



**SCRIBNER-SNYDER COMMUNITY
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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Joe Peitzmeier

Wow! Summer is almost here. Where did the school year go? I cannot believe that it was just under a year ago that I first sat down in this office in the Scribner-Snyder School District. In my first year here, it has become evident that this community is a great place to be. We have a tremendous school and community that all should be proud of.

As we near summer, we are working to finish up our to-do list. The administration and secretaries are working to finish up much of the state reporting that is necessary, and the custodial staff will be busy cleaning every inch of the buildings getting them ready for the return of kids in August.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned hosting community meetings to inform the public of the direction of the school district and to build a stronger sense of community support for our schools. I am in the process of planning these meetings. Information will be coming out soon explaining the logistics.

I want to take a moment to thank the following five staff members for their dedication and commitment to our students, school, and communities. Their combined 72 years of experience will be sorely missed. I wish them all good luck as they pursue their future endeavors. Thank you: Kent Adelung (1 year); Susie Dostal (34 years); Marissa Gaston (2 years); Deron Meyer (10 years); and Sally O'Neill Cole (25 years).

In closing, I want to express my appreciation for the incredible amount of patience, flexibility, and determination our staff, students, and parents have shown throughout this past year. As you recall, we were closing schools and businesses a year ago – accomplishing what we have done throughout Nebraska and specifically in the Scribner-Snyder Community Schools is nothing short of incredible. We all have done our part and what we did worked to keep our kids safe and in school. To support this point, we are planning on finishing out the year with our current protocols in place.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. On a final note, **Please keep in mind that students who continue to read over the summer are more likely to gain ground educationally.**

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Patrons:

It is hard to believe we're at that time of the year where we're talking about the end of the school year activities. With spring comes a variety of events and it seems like our students spend about the same amount of time out of school as in school.

The annual Senior Sneak Trip will be held on April 16-17-18. Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Schafer are the senior class sponsors and always do an outstanding job getting this trip organized. The seniors are changing it up as they usually go to Wyoming skiing, however, this year the class has decided to go to Kansas City.

Mr. Poessnecker worked hard to get the students ready to perform this year's musical, "The Wizard of Oz". Something new this year was that he allowed students in elementary, Jr. High and high school to participate in the musical. The musical was performed for the public on March 27 and March 28. We hope you had a chance to come and support Mr. Poessnecker and the performers.

The NSCAS Testing window is set for March 22 – April 30 in the areas of Math, Reading and Science for grades 3-8. All juniors were required to take the ACT as mandated by state statute. This test took place on March 23rd. We'd like to thank Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Fischer and other staff members for all their work getting the testing materials, software updates completed, and to help administer the test. We're confident our students will do their best on these tests again this year. Once the test results become available we will be sharing them with our parents and patrons.

We've started looking at the master class schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. We're still planning on having 3 registration periods again this year. The first registration will be done with students in a one on one setting. Next, a second registration will take place and these schedules will be sent home for parent review. Once these schedules have been reviewed for a 3rd time, a finalized class schedule will be sent home with the students at the end of the school year. Students will also have a week to drop/add classes during the first week of school in fall.

Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. This year's event will take place in the elementary gymnasium. Our seniors will be graduating from SSCS on Saturday, May 8 (time –TBA). Please come and enjoy this special day with our senior class. The school year is set to end on Friday, May 14, and will be here before we know it.

As we head into the last part of the year we hope everyone has a safe and productive spring. We're looking forward to having a great end to the school year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Stithem

Cyber Security and Computer Careers Guest Speaker

On Monday, March 8, Diane Bradbury (right), a 1980 Scribner Graduate, came and spoke to all of the computer science students about Cyber Security and jobs in computer science. She spoke to the students about how she herself was the only woman in the field many times when she first started her career. The students spent an hour listening and interacting with her on the various topics. She highly encouraged the students to look at the field and not be afraid to pursue a career in the field.



“Under the Neon Lights” is this year’s theme for Prom. The Class of 2022 have been working diligently to prepare for a fun evening on April 24th. Post Prom activities will continue for more than 30 students at the Sky Zone in Omaha. It is guaranteed to be a fun night for all that attend. Pictures will begin at 6:45 p.m. with the dance starting at 7:30 p.m.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STATE SPEECH QUALIFIER HANNAH RYUN!!

Hannah participated in this year's District Speech meet at Newman Grove March 9th and earned a 3rd place medal. The State Speech Meet was on March 19th and she missed finals by 1 point. Great job Hannah. You made SCS proud!!



