SOUTHEAST OF SALINE

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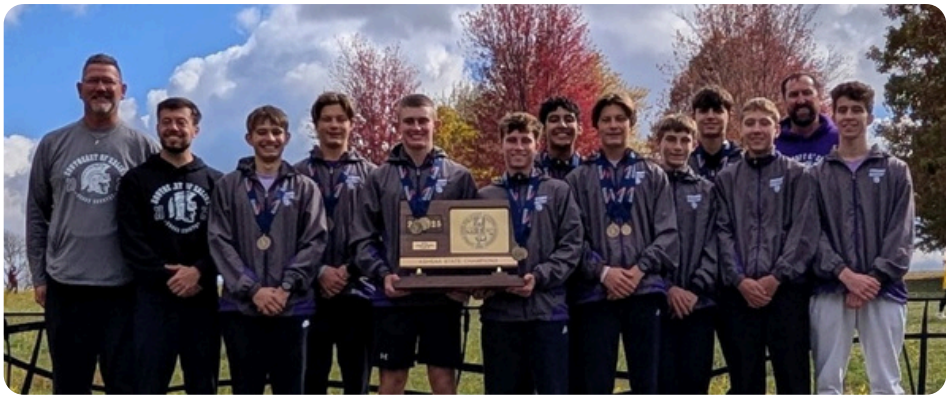
Elementary

Mrs. Cassie Gorman, Elementary Principal
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Student Shout-outs



The boys Cross Country Team are the 2025 STATE CHAMPIONS! Several also won individual medals.



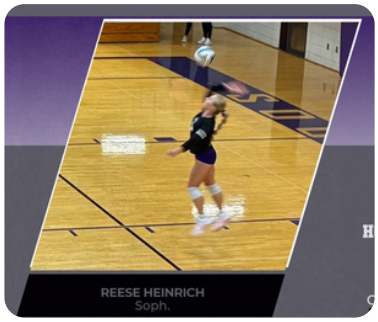
The Football team are the 2025 2A State runner-up. They finish the season 12-1. This year's senior class finishes with a 46-3 overall record and a state title in 2024.



Espyn, Olivia, Hannah, Adam, James, Ava, & Rylee were selected for the North Central District KMEA Honor Choir.

This Past Month in Pictures





2 Trojans make the All NCAA Volleyball teams. Suttyn Douglas - 1st team & Reese Heinrich - Honorable Mention





Mr. Douglas' Advanced Computer Apps students started delivering stories written for Mrs. Riffel's Kindergarteners. The HS students wrote and designed books for each student



Fifteen Junior High students were selected for the NCKMEA Middle Level Honor Choir.



Elementary Assistant Principal Kristin Franklin was honored as the Area 2 Elementary Assistant Principal of the year at the Kansas Principals Association Conferene.



Kindergarten students made thank you cards for local veterans. On November 8th they delivered them and visited the National Guard and Sunset Park.

Upcoming Events

Elementary Events in Purple

Dec 1: 4:00 - HS Scholars Bowl @ Buhler
4:30 - JH Basketball vs Minneapolis
Boys @ Minneapolis Girls: Home

Dec 2: 4:00 - HS Scholars Bowl @ Ellsworth
4:30 - HS Basketball @ Smoky Valley
4:30 - JH Basketball vs Hillsboro
Boys @ Hillsboro Girls: Home
7:00 - 5th & 6th Grade Band & Vocal Concert

Dec 3: FFA Ag Sale & Food Science @ Bellville

Dec 4: 4:00 - HS JV Scholars Bowl @ Central Christian in Hutch
4:30 - JH Basketball vs Republic County
Boys @ Republic County Girls: Home
6:30 - 1st Grade Concert
7:15 - 2nd Grade Concert

Dec 5: 4:30 - HSBB @ Heston

Dec 6: HS District Honor and Band
9:00 - HS Girls Wrestling @ McPherson
9:00 - JH B-Team Tourn. @ Republic County

Dec 7: 5:00 - Madz @ KWU Christmas by Candlelight

Dec 8: 4:00 - HS Scholars Bowl JV Tournament @ SES
6:30 - Regular School Board Meeting
7:30 - JH Band & Choir Winter Concert

Dec 9: 2:55 - JH Wrestling Meeting in the Commons
4:30 - HS Basketball vs Abilene

