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October 2015

GOLD STAR

**Kudos****2**

Our students have tremendous talents – read about some of their accomplishments.

FFA Programs**3**

Program Highlight – FFA provides opportunity and leadership that transcends the classroom.

Calendar**4**

Revised, one-page calendar reflecting second semester changes due to adoption of a four-day week beginning Jan 4, 2016.

505 Now: BOE Action: Four-Day Week, Goals Dominate Discussion

Notes from meeting held Oct 12, 2015

Four Day Week: The Board adopted a new calendar reflecting change to four-day week (see page 4) and set the start and end time at 7:50AM-3:50PM; this schedule will not require students to board the school bus earlier.

Goals: The Board approved an action plan for Board Goals created in 2013. The action plan may be found on the district website or is available upon request.

Goals are:

1. Retain students in district
2. Effectively use current resources
3. Improve financial condition
4. Improve staff morale

Disposal of Property: The Board discussed the sale of the former Chetopa

preschool building.

Recognition: The Board recognized Joe Smith of St. Paul for his continue support of St. Paul Schools by naming the sports complex in his honor. Although Mr. Smith was a contributor to the construction of the new complex, he continues to support all aspects of St. Paul School athletics.

Virtual Graduate: The Board awarded Kristie Oplotnik, a virtual school student, her high school diploma.

Other Action: Approved uniforms for St. Paul baseball; approved principals' evaluation tool; approved Technology Coordinator job description; accepted resignation of Keith Wiatrak as SPSHS Boys' Basketball coach; approved Jeanette Severt as St. Paul Secretary; approved Judy Ewing as substitute bus driver.

Go Math! FIX

As students begin year two of GoMath!, one of the most beneficial ways parents can help at home is to work on the basic facts. The more energy students expend on simple procedures (like basic facts) the less energy they have to devote to problem solving.

Following is the focus of basic facts at each grade level:

- Kindergarten: Add and subtract within five ($5-2=3$)
- First Grade: Add and subtract within ten ($7+2=9$)
- Second Grade: Add and subtract within twenty ($18-2=16$)
- Third Grade: Multiply and divide within one hundred ($7\times 7=49$)
- Fourth & Fifth Grades: Continue to review basic facts or work with students who do not yet know their basic facts.

*Create flash cards
for a math-facts game!*



Pictured counter clockwise: St. Paul students show “powder power” during kickoff at high school football; Chetopa Elementary students “rustle up” some enthusiasm for Title I parents’ night; after the Chetopa-Welch JV football game, the two teams came together in prayer; combined Chetopa-St. Paul bands provided pre-game entertainment at the district’s 10-year anniversary



BUZZ & BEAT



St. Paul Vo-Ag Open House: Mr. Spielbusch and the vo-ag students would like to invite the community to view the newly remodeled shop on October 19 from 4-8PM during parent-teacher conferences.

Chetopa FFA: Greenhand / Freshman Team took third place at this year's FFA Greenhand Conference in Iola Kansas. There were over 600 students from 23 FFA Chapters competing. Team members were Derek Ross, Abby Walters, Jaylee Sanders, Chance Smith, and Hunter Rupert. Derek Ross placed second in the FFA information test.

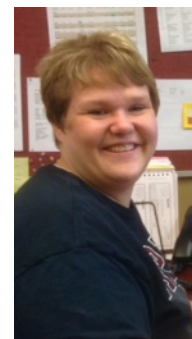
St. Paul Yearbook: St. Paul’s 2014-15 yearbook staff was awarded a 2015 Jostens’ National Yearbook Program of Excellence.

The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies (*ICT*) literacy. Staff members were . . .

Chetopa Marketing: Chetopa Business Marketing class is working on brochures to promote the City of Chetopa and Hornet Housing Addition. The idea for the application of learning came from a community business meeting.

In case you missed it: On September 11, USD 505 celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the unification of the two communities

into one school district. The celebration was held at the Chetopa-St. Paul football game. Members of the Board of Education cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for district fans and patrons. The schools combined bands and choirs provided pre-game entertainment. Just prior to kickoff, Board members and patrons responsible for the unification were recognized.



St. Paul Schools is pleased to announce and welcome **Jeannette Sevart** as school secretary.



505 Live Highlight:

FFA

Lane Kambrey and Kade Osburn paint safety rails for the football bleachers. The handrails were constructed by the Ag Mechanics class and painted by other Ag classes in Chetopa.

Sponsored by

Jim Nave (Chetopa) & Danny Spielbusch (St. Paul)

By utilizing our classroom and shop as well as attending FFA competitions, every student has the opportunity to develop speaking and leadership skills as well as practical, hands on skills. The skills students will develop in the Ag program will not only benefit the student planning to attend college but also the student who plans to enter the workforce right out of high school.

Mr. Spielbusch, St. Paul

Simply put, practical, hands-on experiences with life-long benefits is the national goal of FFA and Chetopa-St. Paul fulfill that mission with the outcome of providing each student with knowledge about agriculture and preparing him/her to be employable in an agricultural related occupation and/or prepare the student for post-secondary training in a related field of agriculture, according to Chetopa FFA instructor Jim Nave.

Instruction will include training in traditional Ag studies, sciences, processing, mechanics, production, structures, and horticulture.

Chetopa agriculture education program holds an articulation agreement with Coffeyville Community College (CCC) that provided students enrolling in Ag classes the option to earn an Associates in Applied Science; when those students enroll full time in CCC after high school completion, they are awarded a Kansas Tuition Scholarship, renewable for up to three semesters. St. Paul has a similar program with Fort Scott Community College

The big news for the St. Paul agriculture education program this year is the remodel of the shop to include a woodworking and construction area with new work and tool benches as well as new tools made possible through the generous donations of local businesses and individuals.

Chetopa-St. Paul FFA serves 79 students in grades 9-12, 31 and 48 students respectively; both campuses also have a feeder program for eighth graders serving an additional 40+ students.

**USD #505 Chetopa - St. Paul
2015-2016 School Calendar**

August 2015 - 6/3 days

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September 2015 - 21/21

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October 2015 - 22/20

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November 2015 - 18/18

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December 2015 - 14/13

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	TEACHER WORKDAY; INSERVICE; NO STUDENTS
	SEMESTER BEGINS
	END OF QUARTER
	PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
	HOLIDAY; NO SCHOOL
August	
24-26	TEACHER INSERVICE; NO STUDENTS
27	STUDENTS/SEMESTER BEGINS
September	
7	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL
October	
14-15	MIDTERM
16	1/2 GRADING; INSERVICE; NO STUDENTS
19 & 21	PT CONFERENCES
23	NO SCHOOL
November	
25-27	THANKSGIVING BREAK
December	
16-17	SEMESTER FINALS
18	1/2 GRADING; 1/2 INSERVICE; NO STUDENTS
21-31	WINTER BREAK
January	
1	WINTER BREAK
4	SEMESTER BEGINS
February	
March	
9-10	MIDTERM
11	1/2 GRADING; 1/2 INSERVICE; NO STUDENTS
14-18	SPRING BREAK
21-22	PT CONFERENCES
25	NO SCHOOL
April	
May	
12-Nov	SENIOR FINALS
18-19	END OF SEMESTER
20	TEACHER WORKDAY; INSERVICE; NO STUDENTS

January 2016 - 16/16

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February 2016 - 17/17

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March 2016 - 17/15

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April 2016 - 16/16

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May 2016 - 13/12

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BOE Finalized & Approved -
10/12/15
160 teacher days;
151 student days