SOUTHEAST OF SALINE

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Student Shout-outs



Senior Elliana Smith, submitted two pieces of her artwork to the Eastern Kansas Scholastic Art Awards. This competition is for all school districts in the eastern half of Kansas. There were 1,630 entries with 509 of those entries receiving honorable mention, bronze, silver, or gold status. All artwork was judged anonymously by qualified, professional artist jurors from Kansas. Very few pieces were selected for exhibition.

Of the two pieces that Elliana submitted, BOTH received awards.

"In an Attempt to Bloom, I Bled", a 3' x 6' pencil drawing received a GOLD and will be on displayat the Mark Arts (Mary R. Koch Art Center) from February 6-March 28, 2026 in Wichita.

"Blind Faith", a 12" x 18" pencil drawing received an Honorable Mention.





The Little Sparklers entertained the crowd during the halftime of the boys' basketball game on January 13th.

This Past Month in Pictures



First Grade Students celebrated the 100th day of school.



This month's Trojan Pride winner of Popcorn with Principals.



HS Scholars Bowl took 8th out of 32 teams at St. Johns in Beloit.



The Building Leadership Team hosted the Board of Education for our first ever Glow and Show on Jan 13th.



Annika Barnaby was selected as the winner of the logo design competition for the Smoky Hill Education Foundation Golf Tournament



Forth grade enjoyed reading during flashlight Friday.



Our school resource officer, Deputy Braden Long was recognized for 10 years of service with the Saline County Sheriff's office.

Upcoming Events

Elementary Events in Purple

Feb 2: 4:30 - JH Wrestling @ Republic County

Feb 3: 4:30 - HS Basketball at Sacred Heart

Feb 4: FCCLA District Star Events
FFA Speech & Employability Skills @ Clay Center

Feb 5: HCC Jazz Festival
3:00 League Wrestling @ Republic County
3:30 HS Boys Swimming @ Salina South

Feb 6: 2:00 HS Wrestling @ Onaga

Feb 7: 9:00 HS Wrestling @ Silver Lake
10:00 HS Boys Swimming
6:00 Sparklers VIP Dance

Feb 9: 1:00 NCAA League Honor Band @ SES
4:00 SES JH Quad
6:30 Regular Board Meeting

Feb 10: 4:30 HS Basketball vs. Beloit

Feb 11: **2:10 Trojans Together**

Feb 12: 9:00 Senior Citizen Matinee Play
7:30 HS Play

Feb 13: HS Girls Wrestling Regionals @ WaKeeney
2nd Trimester Ends
Madz Singing Valentines
8:30-9:00 Valentine Parties
4:30 HSBB vs Minneapolis

Feb 14: HS Girls Wrestling Regionals @ WaKeeney
State Scholars Bowl @ SES
8:00 Sadie Hawkins Dance

Feb 15: 7:30 Spring Play

Feb 16: 2:00 JH Wrestling NCAA League Tournament
3:30 Parents Club Meeting

Feb 17: 4:00 JH Scholars Bowl @ Lyons
4:30 HS Basketball vs Ellsworth

Feb 18: FFA NCD Selection Day & District Office Interviews

Feb 19: JH Wrestling @ Herington
JH Scholars Bowl @ Tescott

Feb 20-21: HS Boys State Swimming

Feb 21-28: National FFA Week

Feb 21: Boys Regional Wrestling @ SES

Feb 22: 1:00 FFA Labor Auction

Feb 23: FCCLA State Officer & PEER ED Selection
4:00 JH Wrestling @ Beloit

Feb 24: Juniors ACT

Feb 25-26: **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Feb 26-27: **No School**

Feb 26-28: KMEA State Choir & Band

Feb 27-28: State Wrestling

Band News

February 5	Jazz Band to HCC Jazz Festival
9	League Honor Band @ SES 7:00 PM Concert
10	HSBB vs Beloit
17	HSBB vs Minneapolis
26-28	KMEA Music Convention and State Honor Band/Choir



Congratulations to senior band student Charlotte Knopf for being selected to the state KMEA honor band!! This is her third straight year being involved in this ensemble.