Dec 10: SENIOR PROOF RETAKES
2:45 - Athletic Signing Day

Dec 11: 4:00 - HS Scholars Bowl @ Andover
4:30 - JH Basketball @ Central Plains

Dec 12: 4:30 - HS Basketball @ Beloit

Dec 13: 9:00 - HS Boys Wrestling @ Minneapolis

Dec 15: 4:30 - JH Basketball vs Sacred Heart
Boys: Home Girls @ Sacred Heart
5:00 - HS Boys JV Wrestling @ McPherson
7:30 - Spirit of the Season HS Band and Choir Concert

Dec 16: 3:00 - HS Wrestling @ Republic County

Dec 18: JH NCAA Basketball Tournament
3:00 - HS JV Boys Wrestling @ Abilene

Dec 19: 11:30 - **WINTER BREAK BEGINS**
2:00 - HS Girls Wrestling @ Abilene
4:30 - HS Basketball vs Hillsboro

Dec 20: JH NCAA Basketball Tournament

Winter Break
December 20 - January 5

Band News

December

2 5 & 6th Grade Band Concert in the Theater @ 7pm
(6:45 Report time for band members)
Students need to wear nice dress clothes.

6 HS KMEA Honor Band and Choir @ Manhattan HS

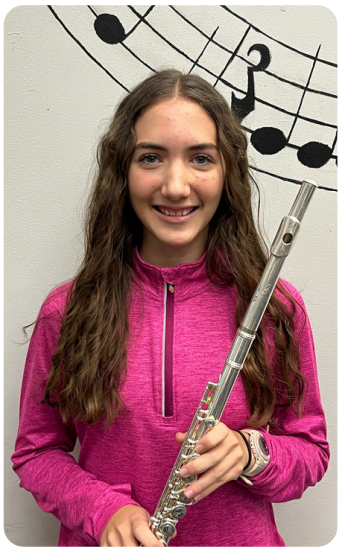
8 JH Band & Vocal Concert in the Theater @ 7pm
(6:45 Report time for band members)
Students need to wear nice dress clothes.

10 Highschool Basketball vs. Abilene
(6:30 Report time for band members)

15 HS Spirit of the Season Concert @ 7:30
(7:15 Report time for band members)
Students need to wear nice dress clothes.

19 Highschool Basketball vs Hillsboro
(6:30 Report time for band members)





Congrats to Senior Charlotte Knopf and Freshman Katleynn Toews for making the NC District High School KMEA honor band!!!







Monday, Dec. 1st-Dec. 12th

SES students and staff are invited to collect non-perishable food items for local food pantries. Donations may be placed on the tables outside the theater.

They are in need of toilet paper, Kleenex, and paper towels. All donations are very helpful and other items needed: unexpired canned goods, pasta, soups, sauces, boxed food, and personal hygiene items.

SES Cares & Shares!

Junior High Wrestling

December
9 Informational Student meeting @ 2:55 in the commons

January
7 Wrestling Practice Begins

5th Annual Stem Challenge:

SNOWGLOBES



DECEMBER 1-17

AT HOME, CREATE YOUR GLOBE FROM
CRAFT/NATURAL/RECYCLED MATERIALS
USE NO EDIBLE MATERIALS OR LIQUIDS

PRIZES AWARDED AT EACH GRADE LEVEL
INCLUDE NAME + GRADE
ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THELIBRARY

FOOD ASSISTANCE



With the halt of SNAP benefits due to the federal government shut down we want to make families aware of local resources that can help during this time.

Free & Reduced School Lunches

We'd like to remind our families that they can fill out the free/reduced lunch application at anytime throughout the school year. It is based on your current income level. Reach out to Melissa Isaacson at misaacson@usd306.org or 785-536-4287 x1085 for assistance or apply here:

https://schoolmealsapp.ksde.org/Home/welcome/D0306

Assistance In District

- Assaria Lutheran Church
  - Blessing Box, 124 W. 1st Street
  - Salina Food Bank Outreach: Pick up Wed 4:30-6:30 Call Karen Couch 785-827-7111 to register
  - Emergency Assistance 785-667-2031
- Gypsum Food Bank: Applications available at City Office, the Bank and K-4 Garage (Gypsum Address required)
- Gypsum Blessing Box @ St Patrick Catholic Church, Spring St & 9th Street

