



SOUTHEAST OF SALINE



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Student Shout-outs



We had a great turn out tonight for Math Night!! Thanks for joining us for a pizza party and fact fun! HUGE thank you to HCI for providing our meal and to our teachers for helping create meaningful learning opportunities and fun!



Congratulations to these elementary students who participated in our summer reading challenge! All these kids (plus two JH students) read for 24 hours throughout their summer and got to enjoy fresh popcorn and drinks along with some bookish giveaways too!



Mr. Brown, Superintendent of schools, was interviewed by 4th grader, Sage, this month. Such a fun way to start the day with Mr. Harris' friends

STOCK OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARY!

USED BOOKS DRIVE

2026-2027

Drop off gently used books at the SES Library anytime this fall! We'll take books of all sorts:

- PICTURE BOOKS
- CHAPTER BOOKS
- NONFICTION
- YOUNG ADULT



Thank you for giving our students access to great books any time of the day!

Upcoming Events

Elementary Events in Purple

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| Sep 1 | 4:00 - HS Volleyball @ Hoisington/Scott City |
| Sep 2 | Trojans Together
Play Tryouts |
| Sep 3 | JH/HS Cross Country @ Lake Barton
4:15 - JH Volleyball @ Sacred Heart
5:00 - JH Football @ Sacred Heart
5:00 - HS Volleyball vs Sacred Heart
Play Tryouts |
| Sep 4 | 7:00 - HS Football vs Beloit |
| Sep 5 | 9:00 - JH Volleyball Tournament @ Clay Center |
| Sep 7 | NO SCHOOL
5:00 - HS JV Football @ Beloit
5:00 - C-Team Volleyball @ Beloit |
| Sep 8 | 4:30 - JH Cross Country @ Webster Conference Center
5:00 - HS Volleyball @ Lyons |
| Sep 9 | FFA @ Saline Co. Farm Bureau Kid's Ag Day
8:30 - 5 th Grade to AG DAY
1:00 - Dane G. Hanson Testing in Salina |
| Sep 10 | 5:00 - JH Football vs Lyons
5:00 - JS Volleyball vs Lyons |
| Sep 11 | 7:00 - HS Football @ Lyons |
| Sep 12 | 9:00 - SES Volleyball Invitational
9:00 - HS Cross Country @ Wamego |
| Sep 14 | 4:30 - JH Volleyball @ Hesston
5:00 - HS JV Football vs Lyons
6:30 - Regular Board Meeting |
| Sep 15 | PICTURE DAY
HS Band To the Kansas State Fair
5:00 - HS Volleyball vs Republic County
7:00 - After-Prom Meeting in commons (for Junior and Senior Parents) |
| Sep 16 | FCCLA State Executive Advisory Council
FFA Greenhand Conference @ Ell-Saline
6:30 Homecoming Parade in Assaria |
| Sep 17 | FCCLA State Executive Advisory Council
4:00 - JH/HS Cross Country - Buhler
4:15 - JH Volleyball @ Ellsworth
5:00 - JH Football @ Ellsworth
5:00 - HS Volleyball vs Concordia |
| Sep 18 | 6:30 - Homecoming Coronation
7:00 - HS Football vs Ellsworth |

Upcoming Events continued on page 3

Gypsum Fall Festival



America Through the Years

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| • Turkey Trot | • Corn Hole Tournament |
| • Bounce Houses | • Selfie Station |
| • Face Painting | • Ax It Up/Games |
| • Petting Zoo | • Motorcycle Show |
| • Kids Games | • Retail/Food Vendors |
| • Caricatures | • Parade |

GYPSUM FALL FESTIVAL

OCT 17TH, 2026



Band News

September

- 4 6:30 HSFB vs Beloit
- 15 HS Band to Kansas State Fair (All Day)
- 16 6:15 Homecoming Parade @ Assaria
- 18 6:00 HSFB vs Ellsworth