Register for Kindergarten

If you have a Kindergartener that will be attending our Roundup in March 2026 please give our Elementary Office a call at 785-536-4215 to get him/her on our list.

Out of District Students contact Kelsey in the District office 785-536-4291 to get them on our list of applications.

Thank you

Celebrate National FFA Week with SES FFA

Labor Auction:
Feb 22nd @ 1:00pm
We will start with a free meal and follow it with the silent and labor auctions.

Supporters Breakfast:
Feb 26th @ 7:00-8:30am
Join us in the Ag Shop for breakfast - free to all community members.

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

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SES Parents as Teachers

February

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

The program started the new year serving 16 families throughout Assaria, Gypsum, and Southeast Salina. One sweet baby girl was born in January!

COMING UP

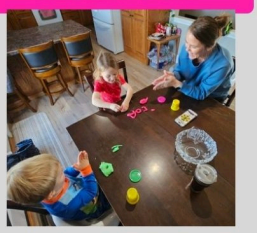
Lindsey Rojas from CAPS will be hosting a Pediatric/Adult First Aid, CPR, & AED Course. This will be free for all PAT parents. If you are not enrolled in PAT but would like to register for this class, contact Lindsey Frank.

CONTACT ME

Lindsey Frank
Program Coordinator and Parent Educator
lfrank@usd306.org
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RECENT FUN







parents as teachers

REMINDER

YOU CAN APPLY FOR FREE/REDUCED LUNCHES AT ANY TIME

8th Annual Chili COOK OFF

Saturday, Feb. 21

Gypsum City Auditorium

CHILI FEED WITH CINNAMON ROLLS BEGINS AT 5 P.M.

Free will donation proceeds will go towards park updates at Vicki Ade Park.

Chili Cook-Off Entry Requirements

- $20 fee - checks payable to Gypsum Valley Booster Club or by Venmo at GypValleyBoosterclub
- Registration forms due by 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2026, and should be returned to the Gypsum City Office or completed online
- At least 3 quarts of chili must be prepared ahead of time
- Deliver chili entry to the auditorium between 4:30 and 5 p.m.
- Provde your own heating source (crock pot) and extension cord
- Winners will receive cash prizes and other prizes
- Top three prizes will be awarded to Judge's Choice and People's Choice
- All chili entries (mild and hot) will compete in the same category

Register for the cook-off online by scanning

Return paper entry forms to the Gypsum City Office, with a $20 registration fee by Friday, Feb. 20 or sign up online by scanning the QR code. Checks should be made payable to the Gypsum Valley Booster Club. Online registrations can pay by Venmo at GypValleyBooster or at the time of the event.

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Y's KIDS IS COMING TO SOUTHEAST SALINE!

REGISTER FOR Y's KIDS AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM TODAY!

Our afterschool child care program is designed to help elementary-aged kids learn, grow, and thrive.

We focus on building confidence and character through safe, structured after-school activities— including academic support, physical activity, hands-on enrichment, art and crafts, and healthy snacks. Our caring staff nurture meaningful relationships that support every child's development after the school bell rings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
salinaymca.org/afterschool

SPARKLERS DANCE TEAM INVITES YOU TO:

BOOTS & BOWS VIP DANCE

Saddle up for a country-chic night of dancing, music, and sweet southern charm.

