



December/January Newsletter
Scribner-Snyder Community Schools
2020-2021

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Joe Peitzmeier

As I write this, the fall sports/activity season has come to a close and the winter sports/activity season is about to begin. By the time you read this newsletter, I am in hopes that you have recovered from an enjoyable Thanksgiving feast and special time with family. A Thanksgiving that I am sure will provide memories for a long time. I am reminded that we are in a Pandemic and need to take care of ourselves and our families and possibly the best way to do that is to alter “normal” plans.

We all feel that the best place for our students is in school with face-to-face learning. Keeping schools open continues to be a local decision and one that we do not take lightly. All of us working together, following current Directed Health Measures (DHM’s), any directives by local health departments, and symptom monitoring of students and staff go a long way in accomplishing this goal.

Last week the annual Veteran’s Day program sponsored by the Scribner-Snyder Community Schools went virtual for the first time. Thanks to everyone that had a part in this outstanding tribute to our veterans. This program helped remind me to be thankful to the veterans for the sacrifices that they have made so that we can live the way we do in the greatest nation on earth.



At this time, I want to congratulate Don Beck, Malia Nemecek, and Laura Schnoor for being selected to continue representing the district’s patrons on the district’s school board. I have been very impressed with their dedication, passion, and care for this district.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! As always, my door is open (even though COVID restrictions make it look different). If you have concerns pertaining to the schools—do not hesitate to contact me.

School Closing/Dismissal Information

*Please understand that safety for students is the main concern in the decision to close schools. *When school is dismissed early for bad weather, students who drive their own vehicles and live outside the city limits will be required to contact their parents by telephone prior to leaving school.

*Bus/van students will ride home as usual.

*My main contact is KTIC AM 840 & FM 107.9 radio and TV channels 3, 6, or 7 in Omaha for any school closings, late starts, or early dismissal due to threatening weather. I will also attempt to contact KFAB 1110 radio.

*On late starts, we typically plan to start school 2 hours late. We realize that some roads are more hazardous than others and we do not expect students or parents to endanger their safety in order to get to school. If a student legitimately cannot get to school because of weather conditions, they will be excused.



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Patrons:

By the time you receive this newsletter the Thanksgiving break will have ended and everyone will be looking ahead to the upcoming Christmas and New Year celebration. The winter sports season is gearing up with basketball games / wrestling meets starting the week of November 23 – November 28. We encourage everyone to get out and support our student-athletes.

We'd like to give special thanks to Mrs. Wuestewald, Mr. Poessnecker, Mrs. Schafer and all the other staff members/students for their hard work to present a virtual Veteran's Day Program this year. The program was streamed on the evening of 11-11-20. We hope the veterans, parents, and community members took time to view the program. Veterans Day is always an exciting time to recognize all our past and present veterans for their service. Due to the new COVID 19 guidelines of only 25% capacity for public gatherings, SSCS will also be doing our elementary and high school Christmas concerts virtually as well. We will have more information on how you can access these performances virtually as the time approaches.

Due to the recent spike with COVID 19 cases in Dodge County - County Government Day in Fremont was cancelled this year. To make up for this activity Mr. Stewart's Government class put on a mock election for the elementary, Jr. High, and High School. Students were allowed to vote on a variety of appetizers, entrees, desserts and drinks. The results of the mock election were as follows: Winning appetizer – popcorn chicken, winning entrée – cheese pizza, winning dessert – chewie brownie with fudge sauce, and the winning drink was Dr. Pepper. The seniors will be asking the ladies in the kitchen if the winning menu can be served at some point before the Christmas break.

Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Cole and the One-Act cast and crew have been working hard the past couple months preparing for the upcoming season. One of their first competitions was supposed to held on Saturday

(Nov. 14) in Pender, however, due to a spike in COVID 19 cases in that community we decided not to participate in that competition. The team did however participate in the East Husker Conference One-Act competition held in Humphrey on November 17th, with several actors receiving outstanding performance awards. They will compete on Dec. 2nd at the district level.

We'd like to welcome our new staff member Mr. Kent Adelung to our school. Mr. Adelung has been hired as a full-time substitute teacher. SSCS is excited to have Mr. Adelung join our staff and help with our many new challenges we've been dealing with this school year.

The end of the 1st semester is fast approaching. It is hard to believe the school year is already almost ½ over. Wishing you the most blessed holiday season with friends and family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Stithem

Concerts will be virtual this year!



