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# Santee

Community School

Home of the Warriors

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## Little Warrior Preschool News

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### School Day

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

Check out the Calendar on back page!

### SCHOOL RE-SUMES

#### Tuesday, Jan 5

Holiday Basketball Tournament at Macy, bracket included in newsletter.

### WINTER CONCERT K-12

Monday, December 21st we held our annual Christmas Program. It was very well attended. This year, there was some noticeable differences in the program lineup: this is the first concert in a quite a few years that has featured high school ensembles! Your student musicians are incredible—they have been patient with learning new instruments and skill, like counting rhythms and reading music and much more. They have demonstrated leadership and collaboration. These are musical skills and life skills that our young professionals are building in my classes, and I am very impressed!

Pidamiya,

Ms. Knight/  
Music Instructor



### How you receive school

#### Communication:

~Monthly Newsletter

~EZ message—Automated

phone/text/emails to parents!

~web-site

[www.santeeschools.org](http://www.santeeschools.org)

~Marquee / Sign





## Fabulous Third Graders.... Mrs. Hrbek

We have been busy wrapping up our semester. Our focus has been on force and motion, two digit by one digit multiplication, learning about inventors and inventions, and writing complete paragraphs. Next quarter we are going to start on cursive handwriting!

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I am very proud of the students and the progress they are making. Please remember to ask how they are doing in school, what they are learning about and their ideas- they are very bright individuals! Come visit us in the new year, we would love to have you!

### **LIBRARY NEWS: Mrs. Nielsen**

#### **OPEN LIBRARY:**

The school library is open each evening for students to come in to read, complete activities, or study. The library is normally open from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. On Saturday, the library is normally open from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Please check the Isanti News Facebook account for any announcements.

### **Need Extra Study**

#### **Time or Help?**

**9<sup>th</sup> Hour**

**Monday-Friday 3:40 pm-5:00**

**And  
New this year!**

#### **Zero Hour**

**Monday-Friday 7:30 am-8:00**



## **Little Warrior Preschool News**

**By Ms. Stewart  
Mrs. Kuipers  
Ms. Denney**

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 12:00 the Little Warriors Preschool held a fashion show., it went along with our clothing unit. Comparing short sleeve to long sleeve, patterns, shapes. Fall, Winter, Summer outfits. Also, what different people wear in the working world, Police Officers, Doctors, Nurses, etc. Students weren't shy and enjoyed showing the audience! Happy New Year and we will see Tuesday, January 5, 2016

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade News



The fourth graders are very excited to begin their long awaited winter break ☺ The new year will be brining in a lot of new things and experiences for the fourth graders. We will be learning division and long division in math, so please continue to practice multiplication facts with your child/children, as I would really hate to lose all of our hard work over the break.

At the beginning of the year we will also be taking the NESA writing test. The Nebraska Statewide Writing Assessment is given annually to all 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students across the state. We have been working hard on writing paragraphs, punctuation and narrative mode, so I am pretty confident the fourth graders will try their best and do very well on this test ☺

Students: With the first day of winter upon us, please make sure you are dressing warm when you go outside to play during your holiday break and be safe!

As always, thank you for allowing me to work with your child. *Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

*Mrs. LaPlante*

## ASSESSMENT INFO

**News from Sixth grade** did very well on their winter MAP testing. I am proud of the accomplishments and improvements they have made in their education so far this year! I look forward to 2016 and all the educational opportunities that we will face together. Have a blessed and happy holidays but, above all stay safe. Mrs. Crosley

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*If your child is going to be tardy or absent, contact the school. 402-857-2741*

## Business Class Tidbits ~ Mrs. Nelson



**Info Tech Class:** Just finished learning how to work with PowerPoint and how to add video and audio to their presentations. To finish up the semester, they are putting final touches on their own projects on a subject of their choice. We will start Excel after the break



**Personal Finance Class:** The chapter we are finishing involved learning about the different types of taxes that citizens pay some of which included property taxes, sales taxes, social security, Medicare, and federal taxes. The students learned how to figure out weekly, monthly, and yearly wages, as well as what is gross pay and net pay. A W-4 was completed in class and they used W-2 forms from the book to finish problems. Students used wage information and completed a 1040EZ tax form.

