

SOUTHEAST OF SALINE USD 306

Excellence in Education...Preparing Future Leaders

November 2025 Newsletter



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Band News

November

8th HS District KMEA Band/Choir/Jazz Auditions
@ Junction City HS (All day for those interested)

8th MS KMEA District Honor Band
(Only for those selected)

* Possible home playoff games for HS Band
November 7, 14, 21

29 Possible State HS FB game @ Hutch CC TBA

December

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



Congrats to 7th grade band student
Connor McCoy for making the NC
district middle school KMEA honor
band!!!

November Character Trait

GRATITUDE

Definition we use:
choosing to appreciate the
people and things in our lives

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME:

- start a tradition at the dinner table or bedtime to say what you are thankful/grateful for
- writing a thank you note to someone who gives you a gift or because you are grateful for them



Prairie Patch Craft Show

Southeast of Saline School
5056 East K-4 Highway Cypsum, KS 67448

Saturday, November 8th, 2025

9 am - 3 pm

free admission handmade crafts
wheelchair and stroller accessible
holiday decor concessions unique gifts

Sponsored by the Southeast of Saline Education Foundation

CALLING ALL
KINDERGARTEN-6TH GIRLS

FUTURE QUEENS OF THE COURT

Sessions will focus on
Basketball Skill Development with Coach
Smith, Coach Riedy, Coach Holmes, along
with other players.

STARTING NOVEMBER 9, 16, 23, 30
3:00-4:15 PM
ELEMENTARY GYM

Cost- \$35.00 per player for all 4 sessions plus
an SES Basketball and t-shirt.



Questions: please contact ssmith@usd306.org
RSVP Here:



November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 STATE Cross Country @ Rim Rock
						National FFA Convention
2	3	4 4:00 HS Scholar's Bowl @ Moundridge 4:30 JHBB @ Smoky Valley	5 Freshman PreACT	6 4:30 JHBB vs Beloit	7 HS Football Regionals TBD	8 HS & JH Band and Choir District Auditions @ JCHS 9:00 Prairie Patch Craft Show
9	10 4:00 HS League Scholars Bowl @ Minneapolis 4:30 JHBB vs Lyons 6:30 Regular Board Meeting	11 4:00 HS Scholars Bowl @ Sacred Heart	12 FFA Leadership School in Salina	13 PICTURE RETAKE DAY SENIOR PROOFS 4:30 JHBB @ Minneapolis 7:30 School Musical: GREASE	14 HS Football Sectionals TBD	15 7:30 School Musical: GREASE
16	17 3:30 Elem. Parents Club Meeting 4:30 JHBB Boys VS Republic County 4:30 JHBB Girls @ Republic County	18 4:00 HS Scholars Bowl @ Lyons 4:30 JHBB Boys @ Sacred Heart Girls vs Sacred Heart	19	20 4:00 HS Scholars Bowl @ Abilene 4:30 JHBB Boys @ Ellsworth Girls vs Ellsworth	21 HS Football Sub- State	22
23 4:00 Madrigals @ ALC Thanksgiving Service	24 Madrigals @ League Honor Choir 4:30 JHBB Boys vs Beloit Girls @ Beloit	25	26	27	28	29 HS State Football
			NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK			
30						

NOVEMBER



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 WG Mini Pancakes <hr/> NATIONAL SANDWICH DAY!!! Chicken Salad Sandwich Potato Wedges Apple Crisp Milk	4 WG Ciniminis & Sausage Link <hr/> Corn Dog Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail Milk	5 WG Cherry Frudel <hr/> Cavitini Peas Mandarin Oranges WG Roll Milk	6 WG Pizza Bagel <hr/> NATIONAL NACHO DAY!!! Nachos (6th –12th) Soft Tacos (K-5th) Refried Beans Peaches Milk	7 WG Muffin <hr/> Pepperoni Pizza Corn Cherry Applesauce Oreos Milk
10 WG French Toast Stick & Sausage Link <hr/> Chicken on a Bun Au gratin Potatoes Green Beans Orange Wedges Milk	11 WG Breakfast Burrito <hr/> Bierocks (6th-12th) Crispito (K-5th) Creamed Corn Pineapple Milk	12 Scones <hr/> Teriyaki Chicken Savory Rice Oriental Vegetable Pears Milk	13 WG Banana, Pumpkin & Lemon Bread & Go Gurt <hr/> Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Peas & Carrots WG Bread Slice Tropical Fruit Milk	14 Eggs & A Biscuit <hr/> Hamburger French Fries Peaches Milk
17 WG Mini Pancakes <hr/> Pancake on a Stick Tri Tators Pineapple Milk	18 WG Ciniminis & Sausage Link <hr/> Chili Cinnamon Roll Baby Carrots Fruit Cocktail Milk	19 WG Egg Scrambler <hr/> Chicken Fries Fried Rice Broccoli Apple Slices Milk	20 WG Bagel w/ Cream Cheese <hr/> Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes WG Bread Slice Juice Bar Milk	21 WG Muffin <hr/> Fiestada Pizza MexiCorn Pears Peanut Butter Bars Milk
24 WG French Toast Stick & Sausage Link <hr/> Cheesy Breadstick w/sauce Broccoli Normandy Applesauce Milk	25 WG Breakfast Burrito <hr/> Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Turkey Gravy Stuffing (6th-12th) Peaches WG Roll Milk	26 	28 	