In the interest of keeping our students and their families as safe as possible and due to current DHM guidelines of 25% capacity, we at SSCS have decided to pre-record our student's performances and compile them into a movie for everyone to watch outside of school. We know that this is tough as we all love to see the enthusiasm on the kids' faces and in their voices at the concert but we felt it was the best decision for everyone in the long run. We will be recording the students the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4th and the recording will be available for everyone to view on Friday, Dec. 18th. We hope you will all take the time to view their performances. All of us are wishing all of you a safe and HAPPY holiday season!

Christmas Concerts Look Differently This Year

article by Krystal Bigley

The Christmas concerts at Scribner-Snyder will be very different this year because of COVID-19. Many kids are upset about the fact that they probably will not have any in-person performances this year because of the big virus that is going around and making everything so different.

"The preparation is basically the same. The only difference is that there is no audience to give us live feedback. Additionally, it is different when it comes to nerves. When a concert is live there is literally only one chance to get it right and that creates those butterfly nerves. When you have the option to do a retake, the stress level is definitely different," music director Mr. Myron Poessnecker said.

There are a couple of key differences with the way the concerts will be set up this year. This year the concerts will be done as a pre-recording. Each class will have their set time to record at school within the next few weeks. All the recordings will then be put into movie format and compiled into one movie. At that time, it will be available for family and friends to view prior to winter break.

As the year has gone by, many factors have changed the way Poessnecker thought of how the concerts were changing because of the virus. "I think it is a smart decision based on what all has happened with the virus in 2020. I know some people are disappointed but when you look at the big picture, it could be so much worse. I'm willing to sacrifice in person concerts if it means that we get to continue to come to school and have in-person classes. It's all about the bigger picture," Poessnecker said.

When asked about in-person concerts going later this year, Poessnecker responded by saying, "It's a guessing game right now. A lot depends on how the next couple of months go and if things start to taper off. I could easily start seeing us having concerts as early as March or April." As for now, we will enjoy the Christmas concert from the warmth and comfort of our own homes.

District One-Act competes

Members of the Scribner-Snyder One-Act cast and crew traveled to Leigh in November to compete in the East Husker Conference meet. Several S-S cast members earned Superior Acting awards for their performances: Jillian Dames, Xavier Rangeloff, Cailey Stout and Hannah Ryun. Congratulations to all. S-S will be performing at the district level on Dec. 2nd at Leigh. The cast and crew of 14 students are under the direction of Mrs. Heather Peters and Ms. Sally Cole. Cast and crew members

include: front; Harley Baker, Matt Hull, Ashley Stadt, Cloe Lundry, middle row; McKenna Stewart, Addison Lange, Hannah Ryun, DesiRae Svehla, Savanna Lundry, back row; Xavier Rangeloff, Cailey Stout, Kristal Svehla, Chandler Carrier and Jillian Dames.



Lunch and Events Calendars are available on the www.sstrojans.org webpage by clicking on the calendar tab. These both change quite often throughout the month for various reasons. Please log on to the site for the most up-to-date information.

Hydroponics in the Classroom

article by Krystal Bigley

Mrs. Michelle Ryun is the ag and woods teacher at Scribner-Snyder Schools. She is also the FFA advisor.



This summer, Ryun ordered a hydroponic that is used for easier planting and growing of plants. So far this semester, her classes are growing different varieties of lettuce.

“The hydroponic tower was ordered with Perkins funds which is for vocational and classroom purposes and for other programs. “I submitted different things that I wanted for the classroom and that is one of the items that got approved,” Mrs. Ryun said.

At first she thought that the lights from the hydroponic were very bright, but then she found that when she was doing presentations and notes with the students, she was able to see the screen better and it added color to the room. She said that she loves watching the plants grow and that she got used to the lights after she had it for a while.

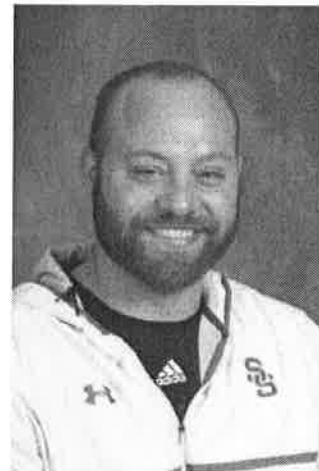
Numerous classes were involved in the process of putting the hydroponics machine together. In addition to planting the seeds, students also help Ryun keep them watered. Some of the students have even tested the PH level of the water that goes into the hydroponic. “Students have been able to eat some of the lettuce that was planted in the hydroponics,” Ryun said.

