

Warrior News

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School Day

<http://www.santeeschools.org>

- 7:30 Breakfast,
- 8:05 First Bell
- 8:10 Class Starts
- 3:40 End of Day
- Afterschool Program ends 5:00

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!

Homecoming will be next week. GO WARRIORS!

Our theme for Homecoming this year is Throwback (Pick your favorite decade). Here is the schedule for next week:

Grade PK-12 can participate in our Class Poster competition. Each class will create Throwback poster to be hung up in the gym. Winners will be announced during the PEP Rally!!!!

Tuesday: THEME- Twinning Tuesday

~Lady Warriors will host Marty Braves @ 6:00, Homecoming Royalty will be announced during volleyball game.

Wednesday: THEME- Pajama Day

Thursday: THEME-Throwback Thursday!!! Pick your favorite decade

~Lady Warriors will travel to Elba. Game at 6:00

Friday: THEME-Blue and Gold

~PEP RALLY will be held @ 1:00 in the GYM— Homecoming King and Queen will be announced.

~School will be dismissed at 2:00

~Community Tailgate will begin @ 2:30

~Football Game @ 3:00 Warriors vs. Maywood-Hayes Center Wolves

~Homecoming Dance in the Multi-Purpose room @ 7:00

....for more exciting news from Santee Community School don't forget to check out the school website at www.santeeschools.org

There are many new opportunities for students and their families at SCS!





Principal Points - Mr. Hoffman

Dear Santee Community School Students and Patrons,

I would like to take this moment to introduce myself to those of you who do not yet know me. I have been teaching and coaching at Crofton Community School since 1995 where I taught Mathematics and coached football. I am married with three children, my oldest daughter is an Army nurse and second lieutenant and my two youngest are still in college. I am very excited to be at Santee as your principal and look forward to meeting everyone. I enjoy working with people and especially students and taking part in their successes.

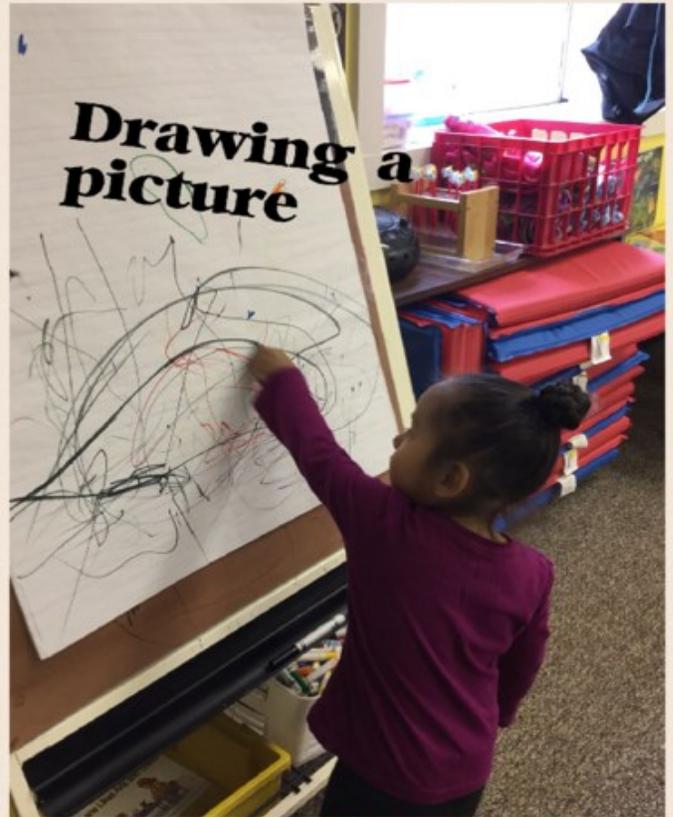
In my short time at Santee, I have enjoyed meeting so many great people who are committed to this school and community. I look forward to getting to know everyone and being part of this district. I have high expectations of our students and school. Our school, community and student leaders will be a huge part of our progress and success. Being a great leader isn't about being popular, it is about doing what is right. This is advice for everyone involved in a student's life...including the students themselves.

There have been several policy changes that I hope you have had a chance to review. If ever you have any questions, please ask my office and we will be glad to help. I would like to stress the importance of your students attending school and arriving on time. We can have a wonderful school with great things happening every day, but without students here, it is wasted time. I need a lot of help from students, parents, guardians, relatives and members of the community to make attending school important. If a student is absent from school, it affects their learning tremendously. They now have work to make up, while also trying to catch up on the new material when they return. This also requires teachers to follow up with students who were absent which steals time from students that are present.