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

SES GREASE CAST LIST

DANNY ZUKO	JAMES FRIESEN
SANDY DUMBROWSKY.....	OLIVIA SWENSON
KENICKIE.....	CASSON KLOVER
RIZZO.....	AVA RUPERT
DOODY.....	ADAM THIEL
FRENCHY.....	ABIGAIL PEARSON
ROGER.....	ELIZANDRO FIGUEROA
JAN.....	JALEYANNA POUILLARD
SONNY.....	LAVONE HOPKINS
MARTY.....	HANNAH THIEL
EUGENE.....	TIERNAN PTACEK
PATTY SIMCOX.....	ISABELLA OWEN
MRS. LYNCH.....	JORDAN WILLIS
VINCE FONTAINE.....	BECKETT MURRAY
CHA CHA DIGREGORIO.....	MAKINZIE TILLER
JOHNNY CASINO.....	ETHAN TONNE
RADIO SINGER.....	RYLEE STANDLEY
TEEN ANGEL.....	ADAM THIEL

JOCKS, NERDS, AND PREPS:

JASMINE ARCEO
 EMMA BREEN
 BRILEE BAILEY
 KAMDYN CARBON
 JAYCEE DEWITT
 BAYLIE DROWN
 AUBRI HOSKINS
 LILLY HULLETT
 KELBI HUNGATE
 HAYDEN JESSUP
 CHEYENNE KELLEY
 ASIAH JOHNSON
 PAIGE LACY
 SOPHIA MARTINEZ
 MADELYN MCFADDEN
 MAILANA MOLINA
 HAYDEN MURNAHAN
 BECKETT MURRAY
 BEAR PROWANT
 LAYLA SERRAULT
 RYLEE STANDLEY
 LILIA SWEENEY
 BRYANT RUSH
 STEVEN TORRES-MCBRIDE
 ETHAN TONNE
 KENDRA TURNER
 BRECKYN WIDMARK

THE GAMBLERS:

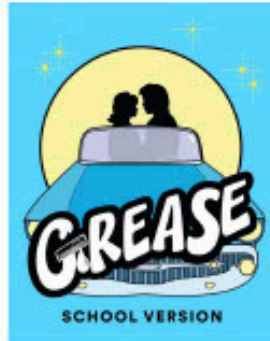
AERABELLA ADE
 MELODY FELLERS
 ELIZABETH SHAW
 TAEGEN WEAVER

CHEERLEADERS:

ALEA BARNABY
 GRACELYN DAVIS
 JOZLYN JOHNSON
 EZMAI REGO

Southeast of Saline Vocal Music Department presents...

Grease: School Version



Thursday, November 13, & Saturday, November 15

Performances begin at 7:30 pm

Reserved seats...secure them now...few will be available at the door

Experience the friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in the 1950s. Come enjoy the singing and dancing world of "Grease," the most successful movie musical of all time. A wholesome exchange student and a leather-clad Burger Palace Boy have a summer romance, but can it cross clique lines?

Please complete the ticket request form below & attach a check paid to the order of SES

Completed forms should be returned to the SES office or Ms. Boley

Requests will not be processed without payment

As orders are filled, tickets will be sent home with students

Sorry, no telephone or email reservations will be taken

Purchaser Name _____ Phone Number _____

Thursday, November 13 @ 7:30 p.m.

Adult Tickets _____ \$10.00 each

Student/Senior _____ \$5.00 each

Saturday, November 15 @ 7:30 p.m.

Adult Tickets _____ \$10.00 each

Student/Senior _____ \$5.00 each

Total Payment \$ _____ Make checks payable to Southeast of Saline

Tickets will be sent home with your student.....