Students get to learn about how the plants grow without soil in the hydroponics. “The hydroponics doesn’t have plants growing in soil, and so they only get water added to it and fertilizer,” Ryun said. The water trickles down the hydroponics to water the plants every 45 minutes. Every 6 months or so the hydroponics has to be totally taken down and everything needs to be cleaned and sanitized. The machine needs to sit unused for about a week and then the students and Ryun can put the hydroponics back together and look forward to the next growing season.

Third grade with Mr. Brummond

article by Sydney Wolfgram

Mr. Connor Brummond has always enjoyed helping people learn things. “My mother is a 3rd grade teacher at Bancroft Rosalie so she was a big influence on me growing up. She is someone I looked up to and wanted to be like, so I decided to become a teacher like her,” Brummond said.



In addition to being the third grade teacher, Brummond is also the JV coach for LVSS boys basketball and a SS track coach. "I participated in football, basketball, and track while in high school. I developed a deep love for sports, so I would say they were a big influence on me coaching. It's also fun to take what you learned in high school and teach it to younger athletes so they can be successful in sporting events," he added.

Brummond had a good experience with education growing up. "I feel like every child should have an education like I did. The drive to give children a brighter future and the education to reach their dreams is a big motivator when it comes to teaching," Brummond said.

"Teaching in general is becoming harder and harder, but it is also very gratifying to see students succeed," Brummond says, "The toughest part of teaching would probably be the struggle reaching every student's needs at once. Some days you feel good and feel you have reached all your students, but some days a lesson may have worked better for one student and not as well for another. However, it keeps the job exciting. As a teacher, you need to be able to adapt and change at the drop of a hat," he added.

First grade and Mrs. Dostal--*article by Thomas Baker*



Mrs. Susie Dostal has been a teacher at Scribner-Snyder for 34 years. She worked at Snyder before Scribner and Snyder merged. While in Snyder, Dostal taught in a 1st and 2nd combination class. "The families were so kind to this very new teacher. I taught there for five years and then moved to the First Grade position in Scribner when it opened up."

Dostal's first grade students like to do hands-on projects. They also like it when there is a game or art project involved in the activity.

"This year they are going to do a Native American project and a Thanksgiving activity. They also participated in the Veterans Day virtual program," said Dostal.

Sadly, because of COVID, Dostal's class won't be holding the First Grade Feast which has become a great tradition. "Instead, we will find other ways to make the holiday memorable for the children!" Her class will be playing games similar to the games the Native American and Pilgrim children would have played. "We will also be doing a Thanksgiving Reader's Theater and making pattern necklaces."

Dostal loves working with her students. She especially likes listening to them when they begin to read and seeing how they change from August to the end of the school year. "I love First graders and have always enjoyed the Scribner-Snyder School system."

Mrs. Toman and Special Education *article by Harley Baker*

Mrs. Carol Toman is an elementary special education teacher at Scribner-Snyder. Mrs. Toman has been working at Scribner-Snyder Schools for the past 16 years. Before she came to Scribner, Mrs. Toman taught in Lexington and Creston.



I talked with Mrs. Toman about her day-to-day activities with elementary students. She works with students in grades kindergarten through sixth. There are portions of her day where she is in the classroom alongside her students. She also has some students work in smaller groups in her classroom. When students work in her classroom they get small group or one-on-one help with their classwork. Mrs. Toman often reteaches or provides extra practice..

“Some kids are really smart, but they don’t always pick up skills they should have. Or they have some kind of disability that makes it hard for them,” said Toman. “At that point, I go back and find what they can’t do and help them do it.”

Toman said sometimes it is really difficult to get others to understand her students and the rewards of her job. “Just because the student doesn’t score the highest in the classroom doesn’t mean they don’t have something they can contribute. That makes me angry when people don’t see that about my students not doing as well as their classmates do. Everyone has something to contribute.”

Mrs. Rathjen – The Para Life *article by Sam Stadt*

Mrs. Kay Rathjen, a para at Scribner-Snyder, entered another year with a smile on her face. Mrs. Rathjen has been working at Scribner for about seven years now. She works in the high school buildings primarily with junior high students. Junior high students are not all of what occupies her time though. Her schedule is extremely packed with not only things that she has to do on a day-to-day basis, but sometimes she also has to add more to her schedule. “Finding time to do everything is probably the most troubling thing,” Rathjen said.