With the new school year, we also get to look forward to attending many sporting events our students will compete in. We will both travel to and host many of them. Always remember that we are there to support our team and cheer them on win or lose. Be respectful of our opponents and officials, without them we would not have a game. To all of our young spectators and their parents, you are at the game to watch and not be a distraction. Please ask your young children to sit and watch the game and be a part of our crowd. I have seen firsthand the Santee community show tremendous support for their sports teams. Let's continue that tradition. **Here's to an awesome 2015-16 school year.**

Any community stakeholder with a question or concern please feel free to contact the school right away. Mr. Carlstrom and Mr. Hoffman can be reached at 857-2741, or by email at tomcarlstrom@esul.org or tohoffma@esul.org

Warriors Preschool—Ms. Stewart & Mrs. Kuipers



September dates to mark on the calendar

Sept. 4 NO SCHOOL –Labor Day

Sept. 11: Dismiss at 2:00— Homecoming



ELEMENTARY NEWS

21stCCLC After School Program News...

Your child has the opportunity to participate in Santee Community School's 21st Century Community Learning After-School Program. The After School

program will begin on Monday, August 31, 2015. We will be working with students in Kindergarten through 6th Grade. The After-School program will be

held Mondays – Thursdays from 3:45 – 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. Permission forms have been sent home with the students. If you need an additional

permission form please call the school or stop in and we will get you the permission form.

9th Hour -

Students in grades 7th – 12th grade can benefit from attending 9th hour. Ninth hour is held from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. each school day. This time is for students to complete homework and receive additional help in a subject area.

Open Library

The school library will be open on Saturdays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to work on various

projects during this time.

The school library is also open Monday – Friday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Back to Speech and Language

Hello and welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! My name is Stephanie Kanaly and I am the Speech Therapist. I am excited to begin a new school year and hope your family is too. I start speech/language therapy by collecting baseline data during a typical therapy session. I will use this data to assess progress over the year. We will be conducting Hearing Screens on Tuesday, September 8 in the morning. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

3rd Grade News...Mrs. Hrbek

Happy 2015 -2016 school year ! "I'M BACK... and in a new role this year! I am super excited to be the third grade teacher! The students and I are adjusting to getting back into a routine after a relaxing summer.

I have high expectations of these fine young students this year. They have already showed me they can rise to them. We are off to a great start and I can't wait to see what the school year brings!

I have talked with some of you in person and on the phone already this year. I enjoy chatting with you in a positive way and telling you the wonderful things your child is doing. I am sure proud of them already!

Thank you for choosing Santee Community School for your child's education and entrusting me with them. I will do my best and I know we will work well together this year!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Growing Together is the infant/toddler classroom in Santee School

By Mrs. Tramp

This program is funded by private citizens of NE, the state of NE, and Santee School. The above are willing to fund an infant/toddler classroom because it has been proven that money will be saved in the long run if children at risk get a good start. Anyone who is pregnant or has a child with the age of birth to 3 years may apply to have their child in the program. **Applications** may be picked up from the front desk at Santee School or from the infant/toddler classroom (also known as Growing Together) that is located in the south building.

The infant/toddler classroom follows the guidelines of the Sixpence Program of Nebraska. The guidelines state that one or more of the following guidelines must be met:

- The parent is less than 20 years old.
- The parent is attending high school or actively working on a GED.
- The family's income would qualify them for free or reduced lunch according to the income eligibility guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- The home language is not English.
- The child was born with a low birth weight.
- One of the parents is incarcerated.

If you think you would be interested in having your child attend Growing Together pick up an application from Santee School, fill out the application and return it. **Applications are kept on file** and when there is an opening at Growing Together the applications are given points using the 6 guidelines listed above. The children are chosen for Growing Together by the points scored on the application.

Greeting and Salutations from Sixth Grade! - Mrs. Crosley

Welcome to your child's sixth grade year! We have much to learn and build upon to make it to Junior High and 7th grade.

I send homework home with students **daily**. They should have an assignment or two to complete everyday. Each child is responsible to read AR books also. Students will need to earn 20 points per quarter.