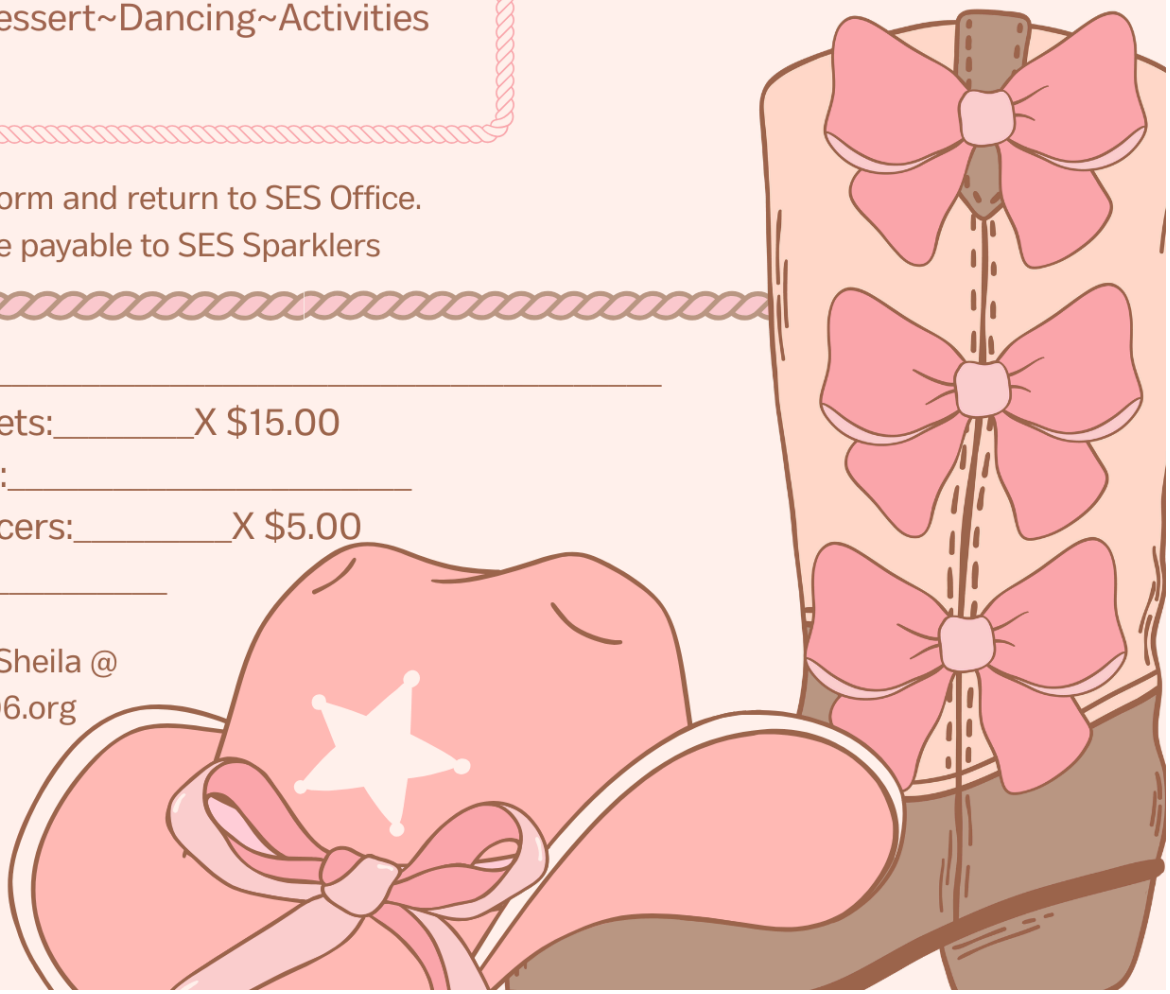
Southeast of Saline~Upper Gym
Saturday, February 7, 2026| 6PM-8PM
Dinner~Dessert~Dancing~Activities

$15 Per Couple, In Advance
$20 Per Couple At The Door
$5 For Extra Dancers

Complete the form and return to SES Office.
Checks made payable to SES Sparklers

Name of VIP:_____
Number of tickets:_____X $15.00
Phone Number:_____
Additional Dancers:_____X $5.00
Total Payment:_____

Questions: Email Sheila @ sklover@usd306.org



February

Offered Daily
Breakfast:
String Cheese, Fruit, Juice & Milk
LUNCH:
Alternate Main Dish
Salad Bar, Second Fruit
Milk, Water