Not only does Mrs. Rathjen work with students assisting them in areas where they struggle, she also manages the school website. With a jam-packed schedule finding time to work on the school website seems troubling. Add to that the fact that she also has to transport students to and from school in the school van. With so many responsibilities she has on her plate, one might wonder what her favorite part is about her job. “I consider the best part of my job working with kids,” Rathjen said.

Though she loves working with the kids Rathjen admits this year has been slightly harder for her. Rathjen enjoys congratulating students with a high five or a pat on the back. With the new Covid restrictions, contact with others has been limited for her. Though this change is weird at most, Rathjen shrugs it off. Things will get better. With an admirable work ethic, Rathjen is making her way through this year with a smile on her face.

Scribner-Snyder Community Schools

December 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	4:30pm: JH BBB @ Arlington 5:45pm: C Team GBB host NBC @ S-S eSports Practice 7:15pm: C Team BBB host Arlington @ S-S	District One-Act @ Leigh	4:00pm: JH BBB host C-Bluffs @ S-S eSports Practice	9:00am: JH BBB @ BRLD Tournament (Bancroft) 1:00pm: JV/V G&B BB host Twin River		
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3:30pm: JH BBB @ WP-Beerner 6:00pm: C Team G&B BB @ Schuyler	4:00pm: JH BBB host Fremont Middle School @ S-S eSports Practice	5:30pm: JV/V BBB host Wahoo @ L-V 5:30pm: JV/V GBB @ Yutan eSports Practice	6:30pm: WR Quad @ S-S	9:30am: WR @ Stanton Invitational 12:30pm: JV/V GBB @ Conestoga 4:00pm: JV/V BBB @ Conestoga		
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4:00pm: JH BBB @ O-C Tournament 6:00pm: C Team G&B BB host Stanton @ S-S 6:30pm: Board of Education meeting	4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB host Columbus Lakeview eSports Practice	4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB host T-H	9:00am: WR @ Green Machine Tournament-Wayne			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	8:00am: End Qtr 2/1 semester--1:30 p.m. dismissal	NSAA Moratorium (Dec. 23-27) No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	NSAA Moratorium (Dec. 23-27) No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	NSAA Moratorium (Dec. 23-27) No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	NSAA Moratorium (Dec. 23-27) No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	NSAA Moratorium (Dec. 23-27) No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)
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* = Event displays only on this view

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27	28	29	30	31	No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	1 No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)
3 No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	4 No School-Holiday Break (Dec. 23-Jan. 4)	5 8:00am: Classes resume- Semester 2 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ DC West eSports Practice	6 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB host Calhoun eSports Practice	7 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB host Fl.	8 10:00am: WR @ W-Pilger Invite 2:00pm: JV/V G&B BB host Stanton	9 10:00am: WR @ W-Pilger Invite 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ W-Pilger
10 6:00pm: C Team G&B BB @ S-S 6:30pm: Board of Education meeting	11 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ Bishop Neuman (Watoo) 5:30pm: WR Double Dual @ S-S eSports Practice	12 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ Bishop Neuman (Watoo) 5:30pm: WR Double Dual @ S-S eSports Practice	13 eSports Practice	14 eSports Practice	15 9:00am: WR @ Battle Creek Invite 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ W-Pilger	16 9:00am: WR @ Battle Creek Invite 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ W-Pilger
17 5:00pm: JH WR @ W-Pilger Invite 6:30pm: C Team BB @ O-C (Boys only)	18 4:00pm: JH GBB @ host Fremont Middle School @ S-S 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB host Arlington 5:30pm: WR Double Dual @ GACC eSports Practice	19 4:00pm: JH GBB @ host Fremont Middle School @ S-S 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB host Arlington 5:30pm: WR Double Dual @ GACC eSports Practice	20 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ Raymond Central eSports Practice	21 4:30pm: JV/V G&B BB @ Raymond Central eSports Practice	22 V G&B BB Conference Tournament, TBD 10:00pm: WR @ Neigh- Oakdale Invite	23 V G&B BB Conference Tournament, TBD 10:00pm: WR @ Neigh- Oakdale Invite
24 V G BB Conference Tournament, TBD 4:30pm: JH WR @ O-C Invite 5:00pm: C Team G&B BB @ BRLD (Lyons)	25 4:00pm: WR @ Crossroads Cont. Tournament (East Butler) V Boys BB Conference Tournament, TBD eSports Practice	26 4:00pm: WR @ Crossroads Cont. Tournament (East Butler) V Boys BB Conference Tournament, TBD eSports Practice	27 V Girls BB Conference Tournament, TBD 4:30pm: JH GBB @ WP- Beemer eSports Practice	28 V Girls BB Conference Tournament, TBD 4:30pm: JH GBB @ WP- Beemer eSports Practice	29 V Boys BB Conference Tournament, TBD	30 9:00am: WR @ EHC Tournament @ Pender V G&B BB Conference Tournament Finals, TBD
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

