



## Scribner-Snyder Community Schools

### October/November Newsletter

2020-21

#### ***FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:***

***By Joe Peitzmeier***

As of this writing, I can hardly believe that we just completed our 31<sup>st</sup> day of school. Where does the time go? It won't be long until we are celebrating Halloween and Thanksgiving will be right around the corner.

I have mentioned this before, but I want to reiterate that the District's goal from the moment we released our Re-Opening Plan back in August was to provide in person face-to-face education to our students, all the while, implementing safety protocols to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in our community. I am very pleased that our plan is working and we are doing all we can to keep your children and our staff safe. That being said, it is easy to assume our goal has been met and many are thankful for their vigilance to maintain safety protocols, however, it is easy to relax and let our guard down as we become more comfortable.

It is important to continue to wash hands frequently, sanitize hands when they can't be washed, wear face coverings, and physical distance when possible. Everyone's efforts are truly appreciated. Working together we can keep our school safe and open. As we experience cases of COVID exposure, we rely heavily on 3 Rivers Health Department for guidance. See the document as part of this newsletter for a visual of how we will determine who stays home in quarantine and who still comes to school. Wearing a face covering is a must!!

Again, thank you for your diligence and stay safe.

I wish everyone a great school year and hope that we continue to work together for the best possible education for our kids.

If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or visit the schools.

#### **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 the bus/van home as usual.

\*Parents are asked to listen to KFAB 1110 radio, KTIC 107.9 (The Bull), or Channels 3, 6, or 7 in Omaha, and the School Website for any school closings, late starts, or early dismissals in case the weather is threatening.

\*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.

\*In case of late starts, early dismissals, and/or school closings a message will also be sent out on School Messenger.

## *From the Principal's Desk*

**Dear Patrons:**

**The first nine weeks are flying by. By the time you read this article we'll be in the sixth week of the first nine weeks. The students and staff have settled into their daily routines of attending classes and extra-curricular activities.**

**We'd like to welcome Ms. Carlie Loth as a new staff member at SSCS. With the resignation of Mrs. Feldman, Ms. Loth will be teaching 6<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Ms. Loth is a recent college graduate and we are honored to have her teaching at SSCS. We're excited to have her join our school.**

**The students enjoyed Homecoming week with several theme days. SSCS will again be sharing some Homecoming activities with Logan View Public School. On Friday, SSCS's Homecoming coronation/dance will be held after the football game.**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> this year. The conference will be held from 4:00-7:30 p.m. We will be sending out more information regarding the format for the conference soon.**

**We'd like to give a big thank-you to the students, staff, and teachers for being so cooperative regarding following our COVID 19 plan. Overall, everyone has been willing to adhere to the new rules and guidelines we have put in place. As you can imagine, following these new procedures has been extra work for everyone and we appreciate everyone pitching in to make things go smoothly. We're hoping we can continue face to face instruction all year long.**

**It is hard to believe we're a month away from the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of school. We want to wish our softball, volleyball and football teams much success this fall as they continue their sports season. If you get a chance please take some time to attend their games and support our student-athletes.**

**Wishing everyone a happy and healthy fall.**

*Respectfully Yours,*

*Mr. Stithem*

### **VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM**

This year's Veteran's Day program will take on a new twist due to the pandemic. The program will be recorded and you will be able to view it on the web via the [sstrojans.org](http://sstrojans.org) page and/or facebook. The event will take place Nov. 11th and will include video's, songs and readings just like the regular program did. We hope you will get a chance to watch the program on the 11<sup>th</sup> to help us honor our veteran's.

# Investigations: PreK-12 Settings

- In all scenarios below, a student is considered a **close contact** when they have been within **6 feet of the COVID-19 positive individual for 15 minutes**.
- If the exposure occurs during extracurricular activities that take place outdoors or in large spaces (such as gyms) where 6-foot distance can be maintained, in lieu of quarantine, close contacts may self-monitor.
- In all scenarios below, **students who are self-monitoring are required to wear masks**.
- PreK-12 students who are a **close contact due to exposure to a household member are required to quarantine**.

*When a masked child tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...*

**ISOLATE**



**COVID POSITIVE**

**SELF-MONITOR**



**CLOSE CONTACTS**

*Everyone Masked*

*When an unmasked child tests positive and close contacts were wearing masks...*

**ISOLATE**



**COVID POSITIVE**

**QUARANTINE**



**CLOSE CONTACTS**

*Close Contacts Masked*

*When a masked child tests positive and SOME close contacts were wearing masks...*

**ISOLATE**



**COVID POSITIVE**

**QUARANTINE**



**SELF-MONITOR**



*Some Close Contacts Masked*

*When an unmasked child tests positive and close contacts were NOT wearing masks...*

**ISOLATE**



**COVID POSITIVE**

**QUARANTINE**



**CLOSE CONTACTS**

*No One Masked*

## **SSCS Journalism Class Contributes in a Major Way**

By Mrs. Kim Drey

The articles, photos and layout may look a little differently in regards to the Scribner-Snyder Newsletter in the upcoming months. The journalism students have been tasked to help with the production of the monthly newsletter and have dedicated their skills and class time in doing so. This will better allow you, the reader, to gain a better insight of school happenings and newsworthy events through the voices of our students.