I print out student's grades and give them to your child bi-weekly, they will be bringing their grades home for you to sign. You will know what your child's grades are at least four times before report card time arrives.

As always my door is open if you would like to speak with me about how your child is performing in school.

K-12 NEWS

Hello from the music classroom! — Ms. Knight

This fall will be an exciting season for your students in many ways. The brand-new school year is a chance for us all to bring our best selves together to work hard and well, and look to the future. Your music students have already given me a glimpse of their amazing performance potential, and I can't wait for all the performance opportunities we have this year! For autumn, these include . . .

The chance to sing *The Star-Spangled Banner* before games! The flags to the left, are our very own, flying from our school flag pole! This option is open to all music students, but right now, grades 4-8 are working to memorize the song so that they can come and sing, either as a group or a solo, either with or without Miss Knight. Please encourage your students to give this a whirl – they have lovely voices and their confidence is continuing to rise.



The Niobrara Valley Conference has a District Choral Music Festival on November 9 in Clearwater, tentatively at 6pm. I would like to take my 9-12 high school choir to perform with the other schools. They are still learning to trust me, each other,

and their voices. Let's bolster our singers, and show them what great opportunities are out there!

In addition to high school choir, your music program is also resurrecting the bands! Grades 5-8 will soon be learning instruments, as well as one of my high school classes. Look forward to some beautiful instrumental and vocal music at our next concert.

Thank you for your students!!

4th Grade News...Mrs. LaPlante

The fourth grade students have been doing an excellent job at getting our daily routine and procedures down to a T! I am very proud of them.

In Math we are reviewing some Math that the students left off with last year like counting money, place value and writing numbers in expanded form.

In Social Studies, we are learning where Nebraska is located in the world (what continent, what country, what hemisphere etc.). We are also learning state symbols, the students are enjoying learning all these fun facts!

We also had our Fall MAP Testing this passed week; I would like to thank the parents for sending your children to school everyday so they can complete their tests . The students did very well on their tests .

Thank you for letting me work with your child.



Student Services News—Ms. Leader



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Need Extra Study Time or Help?

9th Hour

Monday-Friday 3:45 -
5:00

And
New this year!
Zero Hour

Monday-Friday 7:30
am-8:00

All students wel-
come!



Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!

So far we have had an excellent start to the new year! We are practicing school routines and procedures so that all students are aware of the school's expectations for a safe learning environment. Teachers have been retraining those students who are not quite into the school routine yet and have had much success! We would like to invite anyone into the building to see the wonderful progress our students have made in just the first couple of weeks! Contrary to some opinions, our school looks and sounds like any other school in the state and we are proud of our students and staff for making Santee Community School a great place to learn!

Happy New Year!

All of us were welcomed back to school with something new. In the high school building, all classrooms and hallway carpets were cleaned rooms and door and window frames were painted, and windows and blinds were cleaned! What a refreshing start to a new year! Our paraprofessional and custodial staff did a fantastic job getting things done this summer! I would personally like them to know that their efforts were definitely noticed and appreciated! In the elementary building, the work continues on a new heating and cooling system. Our staff and students are doing their best to cope with the mess of the construction and the changing temperatures and are very patient as they await the completion of this project.

School Improvement Efforts

We are continuing our school improvement efforts focusing on the following goals:

80% of our students will reach and maintain their appropriate academic grade level expectations in reading, math, science, and writing.

Students will maintain better than 91% attendance rate (that means missing less than 3 class periods per week). So far so good! Great job students and families!

100% of students and staff will report at least one positive learning experience in the areas of safety, learning, adult relationships, and daily activities.

Santee Community School will retain at least 80% of its staff each year (goal reached in 2014-15).

We are all working hard to measure progress toward our goals and to find new ways to help improve our school. We look forward to continuing our improvement efforts and encourage parents and community members to join us in our efforts!