Upcoming Events: Continued

Elementary Events in Purple

- Sep 19 Madrigals @ Renaissance Festival in KC
- Sep 21 4:00 - JH Volleyball @ Sacred Heart
5:00 - HS JV Football @ Ellsworth
- Sep 22 4:00 - JH/HS Cross Country @ SES
5:00 - HS Volleyball @ Minneapolis
- Sep 23 FFA Entomology, Land Judging @ Abilene
4:00 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Sep 24 **NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher Conferences**
4:15 - JH Volleyball @ Beloit
5:00 - JH Football @ Beloit
- Sep 25 **NO SCHOOL**
7:00 - HS Football @ Marysville
- Sep 26 9:00 - HS JV Volleyball @ Minneapolis
9:00 - HS Varsity Volleyball @ Lyons
- Sep 28 5:00 - HS JV Football vs Marysville
- Sep 29 5:00 - HS Volleyball @ Beloit
- Oct 1 4:00 - JH/HS Cross Country @ Halstead
4:15 - JH Volleyball vs Republic County
5:00 JH Football vs Republic County
- Oct 2 7:00 - HS Football @ Wichita Collegiate



SES Parents as Teachers

ABOUT PAT

Parents as Teachers understands that children are born to learn and parents are their child's best first teachers. Our free program is here to assist you in teaching through PLAY! We offer home visits, plan group events, administer screenings to monitor child development, and provide necessary resources when needed. All families are welcome!

UPDATES

Our program is actively recruiting more families to join our program. As an incentive for your help, refer a family to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 giftcard!

COMING UP

Story time is back at the Gypsum Public Library! Join LaNell Wednesdays starting Sept. 9th at 1:30 for stories, music, and activities!

Our next 2 PAT group connections will include a school bus story time and sensory play!

CONTACT US

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RECENT FUN



You're Invited to

FRIED CHICKEN TAILGATE

Hosted by the SES Lady Trojan Basketball Team

SES VS BELOIT ON

SEPTEMBER 4TH

5:00-6:45 IN THE HS COMMONS

FREE WILL DONATION (SUGGESTED \$7)

FCCLA Nationals

2026

Washington D.C.



The FCCLA National Leadership Conference was held July 6th -10th in Washington, D.C.

This year's theme, ConneCTEd, came to life as more than 10,000 attendees from across the country gathered in the nation's capital to learn, lead, celebrate, and connect. From inspiring sessions and hands-on workshops to Competitive Events, national recognition, meaningful conversations, and unforgettable experiences, NLC 2026 showed the power of bringing the FCCLA community together.

Congratulations to SES FCCLA Member, Madison Givens, who competed in the Leadership Star Event and won 1st in the Nation!! This was such a great achievement! Congratulations to the SES Par-Law team consisting of: Olivia Swenson, Brielle Felzien, Kinsley Dahl, Hannah Thiel, Elizandro Figueroa, Brooklyn Hartman, and Taryn Goetz for winning 3rd in the Nation!! Another great achievement for our SES FCCLA chapter!

We cannot wait to start preparing for San Antonio, Texas, for the 2027 National Leadership Conference, June 22-26, 2027. San Antonio will set the stage for an incredible conference that celebrates the achievements of FCCLA Members, inspires the next generation of leaders, and showcases why FCCLA is Where Leaders Are Made.



SADDLE UP

FOR



SOUTHEAST

BOOSTER BASH

2026

—★—

BOOTS.
BBQ.
BIDDING.
TROJAN
PRIDE.

—★—

GRAB YOUR BOOTS, ROUND UP YOUR FRIENDS, AND JOIN US FOR A

★ *rootin' tootin' night* ★

OF BBQ, DRINKS, BIDDING, AND TROJAN PRIDE!



3 OCT
2026



5:30
DOORS OPEN
DINNER AT 6:30



THE VENUE
638 FRANCIS ST
SALINA

This year, we're taking the Booster Bash to the Wild West with our Saddle Up for Southeast theme!

Whether you're a proud alum, current Southeast family, staff member, or community supporter, come ready to kick back, have a great time, and help us raise some serious funds for our Trojans!

Enjoy a delicious BBQ dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, and a night full of Western fun, all while supporting the athletes who wear the Southeast Trojan name with pride.

So dust off your cowboy boots, grab your hat, and saddle up for a night that makes a difference!

★ TICKETS ★

AGE 21+ ONLY

\$50 PER TICKET
WITH ASSIGNED SEATING

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\$375 PER TABLE
OF 8

Tickets include:
Dinner, Dessert, Drinks,
and TONS of great
auction items

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:

<https://tinyurl.com/SES-Booster-Bash>

Or

★ SCAN THE QR CODE ★



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★ ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT STUDENTS IN KSHSAA SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES. ★

THE LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026



Both our elementary and secondary libraries got a glow up this summer: NEW furniture! Thanks to a few very generous donors, we were able to breathe some new life to our lounges and create more study spaces for many of our high school students who take online courses. We are so Incredibly grateful to the McDowell Family, Earl Bane, and CrossPoint Church for making this long time goal a reality!