Team members include: Chandler Carrier, Kadyr Wheelock, Evan Noel, Savanna Lundry, Izzy Carrier, Ashley Stadt, Merivath Zamora, Eryn Hull, Hannah Ryun, McKenna Stewart, Cloe Lundry, Cailey Stout, Kristal Svehla, Jillian Dames and Maycie Streit.

S-S Tracksters ready to compete

Members of the S-S track team began their season (weather permitting) on March 30th in West Point. Action continues April 9th in Homer. A complete schedule can be found on the school calendar. Please note that the NSAA State Track Meet this year will feature Class A & D on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20 and Class B & C will be on Friday and Saturday, May 21-22.

Conference Choral Clinic

Article written by: Krystal Bigley

On March 15, Krystal Bigley, DesiRae Svehla, Rylee Nemecek, Garrett Hunke, and Savanna Lundry, choir students from SSCS, participated in Conference Choral Clinic hosted at the Neilson Center in West Point. With Covid restrictions in place, a larger venue than the school was needed. Also attending the clinic were students from Bancroft-Rosalie, Clarkson-Leigh, Howells-Dodge, Humphrey, Lyons-Decatur, Madison, North Bend Central, Oakland, Pender, Stanton, Tekamah-Herman, Twin River, West Point-Beemer and Wisner-Pilger.

Other members of the SSCS choir class, Maycie Streit, Eryn Hull, Cloe Lundry, and Merivath Zamora, went along to help organize and distribute student packets as well as to help in the concession stand.

Joel Johnston, director of Vocal Music at Midland University, was the Clinician for Conference Choral Clinic. He conducts the University choir there. Johnston has conducted more than 40 choral festivals throughout the Midwest.

To start out the day we warmed up our voices and then had a thirty-minute practice. The day consisted of 45-minute practices followed by 15-minute breaks. Lunch and dinner were provided. Family members were able to attend the concert in person that evening.

Students practiced and performed a total of five songs during the concert including “Star Spangled Banner,” “Shut De Do,” “Contar,” “Things That Never Die,” and “April’s in My Mistress’ Face.” The day was very tiring for many of the students because of the five-hour practice day we had.

Garrett Hunke, a freshman member of our choir said, “I thought that the clinic went well! I loved the general atmosphere of the place, and I thought the song choice was great!” Hunke is already looking forward to next year’s clinic.

This was the first year attending Choral Clinic for sophomore DesiRae Svehla as well. “I liked the way the clinic was run. I thought it made us really work hard.” Svehla is also looking forward to making a return to Choral Clinic next year.



Not everything is easy, and I found this to be true at Choral Clinic as well. Singing in a big group of kids from other schools is hard. Wearing masks all day and singing was a challenge. Everyone was accountable for really singing out so we could be heard through the masks. As a senior, this is an opportunity I'm really going to miss after I graduate. The concert brought tears to my eyes knowing that this is another last for me at SSCS.

Spring Concerts set at S-S



This year's Spring concerts at Scribner-Snyder will take place on Monday, April 19th—Jr/Sr High, 7 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 4th—Elementary, 7 p.m.

The concerts will be open to the public. Masks will be required.

District Music—This year's District Music Contest will take place at Oakland-Craig Public Schools on Friday, April 23rd. Good luck to all the S-S participants!!

Life of a Senior

By Lane Johnson

Being a senior can bring a wide range of mixed emotions. We are happy to graduate but are in sorrow thinking of life and friends we will leave behind as we venture out into the real world to make something of ourselves. Life can be scary as we are all finding out. Some of us are going onto college. We are learning the challenges that come with applying for scholarships and enrolling in college. The knowledge we have gained in the last four years of high school has prepared us, and we are ready to take on any challenge that comes our way.

Being a senior can be scary. We are coming up on our very last dance of our high school careers. Although I will not be attending this year, it is a sad feeling of not having the memories and moments we used to have and share with our younger classmates. Going through high school, all you wish for is the moment as a senior when you can step across that stage. Then when you get there, you wish the days hadn't come so fast and gone by even faster. Everything happens in a blink of an eye, you'll be wishing for a little bit more time, just to be a kid a little longer. Don't take anything for granted because once you have outlived those glory days, you won't have a chance to remake the moments you missed.

Senior Spotlight

LANE WILLIAM JOHNSON

Plans after high school: I plan on going to college for business management.

