SOUTHEAST OF SALINE

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Student Shout-outs



Both girls and boys cross country earned a 🥈 second place 🥈 state finish at Rim Rock! Such a great season!



SES was well represented with 20 amazing JH kids at NC KMEA District Honor Choir and Band!



On November 23rd SES hosted the NCAA League Honor Choir.





Upcoming Events

Elementary Events in Purple

Dec 1
8th Grade College Tour @ KSU Salina & Salina Area Tech
4:00 - HS Varsity Scholar's Bowl @ Ellswoth
4:30 - HS Basketball @ Halstead
7:00 - 5th & 6th Grade Band/Vocal Concert

Dec 2
FFA AG Sales & Food Science in Belleville

Dec 3
7th Grade College Tour @ Cloud County Community College
4:30 - JH Basketball vs Republic County (Boys @ RC, Girls @ Home)
6:30 - 1st Grade Vocal Concert
7:15 - 2nd Grade Vocal Concert

Dec 4
4:30 - HS Basketball vs Heston

Dec 5
District Honor Choir/Band @ Manhattan HS
JH B team Basketball Tournament @ Rebuplic County
9:00 - HS Wrestling @ Riley County
10:00 - Kretzer Classic Varsity Girls Wrestling Inventational @ McPherson

Dec 6
5:00 - Madrigals @ KWU Christmas by Candlelight

Dec 7
4:00 - JV Scholars Bowl @ SES
7:00 - JH Winter Band & Choir Concert

Dec 8
4:00 - JV Scholars Bowl @ Central Christian Academy
4:30 - HS Basketball vs Smoky Valley

Dec 9
Trojans Toghether
3:15 HS Winter Sports Pictures

Dec 10
4:00 - JH Basketball @ Central Plains
6:00 CTE Advisory Night

Dec 11
4:30 - HS Basketball vs Beloit

Dec 12
9:00 - Jeff Giles Wrestling Inventational @ Minneapolis

Dec 14
4:30 - NCAA JH Basketball Tornament TBD
6:30 - Regular Board Meeting
7:00 - Spirit of the Season Band & Choir Concert

Dec 15
4:30 - HS Basketball vs Garden Plain

Dec 17
3:00 - JV Boys Wrestling @ Abilene
4:00 - JH League Basketball @ Lyons
4:30 - HS Basketball @ Hillsboro

Dec 18
11:30 - Early Dismissal
END OF 2nd Quarter
1:00 Varsity Girls Wrestling Tournament @ Abilene

Dec 21
4:30 HS Basket Ball vs Repbulic County

Dec 21- Jan 4
Winter Break

Band News

December

1 — 5th & 6th Grade Band and Vocal Concert
6:45 Report time. Students need to wear nice dress clothes

7 — JH Band and Vocal Concert
6:45 Report time. Students need to wear nice dress clothes

14 — HS Spirit of the Season Concert
7:15 Report time.