Student name _____ Grade or Homeroom Teacher _____

Some tickets will be available at the door. Advanced tickets are preferred.

THE LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

WHISPERS FROM THE STACKS

a haunted library escape room

Our secondary students participated in a haunted library escape room as a passive programming during the week of Halloween!



We kicked off our BAM club with *The Martian* by Andy Weir and a few of us got to watch the riveting movie too! We have 17 members of BAM this year - it'll be a fun year!



The Art of Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog by Garth Stein was our first Club 78 read. These folks are a lively bunch - can't wait to read with them this year!



FALL BOOK FAIR

As always, we are so incredibly thankful for your support of our book fair each season! We sold 686 books (and a million bookmarks, ha!) and raised a good amount of funds for our Share the Fair fund in the spring. Until 2026, so long, Scholastic Book Fair!

THE PENGUIN RESCUE STORY

Our third, fourth and fifth graders got to read a true story about an animal rescue called *The Penguin of Ilha Grande* by Shannon Earle. This book is on our William Allen White list this year, and after learning about this amazing rescue tale, they got to become scientists at a Brazilian oil spill! They cleaned feathers and got to experience the tedious task first hand. Great job, students!

HOW TO RAISE A READER IN AN AGE OF DIGITAL DISTRACTION

A library colleague of mine sent me an article a few weeks ago that really resonated with me. I've had countless opportunities for discussion around this very topic as of late, and this article was an encouragement to me. Whether you're someone who has been in a desperate quest to balance technology in your family or not, the author gives out some practical tips for us as we navigate these waters with our children. One of many quotes that was worth repeating: Our job as parents isn't to eliminate technology—it's to create intentional spaces where deep attention can flourish. I challenge you to read through this article, process it, and share a takeaway with someone in your circle of influence. These conversations are so valuable, and they start with us!



NOVEMBER

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 necessary resources when needed.

UPDATES

We have had lots of fall fun this last month! We attended Sunny Side Pumpkin Patch for a group connection, learned about pumpkins and fall harvest at story time in Gypsum, and are doing spider themed activities during our home visits!

COMING UP

Next month our PAT families will have a group connection at Joyful Noise Studio! We will do a Kindermusik class with Ms. Melissa.



CONTACT ME

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Program Coordinator and
Parent Educator

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RECENT FUN



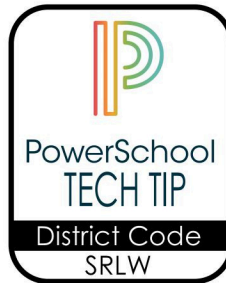
What's going on in the 7-12 COUNSELING CENTER?

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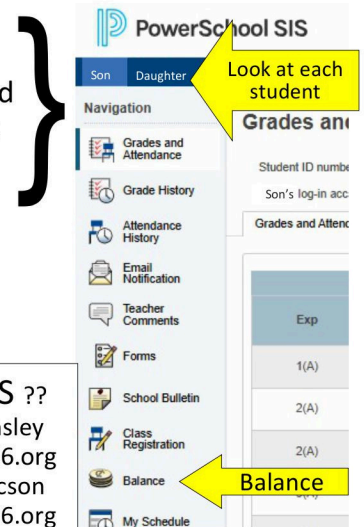
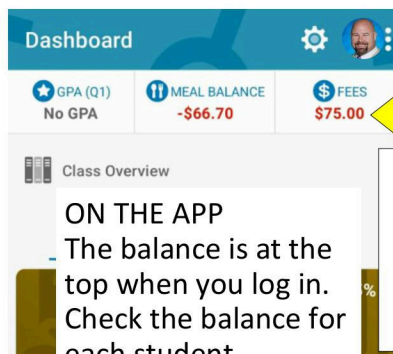
POINTS OF INTEREST

- Academic Letter
- Recipients
- ACT
- Career Exploration
- College Visits
- NHS
- PowerSchool Tech Tip
- SATC Opportunities



HOW TO CHECK YOUR FEE BALANCE:

ON A COMPUTER
On the left hand side click on **BALANCE**. You will need to do this for each student that you have.



?? QUESTIONS ??
Fees—Mrs. Walmsley
awalmsley@usd306.org
Meals—Mrs. Isaacson
misaacson@usd306.org

ON THE APP
The balance is at the top when you log in. Check the balance for each student.