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Mini Pancakes --- Sloppy Joe Tator Tots Cherry Applesauce	3 Banana, Lemon & Pumpkin Bread Go Gurts --- Meatball Sub Peas & Carrots Tropical Fruit	4 Cherry Frudel Sausage Link --- Pig in a Blanket Baked Beans Peaches Rice Crispy Treat	5 Pizza Bagel --- Cheesy Chicken Pasta Carrot Coins Mandarin Oranges	6 Muffins --- Pizza Corn Pears
9 Mini Pancakes --- Chicken Fries Peas Savory Rice Applesauce	10 Pancake Breakfast Sandwich --- Biscuits & Gravy Tri Tators Peaches	11 Low Sugar Doughnut --- Chili Cinnamon Rolls Carrot Sticks Tropical Fruit	12 Oatmeal Breakfast Round --- Soft Tacos Refried Beans Slushie Oreos	13 Muffins --- Fish Sandwich French Fries Apple Slices
16 French Toast Sticks --- Pancake on a Stick Tri Tators Pineapple	17 Banana, Lemon & Pumpkin Bread Go Gurts --- Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Bread Slice Fruit Cocktail	18 Scones --- Mac & Cheese Green Beans Bread Slice Fruit Cocktail	19 Egg & A Biscuit --- Riblet Sandwich Broccoli Mandarin Oranges	20 Muffins --- Cheese Pizza Corn Pears
23 Mini Pancakes --- Toasted Cheese Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Tomato Soup (6th-12th) Baby Carrots (Elem) Peaches	24 Egg Scrambler --- Chili Dog (HS) Hot Dog (E) Potato Salad Doritos Pears	25 Ciniminis & Sausage Link --- Hamburger French Fries Pineapple Teddy Grahams	26 No School!	27 No School!

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER. Menus are subject to change at any time.



JOHN LENNON AND ME BY CHERIE BENNETT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 2:00 P.M.

Last seen on the SES stage twenty years ago, this special play tells the story of Star and Courtney, two girls in a hospital for children with serious illnesses. Through Star's imaginative eyes, the play shows the development of friendships, the hopes and dreams of adolescence, and what it's like to be a young person with chronic disease. You'll laugh. You'll cry. You will see the magic of friendship.

Cast

Isabella Owen as Star

Ava Rupert as Courtney

Ethan Tonne as Dr. Scott

Olivia Swenson as Janice

Kamdyn Carbon as

The Torturer

Cooper Rohrer as Tom

Anthony Turner as Jeff

Suzu Kimizuka as

Dr. Nelson

Jasmin Arceo as Claudia

Espyn Reed as Julie

Juliana Owen as Sally

And as the Flunkies:

Kynzie Barts

Tasha Vandeman

Sound Booth:

Bear Prowant

Special performance for senior citizens

Thursday, February 12

9::00 A. M.

PRE-ENROLLMENT

6th - 11th graders

Counselors will be visiting with classes during the month of February to pre-enroll for the following year. Students will get to know a little bit about the following year, be able to ask questions about classes, and work on their 4-year plan (high school only). Pre-enrollment will be **completed at Parent/Teacher Conferences** for 6-11th.

ASK YOUR STUDENTS ABOUT CLASSES THEY ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING. SES HAS MANY OPPORTUNITIES!

SENIOR INFORMATION



The Kansas Board of Regents is putting on a POP-IN EVENT that is going to offer one-on-one support for those needing assistance with filing the 2026-2027 FAFSA. They are providing knowledgeable financial aid professionals from across the state of Kansas to help. If you would like to attend, please go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7126926233 on the evening of the event.

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Not want to wait? Reach out to the financial aid office of the college that your student will be attending. They are well versed with the FAFSA and can help you out as well.