Home Basketball Games

December

4 — 6:30 report time vs Heston
Switch over night. Games & pizza provided

8 — 6:45 report time vs Smoky Valley

11 — 6:45 report time vs Smoky Valley

15 — 6:45 report time vs Garden Plain







2026 DEC

THE TROJAN TABLE

MONDAY 30	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4
WAFFLE STICKS SAUSAGE --- POPCORN CHICKEN MAC & CHEESE APPLESAUCE	BERRY PARFAIT --- SLOPPY JOES FRENCH FRIES MANDARIN ORANGES	PANCAKES --- PIGS IN A BLANKET CORN PINEAPPLE	EGG SCRAMBLE --- CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP GRILLED CHEESE ROASTED BROCCOLI PEARS	MUFFINS --- *POLAR EXPRESS* TRAIN TRACK NACHOS BOXCAR (REFRIED) BEANS TROPICAL FRUIT HOT COCOA COOKIE
MONDAY 7	**TUESDAY 8**	**WEDNESDAY** TROJANS TOGETHER	**THURSDAY 10**	**FRIDAY 11**
DONUT HOLES PARFAIT --- CHEESEBURGER SOUP GARLIC STICKS MIXED VEGETABLES APPLES	PANCAKES --- KFC BOWLS CHICKEN BITES MASHED POTATOS GRAVY CORN BISCUIT PEACHES	OMLETTE SCRAMBLE --- PIZZA BOMBS PEAS PINEAPPLE	BREAKFAST BAGELS --- CHICKEN AND RICE BOWLS SEASONED BEANS BANANAS	BANANA SPLIT --- *ELF* BUDDY STYLE SPAGHETTI (SAUCE ON THE SIDE) ROASTED CARROTS MIXED FRUIT SNOW BLOCKS (BROWNIES)
MONDAY 14	**TUESDAY 15**	**WEDNESDAY 16**	**THURSDAY 17**	**FRIDAY 18**
SANTA PARFAIT (STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE) --- BIRD DOG SANDWICH (CHICKEN STRIP ON A HOTDOG BUN) BAKED BEANS CINNAMON APPLES	CINNAMON APPLE PANCAKES --- BISCUITS & GRAVY POTATO SQUARES MANDARIN ORANGES	SAUSAGE, EGG & CHEESE BISCUITS --- MANAGER'S CHOICE (ANNOUNCED ON THE 11TH)	*A GRINCHY CHIRSTMAS* WHO-HASH (SAUSAGE, EGG & POTATOES) --- WHO-VILLE ROAST BEAST (PORK) CINDLY LOU WHO POTATOES GRINCH (DILLY) BEANS DINNER ROLL PINEAPPLE & CHERRIES YOUR A MEAN ONE CAKE	MANAGER'S CHOICE --- DISMISS AT 11:30 NO LUNCH

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.
MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

What's going on in the 7-12 COUNSELING CENTER?



SCHOOL COUNSELOR - Stephanie Mettlen
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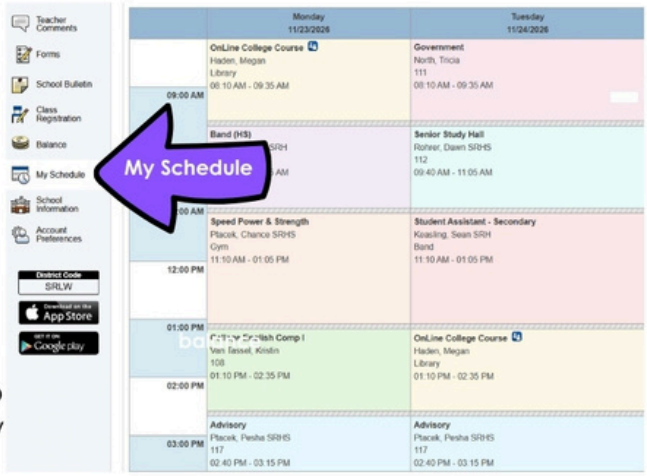
CAREER & GUIDANCE COUNSELOR - Megan Haden
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POINTS OF INTEREST

- PowerSchool Tech Tip
- PreACT Score Release
- Senior News
  - Dec Local Scholarships Due
  - Jan Local Scholarships Due
- GSCF Scholarship Bootcamp
- ACT Test Dates
- Sem 2 Schedule Changes
- Sem 2 Online College Course Enrollment
- College & Career Tour

WHAT DOES MY STUDENT'S DAY LOOK LIKE?

PowerSchool TECH TIP
District Code SRLW



Are you wondering what classes your student will be in this week? Or, do you need to know the time of a particular class to determine what would be the best time/date for an appointment that you can't get scheduled outside of school hours? Go to your PowerSchool account and choose "My Schedule" on the left side.

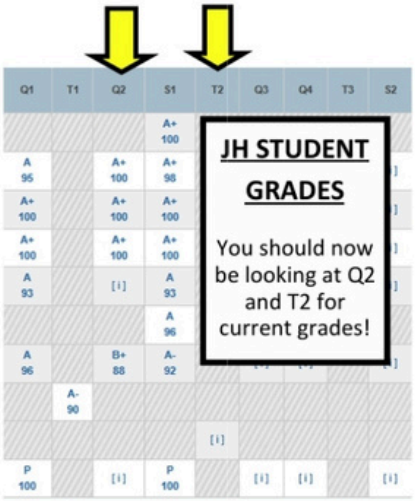
FRESHMEN RECEIVED THEIR PREACT SCORES

The PreACT 8/9 scores have been given to freshman that took the test in September. Please get with your student to see those results if they haven't shared them already. PreACT allows the student to keep their test booklet and they can look back and see where they need to work to improve their scores. Scores are also available online if you student has a myact.org account. Mrs. Haden met with freshmen in their English class to discuss their PreACT scores. There is a slideshow and a video in Google Classroom Class of 2030 and you can have your student show it to you if you are interested!