Congratulations Academic Letter Recipients



Congratulations 2025-2026 NHS INDUCTEES



Barnaby, Alea
Bramblett, Natalie
Carlin, Brooks
Carlin, Zach
Dahl, Kinsley
Davis, Gracelyn
Duran, Lilly
Felzien, Brielle
Goetz, Taryn

Hartman, Brooklyn
Heinrich, Reese
Keasling, Parker
Keller, Tysen
Knopf, Caleb
Krehbiel, Sydnie
Lund, Hendrix
McQuillan, Scarlett
Owen, Juliana

Richardson, Tara
Riffel, Kade
Samuelson, Kyiah
Sawyers, Kain
Soell, Mackenzie
Swank, Tristan
Swenson, Olivia
Thiel, Hannah
Zurfluh, Karlee



Congratulations NHS OFFICERS

PRESIDENT—Bryson Lippold

VICE-PRESIDENT—Abigail Pearson

SECRETARY—Gannon Jacobson

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PUBLIC RELATIONS/PARLIAMENTARIAN—Charlotte Knopf

GO ON A CAMPUS TOUR

JUNIORS & SENIORS

You should be touring prospective colleges right NOW! Students have five excused days to visit college campuses. Most of our students like to go on a college campus tour on days SES doesn't have school so they don't miss anything. **Oct 17th** is our next day off. If you need to narrow down your list, start with a virtual tour! Go to the colleges website and check it out & SIGN UP. Come see Mrs. Haden if you need help getting started.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO ON A VISIT?

- Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to walk a lot
- Bring your parents/guardians with you; they want to know where you are going to live
- Take a campus tour
- Visit the admissions office and participate in the information session
- Make sure the school is in your budget
- Check out the dorms
- Arrange for a meeting with department heads in the major that interests you most
- Talk to the coaches of sports you want to play
- Look into life beyond academics
- Eat lunch in the student center and watch student interactions
- Walk/drive around the community surrounding the campus

SCHEDULE A COLLEGE VISIT TODAY!

College Preview Days



Sept 13 Shocker Saturday
Sept 27 Shocker Saturday Espanol
Oct 11 Shocker Saturday
Oct 17 Black & Yellow Day
Oct 25 Shocker Saturday Espanol
Oct 27 Black & Yellow Day
Nov 8 Shocker Saturday
Dec 6 Shocker Saturday



Sept 5 Journalism & Mass Communications Workshop
Sept 13 Business Open House
Sept 20 Engineering Open House
Oct 17 Crimson & Blue Day
Nov 15 Pre-Health Day
Nov TBD 1st Generation Day



Sept 29 Future Educators Day
Oct 2 Major & Grad. Program Fair
Oct 11 Tiger Day
Oct 23 Future Engineers' Day
Oct 24 Health & Behavioral Sci Day
Oct 28 Inspire Business Camp
Nov 10 Informatics Open House



Sept 13 Preview Day
Oct 4 Preview Day
Nov 1 Rumble in the Jungle



Sept 26-17 Family Weekend
Oct 3 Powercat Preview
Oct 10 Powercat Preview
Nov 14 Powercat Preview
Feb 16 Admitted Wildcat Day
Mar 9 Admitted Wildcat Day
Mar 27 Admitted Wildcat Day
Apr 18 Open House



Nov 7 Black+Gold Day
Apr 11 Black+Gold Day



JR/SR, these days are worth your time! Plan a visit



AUTOMATIC FRESHMEN SCHOLARSHIPS

All scholarships are renewable with a 3.3 cumulative FHSU GPA.

TIGER PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP
\$3,750 per year

VICTOR E. SCHOLARSHIP
\$2,750 per year

BLACK & GOLD SCHOLARSHIP
\$2,000 per year

HAYS CITY SCHOLARSHIP
\$1,500 per year



FHSU
EXAMPLE

COLLEGES DO STILL USE ACT SCORES

The six state universities in KS have stopped requiring the ACT/SAT for entrance and have gone to a minimum GPA requirement. That doesn't mean that they don't have to take the ACT. Some majors have an ACT/GPA requirement and one of the biggest benefits is FRESHMAN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS!!

JUNIORS

will get one FREE ACT provided by the State of Kansas. This is given during the school day.

SENIORS

Study on IXL and retake it! Remember, colleges will super score for freshman merit scholarships.

'25-'26 SCHOOL YEAR
ACT® TEST DATES

Register for paper test / no writing

- ✓ ~~SEPTEMBER 6~~
- ✓ ~~OCTOBER 18*~~
- ✓ DECEMBER 13
- ♥ FEBRUARY 14 ♥
- ✓ APRIL 11*
- ✓ JUNE 13*
- ✓ JULY 11

STUDY ON IXL!!

