



Staff News



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Dec. 12 > 6-12 Band Concert OS 7:30pm
- Dec. 17 > ASLHS Caroling
- Dec. 19 > K-4 Christmas Program 7:00pm
- Dec. 20 > Vocal Concert UMC 7:00pm
- Jan. 3 > School Resumes
- Jan. 9 > BOE Mtg. 7:00pm
- Jan. 16 > MKL Day—No School

SCHOOL FINANCE

It is eerily humorous what that entails. A year into his tenure and we still don't know for sure. Some have speculated but, we may not clearly know until the State of the State address in January. Of interest is to note that for the most part, what

the Governor lays out at this event (the official start of the legislative session) is what typically occurs. It is too early to predict and meaningless to guess what will turn out. It is, however, important for all of us to pay attention and, while we can, speak clearly and politely to our politicians about what and how taxes are important to our schools. ✖

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**BOE Mtg.
Dec. 12
5:00 P.M.**

1ST SEMESTER ENDS

Our fall semester will conclude Wednesday, December 21. Upon return we will begin the second semester with report cards being distributed on Wed., January 4. ✖

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Teachers please remember that Monday, January 2 will be a staff development day to help compensate for our shortened calendar again this year. A very meaningful program is being planned. A more complete itinerary will be emailed to you at a later date. ✖

PAYROLL INFORMATION

If you desire any changes in your withholding tax or your tax-sheltered annuities, please contact Julie. We will have your W-2 forms available ASAP in January. If you have any questions, call Julie. ✖



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SPORTING BEHAVIOR

This topic is always a meaningful one especially with indoor sports starting up, thus it is brought to your attention once again. The importance of good sportsmanship remains a critical issue with positive sporting behavior is again emphasized by the KSHSAA for the 2011-12 basketball season. The points of emphasis require cooperation between administrators, officials,

coaches, and spectators.

Fan behavior continues to be a major concern. Abusive language, jeering of officials and players, and fans approaching the court or team areas are examples of behavior needing suppressed. Let's do our part by being positive roll models. It will go a long way to promote that behavior to other fans, as well as students. Furthermore, the players deserve the best

SAFETY TIP

In November we discussed the need and legalities of mandatory reporting. There is another reporting that all too often taken for granted that KASB strongly recommends. Every teacher should document accidents, incidents and any unusual occurrence before leaving school on the day said episode happens.



Adopting this practice will not only establish more thorough records, the records will also be strong evidence in the event any legal claims are filed relating to the incident. ✖

TEACHER LICENSURE UPDATE

All Educators in Kansas have been assigned a unique teacher identification number. New educators will be assigned a number when they apply for their first Kansas license. The ID number will appear on both the employer and employee copy of all licenses. This ID number replaces the social security number that formerly was printed on the employer copy of the license. Educators will still be required

to use their social security number on licensure application forms.

District personnel wanting to cross reference social security numbers with teacher ID numbers may do so through License Lookup on the KSDE website: www.ksde.org>Educators>

Licensure>LicenseLookup. Searches can be completed by entering either the social security number or the teach ID # plus the last name. ✖

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

✖ Anne Frank
(1929-1945)
Dutch-Jewish Diarist



BREAK

Our Winter Break will begin at 12:30pm on Wednesday, December 21. School will resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. During the vacation period the District Office will be open, however, we will not maintain regular office hours. Feel free to contact Dr. Dierksen at home if necessary (278-3078).

