



**SCRIBNER-SNYDER
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

2024-25

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT: By Joe Peitzmeier

WELCOME BACK! The 2024-25 school year has begun and we have had a great start at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools. It has been another busy summer for our custodial and secretarial staffs. They are to be commended for the outstanding jobs that they have done getting the buildings ready for students and staff.

On a facilities note, the PK-K playground construction has begun and should hopefully be ready to use by the end of September. This will be a great addition to our school site and a welcome addition to our younger students. In addition, the school board at the August meeting voted to increase our transportation program to transport all school age students outside of the city limits. I have been trying to contact all affected parties to let them know of this change. If I have not been able to make contact, please give me a call.

FREE & REDUCED PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM. By now you have received a packet of information concerning the federal free & reduced-price lunch program and application form. If you qualify for this program, please take advantage of it. The information remains confidential and absolutely no distinction can be made between children in the program and other children. The purpose of the federal lunch program is to ensure that every child has a nutritious lunch, and we encourage your participation.

In addition, the number of children identified as eligible for this program determines the amount of money our school receives for Title I, state aid, and several other state and federal programs and grants. Even if your child does not eat lunch at school, completing an application form can help generate needed state and federal funds for our instructional programs. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Wegner at Scribner-Snyder Elementary School.

STAFF CHANGES: Six new staff join SSCS for the 2024-25 school year. Please welcome them to the Scribner-Snyder school/community: Brenda Cropp – 2nd Grade Teacher; Brandon Kowalski – Social Science Teacher; Arlene Alsmeyer – K-12 Media Specialist; KateLynn Ness – JAG Coordinator; Jayden McDuffee – Paraprofessional; Jen Tedrow – Special Education Coordinator and teacher

IN CLOSING, I want to wish everyone a very successful school year. It is up to all of us to meet the immediate needs of today and to think about the future and how we can apply what we learn to our daily lives.

Our theme for this year is “**Be Alive in 2024-2025**”. We are doing everything in our power to provide a robust/exciting curriculum for our students. We continue to make SSCS a place that students want to come for education. I am confident that we will have a great school year. It is up to all of us to be positive and wake up each day and tell ourselves “It is going to be a great day!” If you ever have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or visit the schools.

Welcome Back! And Have a Great Year!

Reminders:

No school September 27th. No School on Friday, Oct. 18th due to a Teacher In-Service.

Snyder Lions Club will be at SSCS on Sept. 5th for health screenings.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place Sept. 25th. Students will have a 1:30 p.m. dismissal in order for staff to prepare for conferences in the classroom (Grades PreK-5) or in the gymnasium (Grades 6-12).

Picture Retake Day is Oct. 10 if your student was absent from school on the original date on Aug. 29th.

October 17th-End of Quarter 1—1:30 p.m. dismissal and NO School on Oct. 18th.

November 4th-East Husker Conference Honor Choir Concert is at 5 p.m.

November 11th-Veteran’s Day Program @ S-S; Coffee/Cookies, 9 a.m./Program-10 a.m.

November 19th—East Husker Conference One-Act @ SS—NO SCHOOL

November 27-29—Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

As always, for the most updated information, please check the school calendar on the www.sstrojans.org website.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Scribner-Snyder Community School Patrons,

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we dive into another school year. The school year is in full swing, and I am delighted to share some of the latest news and upcoming events.

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up on Wednesday, September 25th. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and goals with their teachers. We look forward to welcoming you!

In the first few weeks of school, we will complete our benchmark testing. We use the test data to plan instruction and evaluate students' strengths and weaknesses. This data is monitored and reviewed often to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students. K-5th grade students will test on September 10th and 12th; 6th-11th grade students will test on September 17th and 19th. A good night's rest and a healthy breakfast can help students have a successful testing experience.

We have two new high school programs this year – Robotics and JAG. Mrs. Schafer is partnering with Metro Community College to provide our students with a new robotics program. Students will design robots and participate in competitions. This is a wonderful hands-on learning opportunity for our students. JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) is a program sponsored by The United Way. The United Way has provided a JAG coordinator, Ms. Katelynn Ness. She is teaching students employability skills such as how to introduce themselves, be on time, resume building, filling out applications and so much more. She also provides career exploration and tours to job facilities such as Smeals, Werner Enterprises, and Talon. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Ms. Ness if you work at a place that may be interested in providing tours to 6th-12th grade students or work opportunities for high school seniors.

Just a reminder that the school's website and Facebook page are the best places to get up-to-date information. Don't forget to download the school app on your phone. It is pretty handy.

Lastly, my door is always open. We are always looking for feedback and welcome parent involvement. It is great to have students back in the buildings.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Nemecek

Cast & Crew selected for Play Production season at SS

One-Act Auditions have all taken place and Mrs. Enos is excited for another successful event. This year the cast and crew will be performing 'Half Time At Halcyon Days' by Carol K. Mack. This is a story about self-worth vs. body image/unrealistic standards packaged inside a comedy during one of the most interesting fashion decades of the 20th century. This one-act is also a workout within a workout, so actors will be getting in their exercise/burning calories from start to finish—it will be a choreographed routine within the show! A unique and fun concept all with big hair and lots of neon delivering an empowering message! Cast and crew members include: Emily and Nattie Hull, Gillian Hunke, Eli Enos, Kyrian Austin, Azaria Saunders, Jonathan and Shakiera Simpson, Marah Fischer, Hector Garcia, Kloey and Brooklyn Wheelock, Alexis and Jillian Cunningham, Paige Raff, Aydia Ryun, Savanna Horn, Eva Berkland and Melody Morris. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this year's Dinner Theater event on **December 9th**.



My name is Ms. Ness and I am the new JAG Nebraska Career Specialist at Scribner-Snyder Community Schools (SSCS). I am very excited to be joining the Trojan family! Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Nebraska focuses on promoting student success. We strive to assist our students with achieving academic success and developing life skills through hands-on classroom activities and employer engagements.

As the new JAG teacher, I will be teaching classes with a student-centered, Project Based Learning approach. Classes will be very hands-on, reflective, and focus on helping students build professional, life-based skills, confidence, and resiliency.

If you have any questions regarding JAG Nebraska at SSCS please feel free to contact me at: kness@sstrojans.org, or by calling the school and asking for me.

**Scribner-Snyder
Booster Club
Membership Drive**

Your membership will get you entered into the Nebraska Husker Football Pool for the Nebraska vs Iowa (Hero's game) on Nov. 29th. A single membership earns you a square and a couple/business will earn you 2 squares on the board. A \$100 payout will be given for the 1st three quarters and a \$200 payout will go for the 4th quarter/final score.

Your membership will also get your name/business included on all home programs for the winter season.

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____
ADDRESS _____

BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP

\$15.00 per person/\$25 per couple/businesses

Name _____ \$ _____
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