Food Banks & Free Produce

Call for information or to apply

- **Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank,** 255 S Chicago St. 785-827-7111
- **Salvation Army,** 1137 N Santa Fe. 785-823-2251
- **Catholic Charities** 1500 S 9th St. 785-825-0208
- **Ashby House Free Store,** 150 S. 8th St. 785-826-4935
- **Emmanuel Four Square Church,** 1325 E Cloud 785-825-1943
- **First United Methodist Church,** 122 N 8t St 85-825-0228
- **New Community Christian Church,** 530 E. Cloud St. 785-832-2214
- **Higher Praise Church**, 1220 Greeley Ave 785-819-3301
- **First Church of the Nazarene,** 1425 S Ohio 785-823-6331
- **New Jerusalem Church,** 321 N 8th St 785-823-2251

Free Meal Locations

- **Salina Rescue Mission,** 1716 Summers Road. Daily 12-12:45pm and 6pm (must attend service)
- **Salvation Army,** 1137 N Santa Fe Ave. Mon-Fri 4-5:30 pm
- **Christ Cathedral @ Salina Grace Community Resource Center** 315 Broadway Blvd. Mon-Fri 11:30-12pm

Blessing Boxes or Fridges in Salina

- New Community Christian Church, 530 E. Cloud St.
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, 230 E. Cloud St.
- University United Methodist Church, 1509 S. Santa Fe Ave.
- Church of the Cross, 1600 Rush St.
- Heartland Early Education, 700 Jupiter Ave.
- CrossPoint Church, 621 Westport Blvd.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, 302 S. 7th St.
- Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Ave.
- MLK Child Care Center, 1215 N. Santa Fe Ave.
- Higher Praise Church, 1220 Greely Ave.
- First Church of the Nazarene, 1425 S. Ohio St.
- Redeemer Lutheran Church, 743 E. Magnolia Ave.
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, 111 W. Magnolia Ave.
- Living Hope Bible Methodist Church, 1021 W Ash
- Bravo Sliders & Slides, 1400 E Iron Ave.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, 834 Nth 11th St.

Pet Food & Supplies

- Town and Country Animal Hospital, 1501 S Ohio St.

Clothing & Other Items

- Immanuel Lutheran Church, 255 S 7th St.
- Positivity Period Pantry, 204 W Walnut Ave

Weekend Food Bags for Kids

- Christ Cathedral, 138 S. 8th St., 785-827-4404 Call for details

If you need additional assistance please contact the school counseling office and they will try to connect you with additional resources. 785-536-4287 x 4

DECEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 WG Mini Pancakes --- Lasagna Green Beans Breadstick Fruit Cocktail	2 WG Ciniminis & Sausage Link --- Fish Sandwich Potato Salad Sun Chips Peaches	3 WG Cherry Frudel --- Hot Dog Broccoli & Cheese Orange Wedges	4 WG Pizza Bagel --- Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Pears WG Roll	5 WG Muffin --- Fiestada Pizza Mexicorn Tropical Fruit Rice Krispy Treat
8 WG French Toast Sticks & Sausage Link --- Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WG Bread Slice Applesauce	9 WG Pancake Breakfast Sandwich w/ Egg & Sausage --- Pancake on a Stick Tri Tators Strawberries	10 Scones --- Meatballs Cheesy Breadstick Corn on the Cob Grapes	11 WG Banana, Lemon & Pumpkin Bread & Go Gurt --- Soft Tacos Spanish Rice Refried Beans Fruit Cocktail	12 Manager's Choice --- Pepperoni Pizza Corn Tropical Fruit
15 WG Mini Pancakes --- Chicken Strips Savory Rice Mixed Vegetables Fruit Cocktail	16 WG Ciniminis & Sausage Link --- Hamburgers French Fries Pineapple	17 Breakfast Scrambler --- Corn Dog Carrot Coins Mandarin Oranges Brownie	18 WG Oatmeal Breakfast Round --- Holiday Dinner Beef Brisket AuGratin Potatoes Green Beans WG Roll Slushies Cookie	19 WG Muffin Fruit/Milk/String Cheese --- NO LUNCH TODAY Dismiss @ 11:30
22	23	24	25	
29	30	31		



HAPPY Holidays

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

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

December

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 with engaging activities, plan group events for families to connect with others, administer screenings to monitor child development, and provide neccessary resources when needed.

UPDATES

SES Parents as Teachers received a national recognition of Blue Ribbon status by providing high quality services to children and families.



COMING UP

This month our families will gather at the Watkins Tree Farm! We will learn about the trees, read stories, do a craft and enjoy a snack!



