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“SCMS is just a Middle School.”

Scott City Middle School

Scott City, Missouri

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## Middle School to Begin Title Program

By: Emma

On Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup> I interviewed Mrs. Ort, the middle school principal, about our new Title program for next year. I asked her who came up with the idea to incorporate title services for middle school. She said, “It’s a federally funded program, so we’ve had the availability. Mr. Umfleet, myself, and Dr. Panagos along with the Federal Programs Director sat down and decided it would be a good idea for the middle school.” Next, I asked her why we are adding the program. She said, “This will give kids who struggle with reading and math the opportunity to get extra help. It will give kids an opportunity that they wouldn’t have had initially”. I asked her who will be teaching the Title Reading and Title Math. She stated, “Mrs. Sauerbrunn”. I asked when we would start the program. Mrs. Ort said, “We will start it in the 2021 school year”. Finally, I asked her how she thinks the program will benefit our students and our district as a whole. She said, “It will give students more opportunities that struggle with math and reading. Our goal in middle school is to get students ready for high school and try to produce leaders out of students and being better at reading, or better at math will make students more equipped when they get to high school. In turn, hopefully they will get better grades and have a better understanding of what’s going on in high school. Then, whenever they graduate high school, they will be successful citizens.”



Mr. Clay directs the band on Veteran's Day.

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## New Student Spotlight

By: Keegan

I interviewed new 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, Trey. He said that Math was his favorite class/subject. He started here at SC on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Jones, the ELA teacher, is his favorite. I asked Trey what brought him to Scott City. He said to live with his parents. Trey likes to ride his bike around town and play pitch and catch with his dad. I asked him if he played any sports. He said he used to play soccer, but he doesn’t play anymore. I asked him how is Scott City Schools

different, or better than his old school. He said at his old school 5<sup>th</sup> grade was still Elementary and the teachers here aren’t as strict as his old school. He also said that he doesn’t always have assignments to do. (See photo p. 2)

**Congratulations to Mr. Bradshaw and family who recently welcomed baby Elliot to the world! :)**



Mr. Clay directing the band in the FEMA building during Fine Arts Night.

## SC Says Goodbye to Mr. Clay

By: Skylar

We recently found out that our very own Mr. Kyle Clay will be leaving! I asked him some questions about his years here at Scott City. Mr. Clay has worked here for five years. When asked what his biggest challenge was as a band teacher he replied, “My first year at Scott City I only had 7 band students.” His best memory at Scott City was when he and his band got a standing ovation at the Jackson Marching Band Festival his first year. Since he started working here, our band has grown tremendously and he has three different types of bands now. When asked what he will remember most about Scott City, He said, “ I will remember my band students most.” Mr. Clay’s goal as a band teacher was to be like his very own band teacher. Mr. Clay will be leaving at the end of this year. He is leaving because he got the opportunity to take his old band teacher’s position in Dexter. We will miss Mr. Clay dearly. He has helped the Scott City band grow and thrive. 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Noah said, “I’m very sad, but I guess it’s what is best for him.” 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Hannah said, “I’m very sad about it because I have had him for the last three years.”

## Teacher of the Month - Mrs. Dannenmueller

By: Hattie

I sat down and spoke with new teacher, Mrs. Dannenmueller and asked her how long she has been teaching? She said, "Almost twenty years." I then asked her what schools she has taught at? She said that she has taught at Jackson the longest. When she graduated college she was at Charleston, Oran, Woodland, and Advance. Next, I asked her what subjects or grades she taught. She said, "Right now I teach 7<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. She teaches middle school Math, Officiating, Sports in Society, Personal Finance, Government, and Math in the Alternative program. I asked her what her favorite thing about teaching is. She said, " I like interacting with the students and how I make a difference in their life and help them make good decisions." I asked her about any challenges she faces, and she said, "I have a variety of classes, so going from different subjects can be a little challenging." Next, I asked her what she likes to do in her free time? She said, " I go to my kids' ball games." She has a son in 8<sup>th</sup> gr. and her daughter is a freshmen here at SC." She likes to read, exercise, and help coach the 8<sup>th</sup> grade winter league basketball. Mrs. Dannenmueller graduated high school from Advance, and she lives in Oran. Finally, I asked her what she liked most about Scott City. She said, "All the staff and students are just really supportive."