FEBRUARY SCHOLARSHIPS

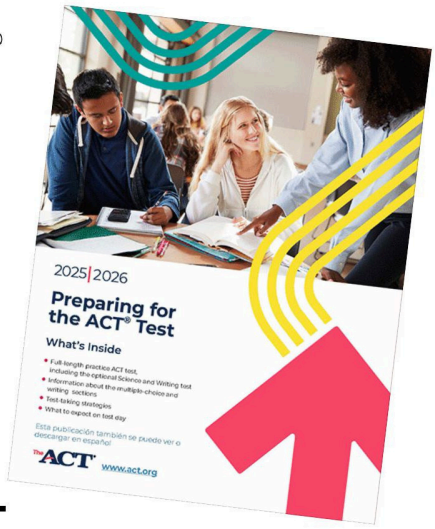
- COUNTY WEED DIRECTORS ASSOC. OF KS—$500
- SALINA FAMILY HEALTHCARE CENTER—$500
- RYAN HAXTON FCCLA LEADERSHIP—$1000
- GPACAC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP—$1000
- GPACAC PAUL MAX SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP—$1000
- GPACAC MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS—$1000
- RURAL VOICES CONTEST—$850
- EARL BANE—$20000
- ENF ELKS LEGACY—$4000
- GSCF (21 SCHOLARSHIPS) - amount varies
- IVY A. MONK—$2000
- DS&O—$1000
- AMERICAN LEGION—various scholarships
- KS ASSOC OF DIRECTORS OF PLANT FACILITIES—$1000
- EVERGY- $2000
- KCA CONSTRUCTION—$2000+
- KS HOSPITAL EDUCATION—$500 to $1000
- KANSAS GRAIN & FEED—$500 to $1500
- ELLIS FOUNDATION—$1000+
- HEALTHWORKS SCHOLARSHIP—up to $1500

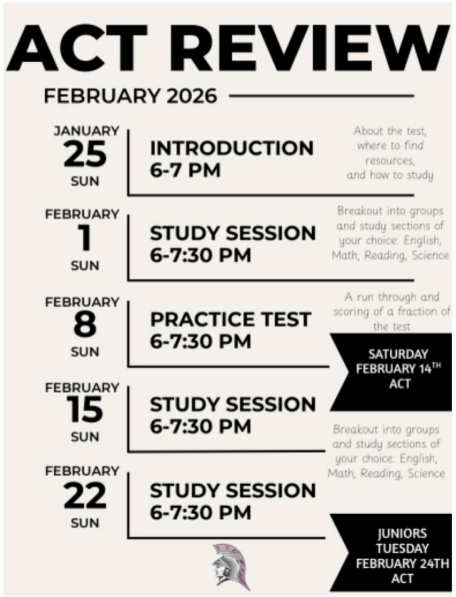
MARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

- KU RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS—2 to 3 months of housing
- KANSAS GOLF FOUNDATION—$2000+
- CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF DIOCESE OF SALINA—$500+
- AFA LEADER & ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS—at least $1600
- KACRAO—$500
- KS FARM BUREAU—at least $500
- KCCEOA—$500
- SALINA NOON ROTARY CLUB—$5000
- MKC—$1000
- MIDWEST BARBER COLLEGE—full tuition
- BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU—$2000
- OLIVER HAAG MEMORIAL—$1000
- JOE MCKENZIE YOUTH—$500 to $1500
- KANSAS MASONIC SCHOLARSHIPS—$500 to $1500
- CASH HOLLISTAH SCHOLARSHIP—$1000
- UNITED CAPITAL MGMT OF KS—$1000
- TRUE BLUE KSHSAA—$2000
- EVERGY CRAFT—$3000
- JOHNNIE DAVID NOWLIN MEMORIAL—$500
- SUNFLOWER HEALTH NETWORK—$1000 to $2000
- BOOM & BUCKET—$1000

JUNIORS TAKE THE ACT®

All Juniors have been registered through the school to take the ACT for FREE during the regular school day on Tuesday, February 24th. SES will be busing the students to the Assaria City Building to take the test. All juniors will be given the "*Preparing for the ACT Test*" prep guide the first week in February and all students have unlimited access to IXL ACT Test Prep. We encourage all Juniors to get a good nights sleep and eat a good breakfast on test day.