### Digital Media Class:



The class has learned to take pictures and use iMovie to create a movie out of the pictures and how to add music, transitions, and PowerPoint slides saved as jpeg files to make the movie more "alive" and interesting. They are also working on another project that takes video clips and puts them together to make a movie and then add transitions and music to the final project.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:



Has learned the fingering for the keyboard and have applied that to keying memos and letters.

### Intro to Business:



The students are finishing their chapter on Leadership. They are learning what makes an effective leader, what qualities a good leader possess, and the different kinds of management styles used by managers. Students learned about ethical management and worked on some ethical situations and come up with solutions to the problems presented.

### Accounting

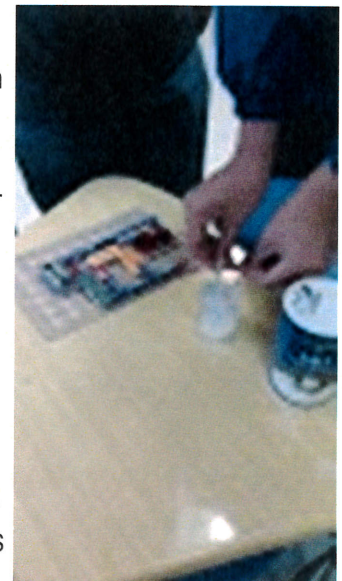


Students are working on a simulation problem that involves putting a month's worth of transactions into a general journal, posting them into the ledger, and completing a bank reconciliation.

## 7-12 SCIENCE Dept. ~ Ms. Avery

**Great MAP news in science!** The following students have beaten their personal best by 3 points

and/OR are on grade level: Kaylee White, Brandon Whipple, Brandy Beltrain-Henry, Victoria Hallum, Evan Johnson, Presley Kitto, Wakiyan Lyons, Jeffery Derby, Jonathon Quintana, Trina Campbell, Kaylee Lopez, Ezra Lyons, Lexi Saul, Khalib Whipple, Roberto Hoffman, Rhylee Johnson, Alicia Saul, Elliott Sheridan, Lightning Wakute, Maria Macias, Jadis Walker, Justin White, Kaylyn Davis, Quinten Whipple, Kooper Ashes, Destinee Tuttle, Tyreke Tuttle, and DeWayna Wabasha. Seniors did not test in science or there would be more. Your student should be on this list! Everyone should be growing or on grade level. Encourage them to make the list this spring. If your student is on this list ~ celebrate!



I ♥  
MY  
LIBRARY



Open library over the holiday - Open Sat. 26th and Monday 28th, Sat. Jan 2., Other times will be put on the Isanti News Facebook page.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading:**

It is important for students to be able to read at their grade level. In the teaching strategy book, "Vocabulary strategies that work", which makes a connections in Reading, states:

It is important to know, your students reading level. It is also very important to support your student at home in reading. As a parent, you have a huge role in your child's education and success.

**Please make sure that your student is reading at least 20 minutes every night..**

Read out loud with them, break up read times in intervals of **five or ten** minutes.

Reading does not have to be reading a chapter novel straight through, it can be reading a newspaper or magazine article, it can be reading articles off the internet for 20 minutes or intervals of 5minutes at a time (that equal 20 minutes).

If you have questions or concerns of your student's reading level, you can contact me through email [lswalley@esu1.org](mailto:lswalley@esu1.org) over the Christmas break.

Thank you for committing to your child's education.

Mrs. Swalley

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## Notice of Adequate Yearly Progress and Community School Choice

### Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child

Date: 12/22/2015

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

I am writing to inform you that Santee Community Schools did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Math and Reading, based on NeSA 2009-2010, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 test results. Having not met (AYP) for three consecutive years places Santee Community School District in Needs Improvement-year three. This means several things for our district. First, and most importantly, Santee Community Schools will focus on ways to achieve success for every student. Secondly, our school needs to make AYP for two consecutive years to get off of the school improvement list. Santee Community Schools report card can be found on our homepage ([www.santeeschools.org](http://www.santeeschools.org)) under the link marked "state of schools report."

### REASON(S) WHY SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DID NOT MAKE AYP

Santee Community Schools did not make AYP in reading and math. In 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 not enough students scored at proficient or advanced level on the NeSA test in Math and Reading. The graph below shows the 36 areas a school can fall into school improvement.

### SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL NCLB SPRING 2015 AYP STATUS

	2014-15	<u>Math</u>		2014-15	<u>Reading</u>	
	Performance	Participation	AYP	Performance	Participation	AYP
All	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Not Met
White	*	*	*	*	*	*
Black	*	*	*	*	*	*

Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amer. Indiand	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Not Met
Spec. Educ.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Free/Red	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Not Met
LEP	*	*	N/A	*	*	*

Nebraska’s percentage of proficient or advanced students in math was 71% and reading 77%. Again, the Santee School District report card can be found at [Santeeschools.org](http://Santeeschools.org) under the State of the Schools link.

**DISTRICT AYP IDENTIFICATION**

Santee Elementary School- Year 3 Needs Improvement

Santee Middle School- Year 3 Needs Improvement

Santee High School- Year 3 Needs Improvement

Santee Community School- Year 3 District Under Improvement

**OPTION TO TRANSFER**

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act, we, as a Title I School, are required to offer school transfer options. Please know that since there are no other schools in our district, the school choice is not an option for Santee students.

**SES (Supplemental Educational Services)**

This identification also requires Santee Elementary to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students. Enclosed is a list of SES providers that have been approved by the Nebraska State Department of Education that could provide tutoring services for your child. Parents who choose to have their children participate in SES are asked to contact the Santee school office at (402) 857-2741 by January 17th to enroll. Once notice has been received, we will make enrollment arrangements as quickly as possible and will notify parents upon approval.



## **HOW SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL WILL IMPROVE**

Our district is required to not only write a school improvement plan with the help of staff, parents, and community members, but also identify a corrective action plan that we will use to aid in the process of improving our scores as a district. Title I schools identified as “In Need of Improvement” –year 3 must identify one corrective action to be taken during the 2015-2016 school year. SCS will utilize NWEA, NeSA and SkillsNavigator assessments to guide our instruction.

Part of the process for writing this plan is to look at and analyze different data that is available to us. Using student achievement, we will identify and focus efforts on areas of need. Santee Community Schools has been and will continue to work on the areas of reading and math. Teacher in-service and summer staff training sessions will be implemented to address these areas. We are also utilizing an online curriculum management system to help staff align our curriculum to the state standards.

We continue to offer a summer school program and after school program which allows us to address student attendance issues and remedial teaching. We have also had in-services dealing with topics that are affecting our K-12 students, such as SAT, ILCD, utilizing testing data to improve teaching and increasing student achievement and drive. All of these activities have given information on how to better serve our K-12 students in the classroom. The State of Nebraska and ESU 1 will also be providing technical assistance through this process and will monitor our improvements over the next two years.

We are also implementing the use of a “Santee Personal Education Plan.” This is an individualized education plan for every student. This plan will be developed for each student K-11 to create a plan that lists present level of performance, strategies, goals and deficiencies. We will use these plans to help guide our instruction when working with struggling and high achieving students. Although this process could take up to two years, Santee Community School feels this is a vital component in our journey to improvement.

Our district has a fully NCLB qualified teaching staff. We have also increased our paraprofessional educator numbers to provide our students more one-to-one assistance.

## **HOW PARENTS CAN BE INVOLVED**

Santee Community Schools is aware of the important role in which parents, teachers and community members play in the school system. The effective leadership provided by the Title I Parent Group is valuable to the improvement of educational programs and community support of schools. The school district shall offer these groups its cooperation and shall urge parents, teachers, and administrators to become active participants.

Parent support is essential to our school making AYP. Communicating with your child’s teachers, making sure your child attends school regularly and on time, helping your child with homework, monitoring your child’s television time, volunteering in the classroom, and participating in school decision-making are important to Santee Community School’s success.

The many successes at Santee Community School cannot be measured in one test, and we appreciate your past and continued support. I am pleased with the performance of our students and teachers at Santee Community Schools, but understand we have areas of concern that need to be addressed.

I am pleased with our proficient and advanced scoring students in our district. We must admit, however, that if ALL of our students are not doing well, we must make a commitment to do better. That is our challenge, our goal, and our commitment.

If you have any questions please call Tony Hoffman at (402) 857-2741.