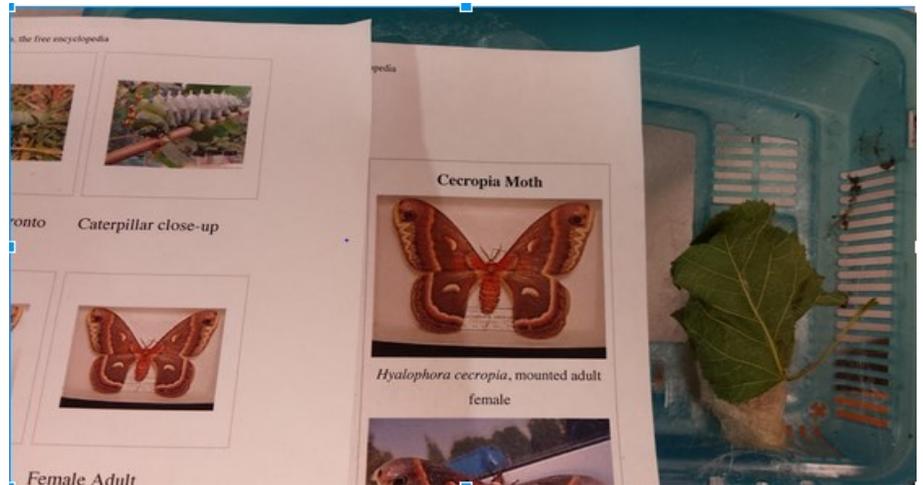
High School News

Science News 7-12—Mrs. Avery



The students to the left are engaged in a STEM activity (Science Technology Engineering & Math) that not only included measuring and design, but a lot of creativity and leadership.

Tate Ferguson brought in a 5 inch, vibrant green caterpillar with yellow, orange, and blue horns in rows down its body. It was so cool we had to do some research and created a traveling exhibit for the elementary. It cocooned overnight in its silk and a maple leaf. The Cercropia Moth will hatch next spring.



ART - NEWS by Mr. Z

The art room is a busy place this year. The elementary have been using dry erase markers at the beginning of many of their classes. Students who use the slates, become willing to draw because they learn they can easily erase or make changes. This is an important skill to acquire as it will help them become more confident and willing to take on new challenges in other areas of their life. The kindergarten are full of life. They have been learning basic shapes while drawing on the same slates. Recently all the kids drew circles, squares, triangles and hearts. The fun part came when each student drew eyes, nose and mouths using only the same shape as their head for these facial features. For example when drawing a square the face would have square eyes, nose, mouth and ears. They had a lot of fun with this.

The Junior high students have been creating pencil projects. The projects are on an a square piece of paper. The students create a geometric shape or other designs and use special techniques to create a 3D work of art.

The high school students began the year reviewing drawing techniques and methods. while creating three dimensional art. They are currently using these skills to draw a human face with long hair and lots of highlights.

High School News

Mr. Evans-Industrial Tech

Hello Santee Community :

It's great to be back with our students helping them prepare for their futures. We are getting things rolling in the Industrial Tech Department. All classes are making their way through the safety and foundation information and skills needed to be successful. We are making process and encourage you to help our students understand the value of a safe working environment. This semester classes include; intro to construction, intro to a built environment, intro to engineering, 7th Industrial Tech, business logistics, intro to architecture, and electricity.

I am very excited about the Business Logistics class with the senior leadership. It should prove to be a very productive educational adventure. The three senior girls have already made major gains in the understanding of processing materials, making profits and inventory control.

All students did the annual building and problem solving team project. The achievements were amazing. In my four years here at Santee, the students have grown in their critical thinking skills.

The students did a great job and I am proud of their efforts.

Skills/USA will be having our annual start up meeting soon. We will be electing officers and making plans to attend the leadership conference in Mid October. We are having Skills/USA planning and project work every morning at 7 am. Please send any interested student grades 7-12 to Mr. Evans for help preparing for competition.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve this great community!



Santee Community School

ACTIVITY CALENDAR — September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 VB TRI @ Neli	4 NO SCHOOL Prof Dev Progress Re- ports	5
6  Homecoming	7 No School Labor Day	8 ~ESU 1 Hearing Screens ~VB vs. Marty Indian 6:00 	9 ~ Week ~	10 VB @ Elba 6:00 Go Warriors!	11 FB vs May- wood @ 3:00 Dismissal at 2:00 	12
13	14 UNMC College Students	15 VB tri vs. St. Mary's/Niob @ 5:30	16	17 VB tri @ Omaha Nation 6:00	18 FB vs Silver Lake @ 1:00 Progress Re- ports	19 VB Tourney @ Flan- dreau TIMES TBA
20	21 JHFB vs. Win- side 4:00	22 JHVB @ Walth- ill 3:00	23	24	25 FB @ Desh- ler @ 4:30	26
27	28	29	30 JHFB vs Walthill 4:00 JHVB vs. Walthill 3:00			