All sophomores and juniors are invited to attend the SES ACT review. Mrs. Owen, high school math teacher, has put together a stellar line up for our students. If your student is interested in taking the ACT this would be a great opportunity. Students can attend all sessions or just one session. All sessions will meet in the HS Commons.

ACT REVIEW @ SES

ARE YOU WANTING ACT TEST PREP MATERIALS?

Do you have a student that isn't a junior but wants to get ready for the ACT? The Counseling Center has free "Preparing for the ACT Test" booklets available. Every student is encouraged to read through the booklet as it will help prepare them for what to expect on test day and the content that will be covered. If students are wanting more test prep, feel free to check out our ACT Prep Session Information page by going to www.usd306.org > SECONDARY > COUNSELING CENTER. There are several other options available.

ACT TEST PREP CLASS OPPORTUNITY

This class includes practical and relevant information on how to increase your ACT score. It shows students how to control the test and not let it control them! The workshop covers what will be on the test and how to master test-taking techniques. It is not a practice test! So, students should come to the class already having taken a practice test or real ACT. Students should check their email for information.

PowerPrep

Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 2025 * 8:00am-12:30pm * Agco Corporation in Hesston, KS

SALINA TECH OPPORTUNITIES

SALINA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

JUNIORS and SENIORS have the opportunity to learn valuable technical skills while still in high school. These students spend half their day at SATC and half their day at SES. Many students will graduate from both Salina Tech and SES, with good-paying, full-time jobs waiting for them, with little out-of-pocket expenses. **SOPHOMORES** should be checking out SATC now to determine if it is a good fit for them.

Programs available for a Junior Start:

- **Auto Collision & Refinishing Technology**
- **Automotive Technology**
- **Business Administrative Technology**
- **Computer Aided Drafting**
- **Construction Technology**
- **Diesel Technology**
- **Early Childhood Education**
- **Fire Science Technology**
- **Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning**
- **Machine & Manufacturing Technology**
- **Police Science**
- **Welding Technology**

APPLY BY MAR 1
PROGRAMS FILL UP FAST!



Brody Chambers (top) '26
Malachi Hopkins (right) '26
Business Administration



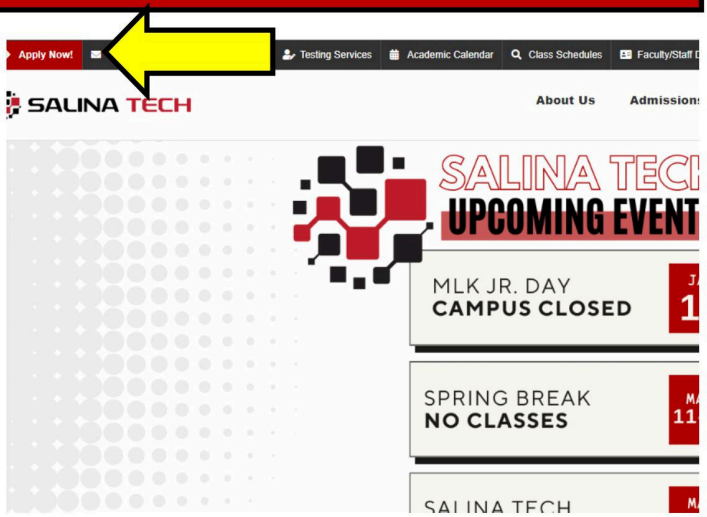
Riley Donnelly '26
Hayden Carbon '26
Early Childhood Education

STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY NOW TO SECURE THEIR SPOT!!

STEP1. Go on a TOUR & SHADOW: Contact SATC and set up a tour and a student shadow opportunity. Your student will get to see what it is like being in the program!

STEP2. Apply to SATC: Go to www.salinatech.edu and click on APPLY NOW! Have the social security number ready to go. This will get them on the list NOW!

STEP3. Come in and see Mrs. Haden: We will talk schedule and make sure everything gets turned into SATC.



—PROGRAMS FILL UP—

SO SOONER RATHER THAN LATER