Sincerely,



Tony Hoffman  
Principal  
Santee Community Schools

# 2015-2016 Winter Sports Schedule

## Varsity Basketball

Dec. 3	Walthill	Home	5:00 pm
Dec. 4	Omaha Nation	Away	5:00 pm
Dec. 11	Elkhorn Valley	Home	5:30 pm
Dec. 12	Marty Indian	Home	6:00 pm
Dec. 15	Freeman Academy	Away	6:00 pm
Dec. 29-30	Omaha Nation Holiday Tourney	Away	TBA
Jan. 5	West Boyd	Home	6:00 pm
Jan. 8	St. Edward	Away	5:30 pm
Jan. 9	Crazy Horse	Home	2:30 pm
Jan. 12	Winside	Away	6:00 pm
Jan. 14	Allen	Home	6:15 pm
Jan. 16	Crazy Horse	Away	2:30pm MST
Jan. 19	St. Mary's	Away	6:30 pm
Jan. 22	Stuart (Parents Night)	Home	6:00 pm
Jan. 26	Elba	Away	5:30 pm
Jan. 28	Niobrara-Verdigre	Verdigre	6:30 pm
Jan. 30– Feb. 5	NVC Tourney	TBA	TBA
Feb. 11-13	DPI Tourney	Marty	TBA
Feb. 15-16	Girls Sub Districts	TBA	TBA
Feb. 22-23	Boys Sub Districts	TBA	TBA