CONTACT ME

Lindsey Frank
Program Coordinator and Parent Educator
lfrank@usd306.org
785-536-4287

RECENT FUN

Kindermusik at Joyful Noise Studios



parents as teachers

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

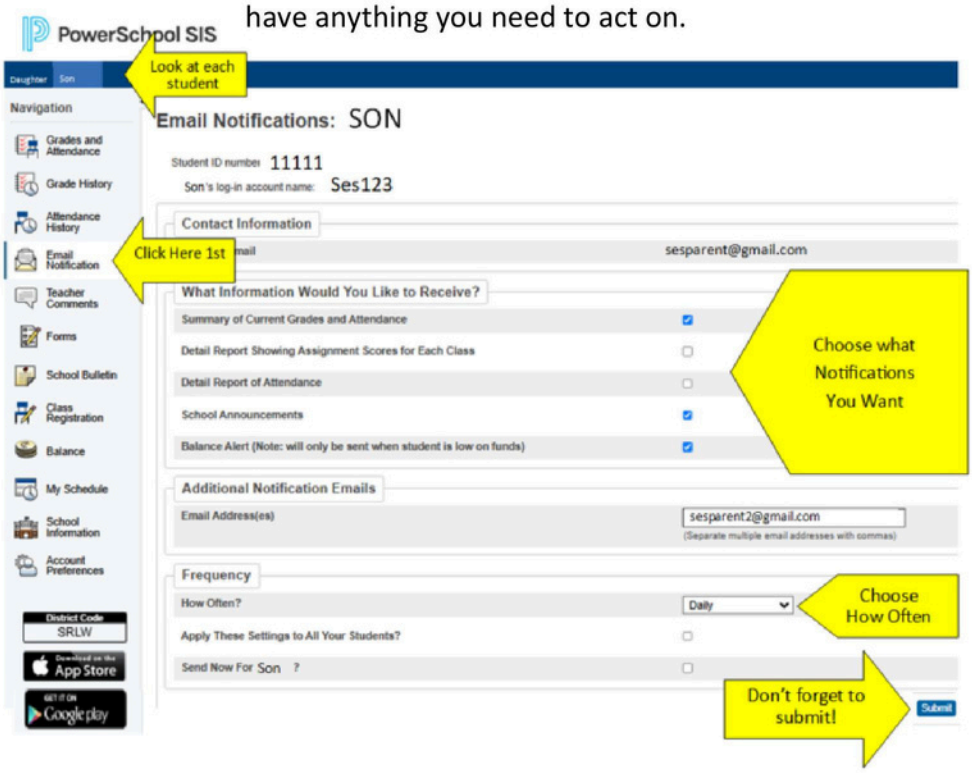
SCHOOL COUNSELOR - Stephanie Mettlen
785.536.4287 ext. 1018 * smettlen@usd306.org

CAREER & GUIDANCE COUNSELOR - Megan Haden
785.536.4287 ext. 1017 * mhaden@usd306.org

PowerSchool TECH TIP
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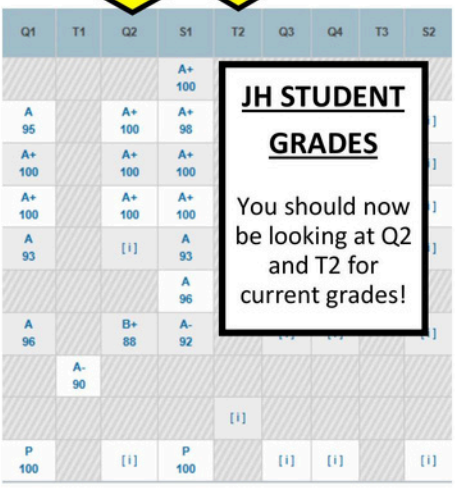
SETTING EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Setting up your email notifications page allows you to receive an email daily or even weekly . You can receive current grades, attendance, school announcements, and balance alerts. This allows you to quickly scan your student's information to determine if you have anything you need to act on.

