	Maur Hill	Maur Hill	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 22	NC Tourn.	Sabetha	TBA
Oct. 29	McLouth	McLouth	4:30 p.m.	Dec. 18	P. Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	5 p.m.	Jan. 24	St. Marys (boys)	St. Marys	4:45 p.m.
Nov. 1	Jeff North	Jackson Hts.	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 4	Oskaloosa	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.	Jan. 25	Jeff North	Jeff North	5 p.m.
Nov. 5	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.	Jan. 8	McLouth	Valley Falls	5 p.m.				
				Jan. 11	NC Tourn.	Sabetha	TBA				
				Jan. 15	NC Tourn.	Sabetha	TBA				
				Jan. 17	NC Tourn.	Sabetha	TBA				
				Jan. 18	St. Marys (girls)	St. Marys	4:45 p.m.				
				Jan. 22	Tourn.	Hiawatha	TBA				
				Jan. 24	Tourn.	Hiawatha	TBA				
				Jan. 26	St. Marys (boys)	St. Marys	4:45 p.m.				
				Jan. 29	Jeff North	Jeff North	5 p.m.				

**Middle School Track**

Apr. 2	Everest/Horton	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 11	St. Marys	2 p.m.
Apr. 18	Jeff North	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	Holton	2 p.m.
Apr. 25	Rossville	12:30 p.m.
Apr. 29	Jackson Hts.	2 p.m.
May 2	Effingham	10:30 a.m.

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