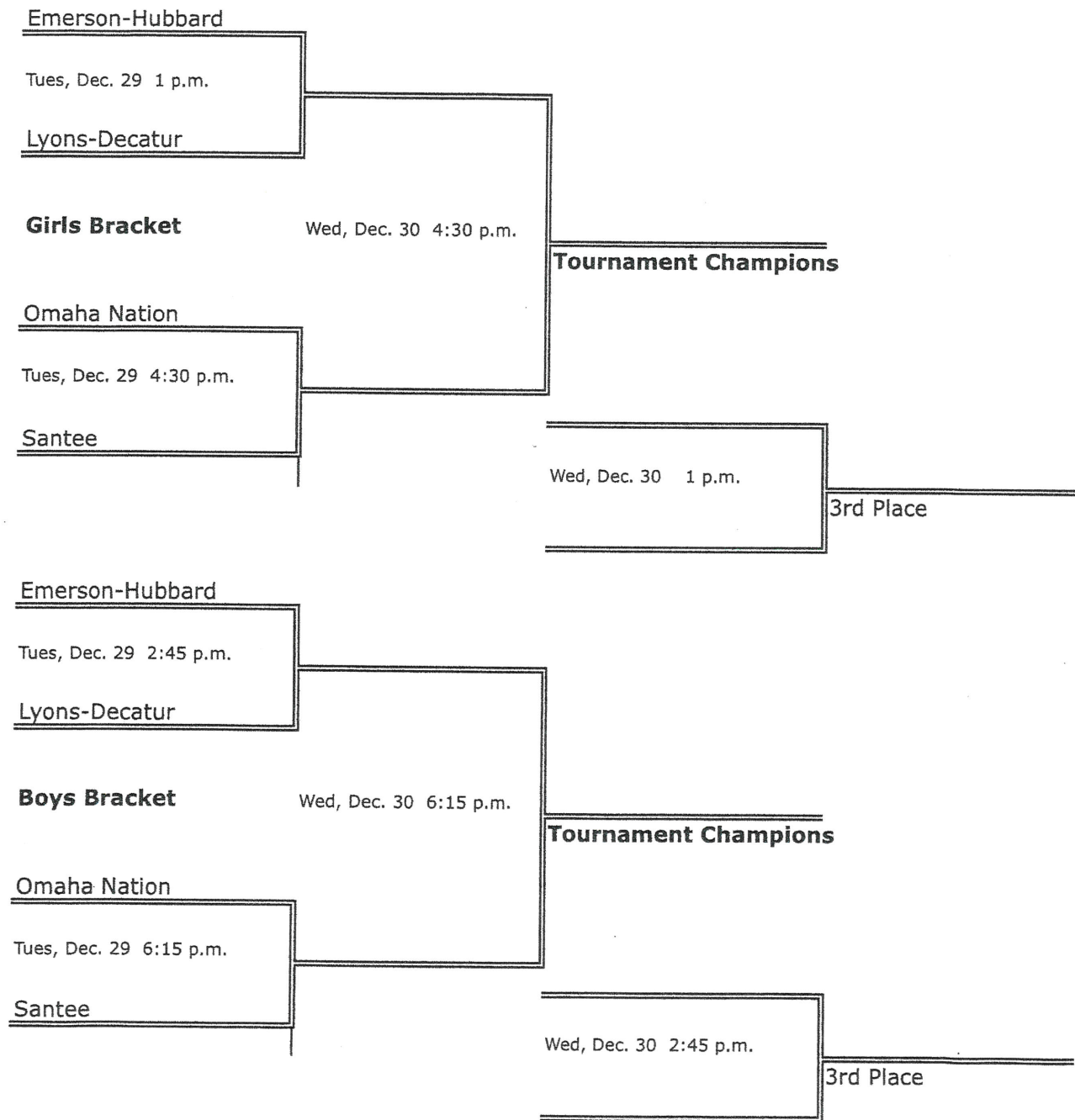
# 15-16 Jr. High Winter Sports Schedule

## JH Basketball

12/10/2015	Home	Marty	GBB	4:00 PM
12/17/2015	AT	Ewing	GBB/BBB	2:00 PM
01/08/2016	AT	Elkhorn Valley	GBB/BBB	2:00 PM
01/11/2016	AT	Omaha Nation	GBB/BBB	2:30 PM
01/21/2016	HOME	Marty	BBB	4:00 PM
01/23/2016	AWAY	Bbfd. Tourney	GBB/BBB	TBA
01/28/2016	AWAY	Niobrara/Verdigre	GBB/BBB	3:00 PM
01/30/2016	AWAY	Crofton Tourney	GBB/BBB	TBA
02/02/2016	Home	Bloomfield	GBB/BBB	2:00 PM
02/06/2016	Home	Winside	GBB/BBB	10:00 AM

**2016 Holiday Tournament**  
**December 29-30, 2016**  
**Omaha Nation Public School Gymnasium Macy, Nebraska**

**Admission: Adults \$5 Students \$3**



**Team listed on top of the bracket is the Home team and will wear white uniforms.**

# Santee Community School

## ACTIVITIES — January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please give any communication changes (phone, email address, etc) to Cailee or Tracy. We want you to stay connected to your school!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winter Break Closed Dec. 23 thru Jan. 4 Resumes Tuesday, January 5</p>						<p>1 Happy New Year Winter Break NO SCHOOL</p>
3	<p>4 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Staff Prof Dev</p>	<p>5 <b>School Resumes</b> 7:30 Breakfast Class starts at 8:10</p> <p>VAR G/B HOME West Boyd 6:00</p>	6	7	<p>8 VAR G/B at St. Edward 5:30</p> <p>JH G/B @ Elkhorn Valley 2:00</p>	<p>9 VAR G/B HOME Crazy Horse 2:30</p>
10	<p>11 JH G/B @ Omaha Na- tion 2:30</p>	<p>12 VAR G/B AWAY Winside 6:00</p>	<p>13 <i>Ready Set Jump Assembly - 2:00</i></p>	<p>14 VAR G/B HOME Allen 6:15</p>	15	<p>16 VAR G/B AWAY Crazy Horse 2:30 MST</p>
17	<p>18 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Martin Lu- ther Kin Jr. HOLIDAY</p>	<p>19 VAR G/B AWAY O'Neill St. Mary's 6:00</p>	20	<p>21 JH G/B Home Marty 4:00</p>	<p>22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Prof Dev. <b>Parents Night</b> Home VAR G/B Stuart 6:00</p>	<p>23 JH Travel to Bloomfield Tournament JH G/B BB</p>
24	25	<p>26 VAR G/B AWAY Elba 5:30</p>	27	<p>28 JH G/B 2 3:00 VAR G/B 6:30 @ Niobrara</p>	29	<p>30 JH travel to Crofton Tour- nament G/B BB</p> <p>VAR G/B NVC Tournament</p>
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>NeSA Writing Test—4th—8th and 11th Grade</p> </div>						