Personalized study plans for SAT & ACT

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES

Students are often emailed opportunities to investigate careers that they are interested in. For instance, there are several educator, technical school, and healthcare days coming up. Make sure your student is signing up if they are interested!

Opportunities just like this will be coming up soon!

HEALTHCARE AWARENESS DAY
20
INFORMATION SESSIONS
HIGHLIGHTING HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Wednesday
OCTOBER 8
9:00am - 2:15pm

Each student can register through the following link. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JVWRYQR>





CALLING ALL 10th & 11th GRADERS

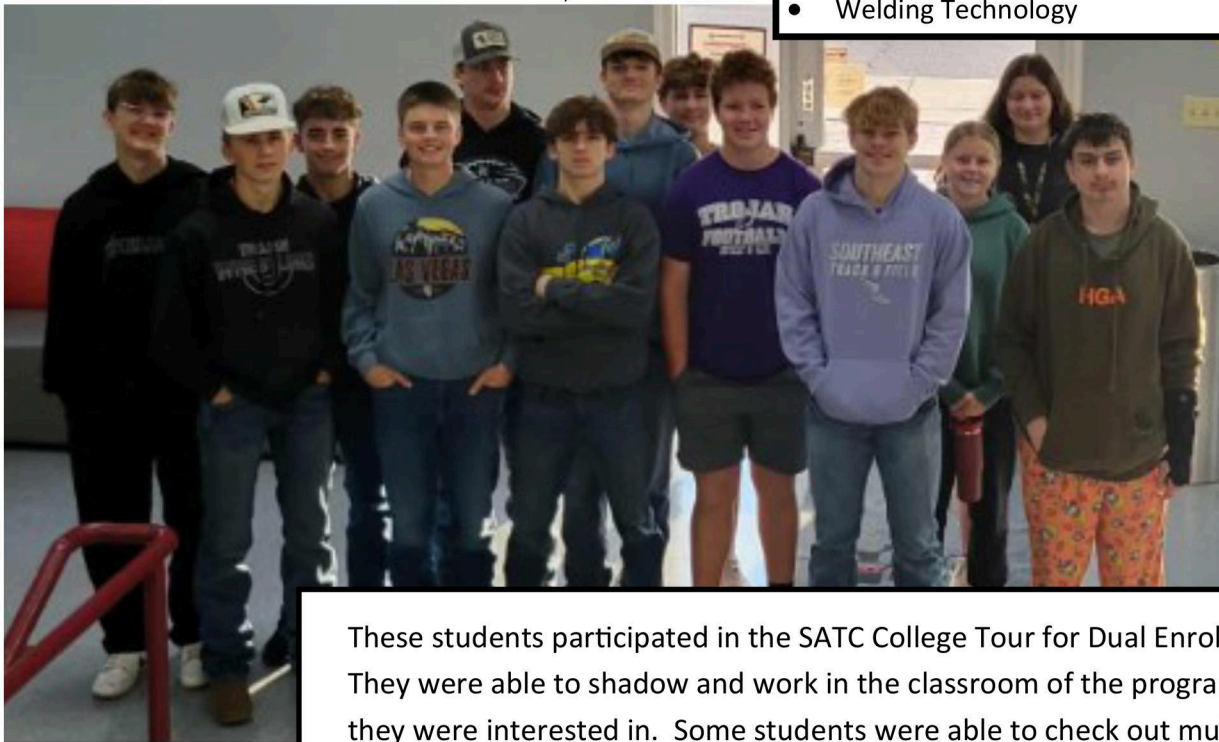
SALINA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE—DUAL CREDIT

This year's juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for Dual Credit Enrollment for next year at Salina Area Technical College (SATC). Dual Enrollment is when high school students attend college classes at SATC. If your student is interested in one of the following programs please ask them to stop by the Counseling Center and talk to Mrs. Haden.



SALINA TECH

- Automotive Collision & Refinishing Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Business Administrative Technology
- Certified Nursing Aide (CNA)
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Construction Technology
- Dental Assistant
- Diesel Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Heating, Ventilation, & A/C (HVAC)
- Machining and Manufacturing Technology
- Police Science (online only)
- Fire Science
- Welding Technology
- Fire Science
- Welding Technology



Check
this
out ➡

These students participated in the SATC College Tour for Dual Enrollment. They were able to shadow and work in the classroom of the program that they were interested in. Some students were able to check out multiple programs and meet with their college advisor. Several have already committed to SATC next year! Wish them luck in starting their college career. How exciting to have the opportunity to graduate college in the same week you graduate high school!!