December 2020

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE/ MILK SERVED DAILY

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

- 1 Cherry Frudel
- 2 Pancakes
- 3 Breakfast Bar
- 4 Cereal/Toast
- Lasagna Rolls
- California Veg
- Garlic Bread
- Peaches
- Hamburger
- Fries
- Baked Beans
- Apricots
- Crispito
- Chips/Salsa
- Lettuce
- Pineapple
- Mac & Cheese
- Tater Tots
- Dinner Roll
- Mixed Fruit

- 7 Banana Bread
- 8 Mini Cinni
- 9 Bagel/Cream Cheese
- 10 Breakfast Pizza
- 11 Cereal/Toast
- Chicken Sandwich
- Chips
- Corn
- Pears
- Shepard's Pie
- Peas
- Dinner Roll
- Apricots
- Cheese Pizza
- Bread Stick
- Lettuce
- Mixed Fruit
- Taco Burger
- Tater Tots
- Green Beans
- Pineapple
- Quesadilla
- Rice
- Lettuce
- Peaches

- 14 French Toast Sticks
- 15 Pop-Tart
- 16 Muffin/Yogurt
- 17 Combo Bar
- 18 Cereal/Toast
- Patty Day
- Mash Potato
- Green Beans
- Tropical Fruit
- Corn Dogs
- Chips
- Corn
- Peaches
- Turkey/Stuffing
- Mash Potato/Gravy
- Dinner Roll
- Green Bean Casserole
- Fruit Pluff
- Chili
- Cinnamon Roll
- Fruit Cup
- Apricots
- Hot Ham & Cheese
- Chips
- Cucumbers
- Pears

- 21 Pancake On a Stick
- 22 Cereal/Toast
- 23
- 24
- 25
- Chicken Strips
- Mash Potato
- Corn
- Peaches
- Turkey Hoagie
- Chips
- Baby Carrots
- Oranges
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January 2021

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE/ MILK SERVED DAILY

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

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No School

4 5 Combo Bar 6 Stuffed Bagel 7 Cherry Frudel 8 Cereal/Toast

No School
 Salisbury Steak
 Mash Potato
 Green Beans
 Peaches
 Lasagna Rolls
 Garlic Bread
 Lettuce
 Pineapple
 Shrimp Poppers
 Waffle Fries
 Peas
 Apricots
 Quesadilla
 Rice
 Corn
 Peas

11 Pop-Tart 12 Banana Bread 13 Long Johns 14 Muffin/Yogurt 15 Cereal/Toast

BBQ Pork Sandwich
 Chips
 Green Beans
 Mixed Fruit
 Chicken fried Steak
 Mash Potato
 California Veg
 Applesauce
 Pizza Burger
 Tater Tots
 Corn
 Peaches
 Enchilada
 Rice
 Lettuce
 Peas
 Hamburgers
 Chips
 Baked Beans
 Apricots

18 Pancakes 19 Biscuit/Gravy 20 Breakfast Sandwich 21 Breakfast Bar 22 Cereal/Toast

18 Popcorn Chicken
 Mash Potato
 Corn
 Peaches
 Cherry Blossom Chicken
 Rice
 Stir Fry Veg
 Pineapple
 Taco
 Refried Beans
 Lettuce
 Tropical Fruit
 Tater Tot Casserole
 Dinner roll
 Green Beans
 Mixed Fruit
 Hot Ham & Cheese
 Chips
 Cucumbers
 Peas

25 Pancake On a Stick 26 Cereal Bar 27 Parfait 28 Apple Frudel 29 Cereal/Toast

Pork Patty
 Mash Potato
 Green Beans
 Tropical Fruit
 Crispito
 Chips/Salsa
 Refried Beans
 Apricots
 Cream Chicken over Biscuit
 Peas
 Cookie
 Peaches
 Chili
 Cinnamon Roll
 Fruit Cups
 Peas
 Corn Dog
 Chips
 Baby Carrots
 Orange