SEPTEMBER IS BOOK FAIR MONTH!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to the school September 28 through October 2 and we can't wait to get these high interest books into the hands of your students! Be on the lookout for our Scholastic book fair flyer with eWallet information attached in the coming weeks. And as always, thank you so much for supporting the SES library through your purchases at the book fair! We can't do what we do without YOU!

READ FOR 24 HOURS SUMMER CHALLENGE

Our summer reading challenge was a success! We had a good crowd join us for a popcorn party in the library this week to celebrate any students who read for 24 hours or more this summer!



2026

SEP

THE TROJAN TABLE

FRIDAY

11

MYSTERY PARFAITS

MAZEDOGS (CORNDOG CASSEROLE)

PEAS

PEACHES

CHOCOLATE CAKE

ICE CREAM CUP

THURSDAY

10

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

SPAGHETTI WITH MEAT SAUCE

BROCCOLI

GARLIC BREAD STICK

MANDARIN ORANGES

WEDNESDAY

9

BREAKFAST BOWLS

SWEET THAI CHICKEN

SAVORY RICE

CRUNCHY BONZOS

BANANAS

TUESDAY

8

MIXED FRUIT SMOOTHIES

BAGEL, EGG & SAUSAGE SANDWICHES

TATER TOT

TROPICAL FRUIT

MONDAY

7

BANANA CHOC CHIP PANCAKE

CHEESEBURGER PASTA CORN

APPLE SLICES

FRIDAY

18

BLUEBERRY SCONE PARFAIT

BEEF STROGANOFF

BROCCOLI

BREAD STICKS

PEARS

THURSDAY

17

BREAKFAST PINWHEELS

ORANGE CHICKEN

FRIED RICE

MIXED VEGGIES

BLUEBERRIES

WEDNESDAY

16

SCRAMBLE BOWLS

PIZZA BOMBS

WITH MARINARA

GREEN BEANS

APPLESAUCE

TUESDAY

15

BANANA SUSHI

CHICKEN FAJITA

ENCHILADAS

MEXICORN

PEACHES

MONDAY

14

MIXED FRUIT SMOOTHIES

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK SLIDERS

FRENCH FRIES

BANANAS

FRIDAY

11

HULK SMOOTHIES

CHICKEN LO MEIN

EGG ROLL(6-12)

TROPICAL FRUIT

THURSDAY

10

BREAKFAST BAGELS

FRENCH BREAD PIZZA CORN

MANDARIN ORANGES

WEDNESDAY

9

SAUSAGE EGG SCRAMBLE

SHREDDED BBQ CHICKEN

MAC AND CHEESE

PEAS

GRAPES

TUESDAY

8

MIXED BERRY OVERNIGHT OATS

SUBWAY DAY

HAM AND CHEESE (K-5)

ASSORTED MEATS AND CHEESE (6-12)

BAKED BEANS

CHIPS

WATERMELON

MONDAY

7

NO SCHOOL

NATIONAL EAT AN EXTRA DESSERT DAY

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2026

SEPT

THE
TROJAN
TABLE

MONDAY21

BLUEBERRY MUFFIN
PARFAIT

CHICKEN SANDWICH
SWEET POTATO FRIES
BANANAS

TUESDAY22

CHICKEN LITTLES

LASAGNA PASTA
BREAD STICKS
GREEN BEANS
PEARS

WEDNESDAY23

MANAGERS CHOICE

NACHOS
REFRIED BEANS
TROPICAL FRUIT
STRAWBERRY PRETZEL
WHIP

THURSDAY3

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY4

NO SCHOOL

MONDAY28

APPLE PIE PARFAIT

CHICKEN ALFREDO
BROCOLI
CHEESY GARLIC BREAD
PEACHES

TUESDAY29

BANANA BREAD
PANCAKES

SHEPARD'S PIE
CARROT COINS
PEARS
DINNER ROLL

WEDNESDAY30

CREAM CHEESE BRAID

PIZZA PINWHEELS
PEAS
CINNAMON APPLES

THURSDAY1

FRIDAY2

SOUTHEAST OF SALINE FOOD SERVICE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS THAT WE HAVE FAMILY ACCOUNTS AT SES. ALL OF YOUR STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME LUNCH BALANCE IN POWERSCHOOL AND IT WILL CHANGE ANYTIME ANY OF THEM EAT. IF YOUR STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE THE SAME BALANCE PLEASE LET FOOD SERVICE KNOW SO THAT WE CAN GET THEM LINKED. LUNCH MONEY REMINDERS WITH INSTRUCTIONS HOW TO PAY ONLINE ARE SENT OUT MONDAYS @ 2:30. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL SPAM FOLDER IF YOUR POWERSCHOOL BALANCE SHOWS IN RED. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU DIDN'T RECIEVE AN EMAIL.