Favorite experience: Sports

Favorite teacher: I haven't been here long enough to have a favorite

What motivated you in school: My family

What will you miss most: My friends



HARLEY THOMAS BAKER

Plans after high school: I plan on going to college, finding a job, and traveling to a different country.

Favorite experience: My favorite experience was finding a group of people with the same interest.

Favorite teacher: My favorite teacher is Mrs. Schafer because she started the eSports team and brought together different people.

What motivated you in school: All of the friends that I made throughout the years.

What will you miss most: Having that one place that all of my friends are.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On Monday, March 22nd, 2021, Scribner-Snyder Community schools hosted its semesterly blood drive. The blood drive began at 8:00 am and ran until 2:00 pm. This year's blood drives look a little different. With the current COVID regulations, the American Red Cross has numerous safety protocols to keep each donor safe during the donation period. The number of available appointment times has been limited to allow for disinfection and distancing between donors. However, this did not deter local staff and students. Out of the 22 individuals that donated, 6 donors were composed of staff and students. The blood drive was considered a success by reaching our goal of 20 units collected. Although there are many benefits to donating blood, the number of units collected through the school translates into a \$250-\$500 scholarship for a local Scribner-Snyder senior. The exact date has not been determined but be on the lookout for a summer blood drive hosted by Scribner-Snyder Community Schools.

Mrs. Meredith Rolf, K-6 Title 1

Article by Matt Hull

Mrs. Meredith Rolf is a Title 1 teacher at Scribner-Snyder. Rolf works with K-6 students in the areas of reading and math. Rolf got her degree in Elementary Education from Wayne State College. Her teaching career has dabbled in teaching Vacation Bible School, swimming lessons, and being a teacher helper in high school. "My family also inspired me to become a teacher because I come from a family of teachers: my mom and two out of my three sisters teach/taught."



Like many other teachers, she has her reasons for teaching. Rolf mentioned “I like working with kids because they are excited to learn new things. I also enjoy those "aha" moments - when they are struggling to understand how to do something, but then one day it just clicks and they are proud of themselves.”

Rolf had a long-term subbing job at SSCS before she was offered a full-time job at the school. She already knew the layout of the classrooms and the staff that she worked with. “I took a job at Scribner because I really enjoyed the staff.”

Rolf has been teaching at Scribner-Snyder for several years and has influenced the lives of many students. I would have to say that Mrs. Rolf has been a fantastic addition to the Scribner-Snyder Community, and I look forward to her being here for several more years.



Speech Pathologist

Article by Harley Baker

Mrs. Sally Vogel is the Speech-Language Pathologist at Scribner-Snyder Schools. Vogel has worked at Scribner-Snyder for three years. Prior to that in Vogel's thirty-year career, she has worked at many different schools including West Point, Logan View, and Tekamah-Herman.

A Speech-Language Pathologist helps out with different language disorders as well as other speech problems. Being a speech and language pathologist, she has a wide variety of activities that she can help with. She also works with a wide variety of students. She is able to help students from preschool to seniors.

“I get to build a relationship with kids and watch them develop from writing three words to writing an essay by themselves,” said Vogel. Many of her students are ones whom she works with for several years in a row, so that relationship and the expectations as a speaker, listener, and a writer can be developed.

Before being a speech and language pathologist, Vogel wanted to be a pediatrician. When her older sister was in college she found a brochure about communication disorders which she took an interest in. The field of communication disorders ranges from medical, private, and educational.

“What stopped me from being a pediatrician was that I don't like chemistry and there was a lot of chemistry,” stated Vogel.

Whatever changed her mind from pediatrician to speech pathologist, countless students have benefited from her dedication, patience, and expertise. Communication is key and she provides assistance to those who need help finding that key.

K-12 Art Education

By: Thomas Baker

Ms. Marsha Silver has been the K-12 art teacher at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools for twenty years.

Silver said, "The thing that encouraged me to teach art to kids is that I like to be creative in art. I enjoy seeing what they can come up with and watching them be creative."

Throughout the year, Silver enters student work in local art shows and in the summer student entries go into the Dodge County Fair with the hopes of making to the state fair.

Units Silver teaches during the year include paint, paper Mache, clay, and fabric. Kristal Svehla, a senior in Art 1, said, "I like the yarn unit best because I know what I am doing. Currently I am working on a black and white paw print."

When she is not teaching art, in her free time Silver likes to paint, crochet, and embroider.

Silver says that unit she likes to teach best is the unit that deals with fabric. She likes fabric because "she likes the feel of it."

As the end of the year approaches, students will be putting final touches to their pieces and putting together their yearend portfolios.