The conversation included:

PreACT®

- What is a good score?
- How can I get a better score?
- Why should I get a better score?
- what will a good ACT score and good GPA get me in scholarships when I'm a senior?
- How much college costs and how they can help with cost with a good ACT and GPA score.
- Creating a savings account for post-high school plan!



Junior High grades are located in Q2, T2, or S1. Q1 and T1 are final grades.

IT'S A GOOD DAY TO HAVE A GOOD DAY.

SENIOR News
Class of 2027

SENIORS! The Class of 2027 Google Classroom is where all announcements will be sent. The Counseling Center will send out scholarships as they come in. Establish a system to organize the scholarships that you want to apply for. You can also check out the list online by going to: www.usd306.org > Secondary > Counseling Center > Scholarships.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

DECEMBER DEADLINES



KSU Scholarship Deadline
KSU | Salina K-AIRES Trailblazers Scholarship
Hagan Scholarship Foundation
RUDD Foundation Scholarship
Rural Voices Youth Contest

JANUARY DEADLINES



KS Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship
senioradvice.com
Salina Educ. Foundation - LIFT Scholarship
Great Clips Scholarship Program
KS Construction Education Foundation

GREATER SALINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP BOOT CAMP



Jessica with Greater Salina Community Foundation was able to come present their Scholarship Bootcamp to seniors. All seniors were asked to attend and to learn about the GSCF Scholarships and also some tips and tricks on how to apply. She covered several great topics:

Finding Legitimate Scholarships: look for local and merit based scholarships; she shared some safe clearninghouse website addresses that are available on the USD306 website.

Essay & Application Writing: answer the prompts; essays should discuss the "why" you are a leader and not just state that you are a leader; follow the guidelines set by the scholarship.

Resumes & Supporting Documents: have a resume ready, request letters of recommendation and give the recommender 2 weeks.

Selection Committee Information: Know who is giving the scholarship and research them. If you go for an interview you should have a firm handshake and make eye contact, practice interviewing before you actually interview.

After the Scholarship Bootcamp a name was drawn for a $1000 scholarship. Congratulations to Annika Barnaby.

CONGRATULATIONS ANNIKA BARNABY!



Find GSCF SCHOLARSHIPS @ https://gscf.org/scholarships/

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE (LATE FEE APPLIES AFTER THIS DATE)
DECEMBER 12, 2026	NOVEMBER 6
FEBRUARY 27, 2027	JANUARY 22
APRIL 10, 2027	MARCH 5
JUNE 12, 2027	MAY 7
JULY 10, 2027	JUNE 4

26-27 ACT TEST DATES

JUNIORS

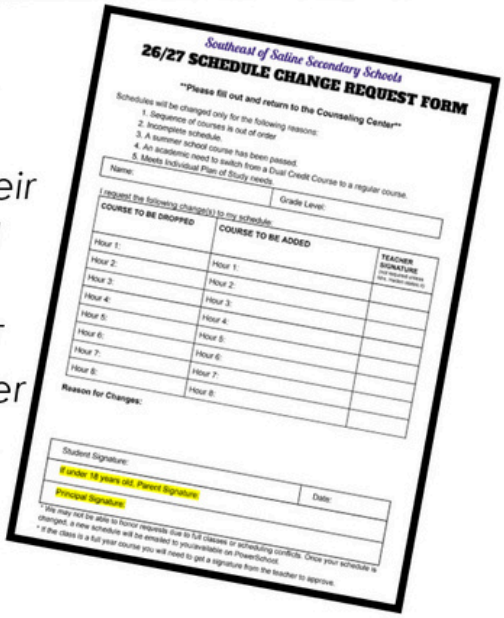
One FREE ACT on 2/23 with SES provided by the State of Kansas. Given during the school day.

SENIORS

Study weak areas and retake it if needed. Sign up at myact.org to schedule and pay.

SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGES

All high school students were sent an email after Thanksgiving Break encouraging them to look at their Semester 2 schedules in PowerSchool. If they would like to make any changes they should come to the Front Office and get a SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM and a copy of the MASTER SCHEDULE. In order to change their schedule they must fill out the form, have their parent/guardian sign, and get the principal's signature. They are encouraged to turn these in BEFORE WINTER BREAK if at all possible.