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Order your festival T-shirt in advance by scanning the QR code. Deadline for T-shirt orders is Tuesday, Sept. 1.



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



SCHOOL COUNSELOR – Stephanie Mettlen
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POINTS OF INTEREST

- College Representatives
- Seniors
 - Scholarships
 - FAFSA
 - ACT & SAT
- NHS

PRE-ACT {9th}

9/11

PSAT {some 10/11th}

10th - 4.0 GPA & gifted students
11th - 3.75+ GPA & gifted students

10/6

WORKKEYS {11th}

10/27 and 10/28



College Representatives Will Be Visiting SES!

Each fall dozens of colleges from around Kansas send representatives to visit Southeast of Saline High School, many of whom are admissions officers. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about a college without traveling to visit.



TIPS:

- Listen and ask questions!
- Take notes and make sure you write down the rep's name or get a business card.
- Feel free to follow up with the rep after your visit.
- Have a question? Now you have a direct contact at the college who can help you. Shoot him or her an email and ask them!

The basics:

- College reps will be located in the commons area during lunch. Visits will be announced in the morning and will be available on the Commons TVs.
- Visits are open and encouraged to all seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen.



SENIORS - CLASS OF 2027

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

SENIOR STUDENTS should read their email as the Counseling Center will send out scholarships periodically. You can also check out the list online by going to:

- www.usd306.org
- Click on Secondary
- Click on Counseling Center
- Click on Scholarships

They are listed by month! These are the local scholarships that not everyone is applying for.

LET'S TALK ABOUT

Scholarships
FOR COLLEGE



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

SEPTEMBER DEADLINES

- P.E.O. Star Scholarship
- SAFE Scholarship
- Don't Text & Drive

OCTOBER DEADLINES

- Presidential Scholars for CTE
- Presidential Scholars Program
- AES Scholarship
- Earl Bane First-Time College Student Micro-Scholarship
- Kansas Buffalo Association Scholarship
- WSU-Wallace Invitational for Scholarships in Engineering
- Heisman High School Scholarship
- Dane G. Hansen Career & Technical Education Scholarship
- Voice of Democracy

FAFSA - FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the form that the federal government, states, colleges, and other organizations use to award financial aid. Submitting it is your key to accessing grants, scholarships, work-study programs, and federal loans. Determine if this is the best option for your student and mark your calendars for OCTOBER 1ST.

What you will need to fill out the FAFSA?

1. Your Social Security Number and Driver's license.
2. Your federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned from 2 years ago.
3. Current bank statements
4. An FSA ID to sign in electronically.

Be on the **LOOKOUT** for information sent to your student's Google Classroom





SHOULD I TAKE THE ACT?

The six Kansas public universities have stopped requiring the ACT/SAT for entrance and have gone to a minimum GPA requirement. That doesn't mean that students shouldn't take the ACT though. Some majors have an ACT/GPA requirement and one of the biggest benefits is scholarships. Typically, a GPA/ACT combination can score students thousands of dollars in scholarships.

GOOD ACT SCORES GIVE YOU THE MOST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

Not sure if your senior should retake the ACT? Check out the freshman merit scholarships at the college/university that they have chosen. Determining if they need an ACT score to qualify and if that score is close to the scholarship that they want, then YES! They should retake it. They already have an account at myact.org. They created this login their Junior year before taking the ACT with their classmates. Have them login in and follow the steps.

The Freshman Merit scholarships are the biggest "bang for their buck" meaning they qualify with their ACT and/or GPA. Everyone who qualifies can earn one! They aren't just picking one application to give the scholarship to. By focusing on this scholarship, which is in their control, may be the only scholarship they earn. So, might as well go for it!

SES NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY REQUIREMENTS

- Attend SES for at least 1 full semester
- Sophomores – 3.75 GPA or above
- Juniors/Seniors – 3.5 GPA or above
- Complete the New Member Application that you get from the Counseling Center.

{Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.}

You can find information about our chapter and the New Member Application Form on the district website by going to
SECONDARY>COUNSELING>NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