September is the first month you will notice several articles written by the journalism staff. Each month they will continue to build on articles from the previous month while expanding into different types of journalism, focusing on the skills they are learning in class.

This month the staff has learned and reviewed journalistic research. They are also beginning to learn more about interviewing. Class time is composed of learning new material while working on current articles and submissions for the newsletter and the online newspaper, The Trojan Times ([www.sstrojantimes.com](http://www.sstrojantimes.com))

The Trojan Times will be updated several times a month as projects are completed. Check it out to find the latest articles, polls, reviews and broadcasts. Scribner-Snyder is the smallest school in Nebraska to have an on-line newspaper. Last year, the journalism program placed 3rd at state competition and the previous year placed 2nd. We hope to continue to excel in the classroom and at state competitions.

Please enjoy the September edition of the newsletter.

## **New Changes for New SSCS Students**

By Staff

As the 2020-2021 school year begins, we welcome many new students to Scribner-Snyder. They come from various locations to our small school. When asked what they liked about our school, the majority of the students said they liked the small class sizes. Our journalism class met with the new students to find out a little more about them.

Brooklyn Dinville is a kindergarten at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. Brooklyn and her family moved to the area from Fremont. Brooklyn likes her teacher, Mrs. Stewart, and says both her classmates and teacher are very nice. Brooklyn likes to play with the toys at free-play time.



**Also new to SSCS are Kyrian Austin and Garrett and Gillian Hunke. More details and photos will be available in our next newsletter.**

Gavyn Dinville (right) is also a kindergarten at Scribner- Snyder Community Schools. He likes the book Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, the Minion movies, Paw Patrol, iPad time and running around at recess with new friends.



Penelope Wheelock (left) is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Scribner- Snyder Community Schools. Penelope came from Grant Elementary in Fremont. When asked what Penelope likes about this school she stated, "Math. I like subtraction and I really like P.E, I like doing basketball!" Penelope Wheelock said.

Penelope's teacher is Mrs. Wuestewald. Penelope likes her teacher saying that her teacher is really nice. When asked about her classmates her response was, "They play with me, they are nice to me when I get hurt".

Leroy Smith (right) is also one of the new 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Leroy came from Bloomer Elementary School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Leroy does like this school. "I like coming to this school because it is smaller than the school I came from," Leroy explained.



Leroy also is a fan of his new class. "My classmates are nice and help me. I like to play with the boys at recess," Leroy stated. He also likes his teacher Mrs. Wuestewald. He says his teacher is very nice and helps him with his work. His favorite thing about class is the Smart Board. "I like the Smart Board, because I can copy what Mrs. Wuestewald writes," Leroy said.



Aiden Smith (left) is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader whose previous school was Bloomer Elementary in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He likes Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. At his previous school, he sometimes sat on the floor. Smith likes that he doesn't have to sit on the floor here. Aiden really enjoys sports.



Brooklyn Wheelock (right), 4<sup>th</sup> grader, came to SSSC from Grant Elementary in Fremont. She said the best thing she said she likes is the size of the school. Wheelock said that she really likes her teacher, Ms. Rangeloff, and she said that she always helps her. She really likes her classmates. She also said that she really likes coming here to SSCS. She said that she likes this school better than her old school.



"I came from Laura Dodge Elementary School," 5th grader Maria Nappier (left) said. Laura Dodge is in Omaha, Nebraska. During the interview with Maria she said that her last school was different from this school because they don't have gym every day. "It's very quiet in this building, so since I am quiet, I can work better because it's quiet," Maria said.

Maria explained that her favorite class is science. "The thing I like best here at school is Gym because you can do physical things," Nappier said.

Mrs. Witte was subbing for Mrs. Gaston who was on maternity leave. "I like Mrs. Witte because she is really nice and helps us with our work," Nappier said. Nappier expresses that the students are really nice and that she can get along with them very well.

Ashlyne Smith (right) is a new 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Ms. Loth's class. She likes her class because her classmates are not too loud. Ashlyne comes to Scribner-Snyder from Bloomer Elementary School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She likes going to Scribner-Snyder because it is a smaller school.



11<sup>th</sup> grader Skye Wheelock (left) likes the teachers at Scribner-Snyder High School and says the students are friendly. She likes going to school here because it is smaller and not as loud as her other school.

She used to go to Fremont High School. While in Fremont, she was out for band and played the clarinet.

Kloey Wheelock (left) is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade with Ms. Loth as her teacher. Kloey likes how the teachers at SSCS are so nice. "She is nice, and she helps and she's fun," Wheelock said of her teacher. Wheelock also says her classmates are very friendly.



Kloey and her siblings came to SSCS from Fremont Public Schools. Kloey was attending Johnson Crossing Academic Center, JCAC. When asked how SSCS is different from JCAC Kloey replied, "At my other school, we changed classes and here we stay in the same classroom." Kloey stated that she is enjoying school at Scribner-Snyder.