Southeast of Saline Secondary Schools

26/27 SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUEST FORM

"Please fill out and return to the Counseling Center"

Schedules will be changed only for the following reasons:

1. Sequence of courses is out of order
2. Incomplete schedule
3. A summer school course has been passed.
4. An academic need to switch from a Dual Credit Course to a regular course.
5. Meets Individual Plan of Study needs

Name: Grade Level:

I request the following change(s) to my schedule.

COURSE TO BE DROPPED	COURSE TO BE ADDED	TEACHER SIGNATURE (not required unless req. teacher waiver)
Hour 1:	Hour 1:	
Hour 2:	Hour 2:	
Hour 3:	Hour 3:	
Hour 4:	Hour 4:	
Hour 5:	Hour 5:	
Hour 6:	Hour 6:	
Hour 7:	Hour 7:	
Hour 8:	Hour 8:	

Reason for Changes:

Student Signature: Date:

If under 18 years old, Parent Signature:

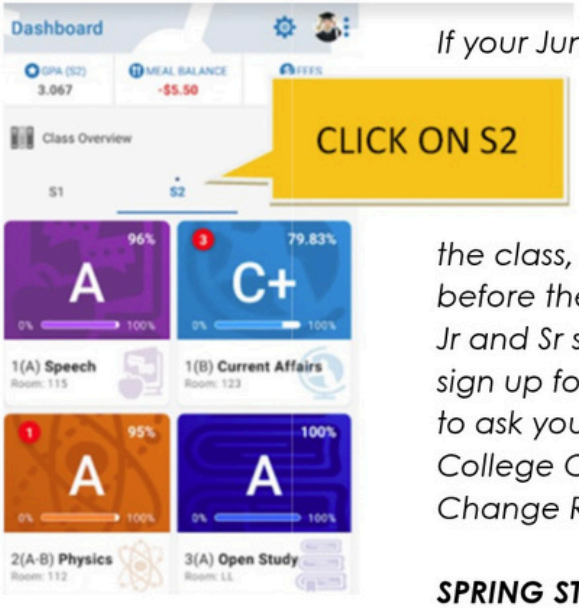
Principal Signature:

We may not be able to honor requests due to full classes or scheduling conflicts. Once your schedule is changed, a new schedule will be emailed to you/available on PowerSchool.

If the class is a full year course you will need to get a signature from the teacher to approve.

*****SCHEDULE CHANGES are due Monday, January 11, 2027*****

SEMESTER 2 ONLINE COLLEGE COURSES



If your Junior or Senior would like to take an online college course and it is on their Semester 2 schedule, they need to get enrolled BEFORE WINTER BREAK!! There is a lot to do to get them enrolled at the college and some colleges start BEFORE we start. They will need to be enrolled in the class, order their book (if needed), and pay for the class all before they will be able to enter into the class and start working. Jr and Sr students were sent an email with information on how to sign up for a college course after Thanksgiving Break. Make sure to ask your student if they have enrolled if they have OnLine College Course on their S2 schedule or turned in a Schedule Change Request Form with online course on their schedule.

SPRING START DATES FOR LOCAL COLLEGES:

Cloud CC 1/20 - Salina Tech 1/4 - Hutch CC 1/11 - KSU 1/19

Southeast of Saline COLLEGE & CAREER TOUR



The 9th and 10th graders started off our college & career tour in November. All 7th thru 11th graders have a chance to see several types of post-secondary options by the time they are seniors. From community colleges, to large machinery manufacturer, to a large university in the heart of Kansas.

9th GRADE

FHSU is a small public university with approximately 12,000 students. They have a 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Their first year tution and room/board is approximately $17,000.

Learning about what FHSU has to offer and admission requirements.





Freshmen standing in front of the tiger statue at Fort Hays State University. They had a great day touring the school, checking out the residence halls, and dining at McMindes Cafeteria.

10th GRADE

ROAD TRIP





In GPM's large auditorium hearing about what GPM does, job opportunities, interview skills, and work ethic. They have jobs available from laborer, to human resources, marketing, welders, and several types of engineers. It is a like a little city!

Great Plains
"Setting the pace through innovation."

On the GPM tour learning about the welding program they have. We wore head sets to hear everything.

At KWU standing in front of Pioneer Hall. KWU is a small private university that has around 900 students. They offer the Saline County Scholarship at $20,000 which makes it comparable to public university tuition.