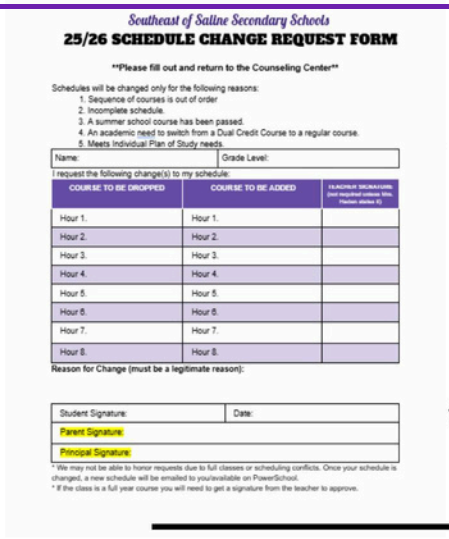


DECEMBER POINTS OF INTEREST

- PowerSchool Tech Tip
- Senior News
- PSAT/NMSQT Results
- PreACT Results
- Sem2 Schedule Changes
- Enrolling in Online Classes







Southeast of Saline Secondary Schools

25/26 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 Mrs. Hacker sticker #)
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 Change (must be a legitimate reason):

Student Signature:	Date:
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.

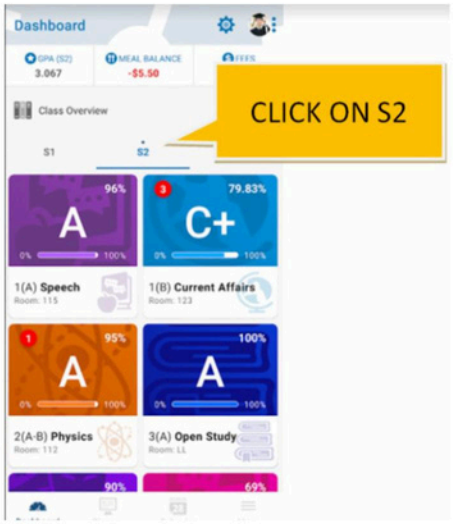
SEMESTER 2 SCHEDULE CHANGES

All 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. Schedule changes are due Monday, January 12th by the end of the day.

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.

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.



PSAT/NMSQT SCORE RELEASE

Any junior or sophomore who took the PSAT/NMSQT on October 7th were given their score reports by the Counseling Center. Please get with your student to see those results if they haven't shared them already. If students included their email on their answer sheet, they will receive an email from College Board with instructions on how to access their score report. It is a good idea for students to create an account at College Board or download the Big Future app on their phone. They will be able to access test prep questions that will help them get better for their free ACT in the Spring!

PREACT 8/9 SCORE RELEASE

The PreACT 8/9 scores will be given to all freshman that took the test in October. 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 your student has a myact.org account. Mrs. Haden will meet with freshman in their English class to discuss their PreACT scores. The conversation will include:

- 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 score and GPA.



SENIOR information

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS SHOULD BE COMING IN!



PRIORITY DEADLINES are coming up for the 6 major universities in Kansas. Make sure your senior doesn't miss out by not getting their applications in! Don't hesitate to apply to several colleges early so they secure the scholarships! Deadlines are IMPORTANT!!

ALWAYS check your email

Information for Housing Contracts, meetings with advisors, financial aid acceptance, and so much more will be emailed to your student. Encourage your senior to CHECK THEIR E-MAIL.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY SENIOR DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

1. Have them get a job in the field they are interested in.
2. Set them up for an internship.
3. Set them up for a job shadow.
4. Watch YouTube videos on the "*day in the life of a career*."
5. Check out XELLO and see what the Matchmaker says.
6. Go on College Visits.
7. Set them up with people you know in the job they are interested in.
8. Explore, Explore, Explore! Something will peek their interest, they just haven't experienced it yet.

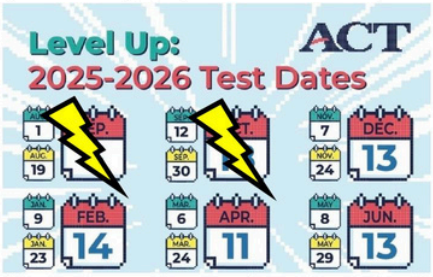
Where Seniors Find Scholarships

1. The SES Counseling Center website.
2. The college you are attending. Look on the website.
3. Ask the employers of your Family.
4. Ask any social clubs, churches, or organizations that you or your family belong to.
5. Check your email! Scholarships are sent out often.



ACT - DECEMBER 13th

This is the last ACT of 2025. There are two more in the Spring. If your student is wanting to retake the ACT to work towards more scholarship money this is a good one to take. Have them sign up at myact.org and they can come to the Counseling Office if they need any help.



ACT offers test prep for every learning style with live video lessons, interactive practice questions, full-length practice test, and on-demand tutorials. Go to act.org/prep. Students can also use IXL! Go to IXL, click on Learning, then click on Test Prep, and ACT.