Cassidy Nappier (right) is a new 7<sup>th</sup> grader at SSCS. "I like the school and the school classes are small," Cassidy Nappier said. Cassidy explains that the students don't really speak to her because she is a new student, but they are nice to her when she needs help with something.



"My last school was in Omaha and it was Morton Magnet Middle School," Cassidy said. "I like Scribner-Snyder because it's a lot smaller and a lot nicer people," 7th grader Nappier said. She explained in the interview that she didn't participate in any sports or activities previously, but now that she goes to Scribner-Snyder, she will be on the eSports team.



Kayden Wheelock (left) was a student at Fremont Middle School before he came to Scribner-Snyder. Wheelock, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at SSCS, said the thing that he likes about the school is that it is smaller than his other school. He said that he really likes the teachers here because they are very kind to help him. He really likes the students here, "They are all very nice."

He was not in any sports at his previous school, but now he plays football for LVSS. While attending Fremont Middle School, his day consisted of going to school and then going home. Now he attends football practice after school.

**We hope as the year goes on, you will have a chance to meet our new students and make them feel welcome.**

## **It's FAFSA time!**

Seniors...beginning October 1, you and your parents can complete the 2021-22 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA is the application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid.

### **Follow these tips to prepare:**

Create a Federal Student Aid Account for you and one for a parent at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

Attend a Virtual Financial Aid Program to learn about the FAFSA and types of financial aid. When you attend, register for a \$500 Financial Aid Program Scholarship!

To learn about statewide Financial Aid Programs, click [here](#). Review the FAFSA Check list at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org) for items you'll need to complete the FAFSA.

See FAFSA Tools at [EducationQuest.org](https://www.educationquest.org) for helpful resources.

For free virtual help with the FAFSA, call EducationQuest to make an appointment:  
Omaha –888.357.6300, Lincoln–800.303.3745

**October "To Do" List: Juniors and Seniors: \*\*\*\*Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn how to pay for college. Seniors: \*\*\*\*Create a Federal Student Aid**

Account at student aid.gov for you and one for a parent; \*\*\*\*Complete the FAFSA on or after October 1; \*\*\*\*Complete college applications

## Dates to Remember:

**Oct. 5**—Snyder Lion’s Club Health Screenings @ S-S      **Oct. 14**—End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
**Oct. 21**—1:30 p.m. dismissal—Parent Teacher Conferences-4-7:30 p.m.  
**Oct. 22 & 23**—NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)      **Nov. 2**—NO SCHOOL as S-S hosts EHC Choral Clinic  
**Nov. 11**—Online Veteran’s Day program

## Homecoming 2020

By Kaiden Jones

**Dress up days-** Monday- Dress as your parent day; Tuesday- American Kids; Wednesday—Redneck/ Farmer day; Thursday- Dynamic Duo day; Friday- Trojan Pride

The LVSS vs. Boys Town football game begins at 6:30 p.m. Coronation and dance immediately following the game.



### Homecoming Candidates

This year’s Homecoming Candidates include, left to right: Harley Baker, Bridget Raff, Kristal Svehla, Sydney Wolfgram, Machara Jusino and Matt Hull. Crown bearers this year are Lacey Larson and Maxwell Brown.



**One-Act prepares for season opener:** Members of the S-S One-Act cast and crew have begun their after- school practices in preparation of their first performance in mid-November. The cast will be performing 'Pirates of the Cafeteria'. The cast and crew of 15 students is under the direction of Mrs. Heather Peters.

## SSCS vs East Butler eSports

Story by Thomas Baker

Photos by Mrs. Danielle Schroetlin

The first eSports match of Overwatch season was held September 10 when SSCS hosted East Butler. East Butler is a new eSports team that just started competing this season.

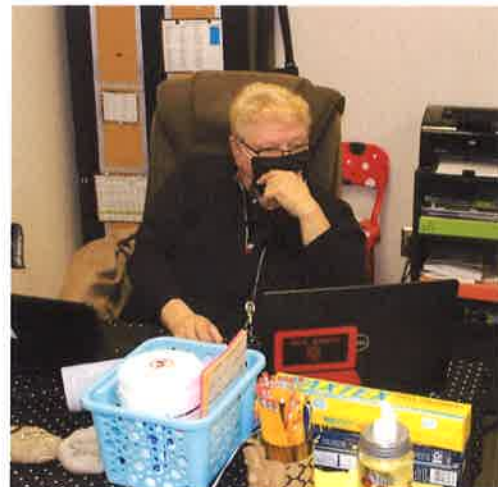
For the first match of Overwatch, East Butler didn't do so well. Because East Butler is

brand new to the eSports scene, they didn't know what exactly to do, so we had to help them walk through the process. We used this opportunity to help their team learn a few helpful tricks. We gave them some helpful tips like check your



surroundings, make sure you are working together, do more research on YouTube for how to play your character, and look into the

type of tanks you are using in the game.



eSports team members this year include Harley Baker, Sam Stadt, Matt Hull, Konnor Beranek, Thomas Baker, Dacien Baumann, Nattie Hull, Emily Hull, and Cassidy Nappier. They are coached by 3<sup>rd</sup> year head coach Mrs. Linda Schafer.