Mrs. Dannenmueller having fun participating during the Homecoming assembly.



First place trophy for National History Day in the Performance Event category.

## MS Students Compete at History Day

By: Nathan

On March 3, the Scott City group of young men that competed in the National History Day competition won first place. The group competed in the Performance Event category with the history of the Space race being the topic. The Space Race was a major event in the 1950's and 1960's that saw the first man on the moon. The group consisted of Scott City Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> graders: Tyson, Gavin, Lawson, Nathan, and Brayden. Due to recent national events, the competition was held online where contestants submitted their entries and judges announced the winners via facebook live. Regarding the change from in person to digital competition, Gavin said, "I believe we would've performed better had we done it in person, but either way it was still fun." The group will now advance and compete at the state level online as well.

The students were assisted by their Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Amy Barks and participated on a completely voluntary basis.

Good luck at the next level, gentleman. We are so proud of you and your hard work!

Thanks to Nathan for writing and delivering this article to Mrs. Pruden for submission.



## School Canceled over COVID-19 Virus Scare

By: Mrs. Pruden

This article was supposed to be written by Zoe about our middle school FCCLA students competing their STAR events on a highly anticipated trip with their advisor, Mrs. Poole. Instead, who could of foreseen the global pandemic of COVID-19 canceling all classes and school events for the remainder of the calendar year? None of us knew that Mon. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> would be the last time we would see each other under normal circumstances for rest of the school year. The President of the United States, Donald Trump, and Governor of Missouri, Mike Parsons imposed stay at home orders to help flatten the curve of the virus' devastating effects on the nation. Schools, businesses, and the sports and entertainment industry were all temporarily called to a halt.

We are all deeply saddened about not being able to finish out fourth quarter, both academically and socially. The school district has been diligently delivering both breakfast and lunch to those students in need of that service. Major events such as, Prom, Kindergarten graduation, High School graduation, and Honors Banquet will hopefully be able to take place; even if it is at a later date. Stay well, and see you soon!

## Community Spotlight Restoration Church

By: Emilie

For this month's community spotlight we are featuring the former Wesleyan Cornerstone Church. I interviewed Bob Lenz, who is the pastor for the renamed Restoration Community Church. I asked Mr. Lenz when this church was founded. He told me the church was originally built in 1947 here in Scott City. The people who founded it were a family called the Fisher family. They were originally going to another church when they were living here, and since there was no Wesleyan Church here in Scott City, they felt lead to establish the church and become a part of it. The church operated for many years until a tragic strike by lightning caused the church to perish by fire last summer. Last July Bob got a phone call from Tommy Miller who was the previous interim pastor for the church, and told him that with working full time and with the fire, God was asking him to step down. They set up the paperwork for interviews, and told Mr. Lenz that he and his wife were the right couple for the job. Bob said he always preaches, "It's never about sticks and bricks" because even though the church burnt down, he still wanted to be the pastor. I then asked him what the future plans are for this church. Bob told me that it is really important to him that the youth is heard. They want to build a building catering to the needs of the youth; a gymnasium, a state of the art learning center, computer kiosk, and some virtual reality teaching methods are in the works. The church was holding services in our FEMA building, but now they are holding them in the old Dollar General store building. Bob wants the city

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## New After School Snack Program

By: Maggie

I interviewed Chef Pedro about the new after school snack program. I asked him to explain the after school snack program. He said, "The after school snack program is a new program we are offering to all the students that stay after school from clubs, sports, or any after school event. It's free for everybody to take advantage of. It's a five component snack with milk, meat, grain, fruit, and a vegetable. We have a cycle menu every week that has different options with different fruits and vegetables so we have a little bit of everything. It's a very simple process to sign up. There is a teacher's faculty spreadsheet where they can go and sign up for each day they need a snack. They put the name of the program, where, what time, how many snacks are needed, and your email to make sure we are aware of what time and how many snacks are needed. We will send a paper along with the food and all the teachers need to do is check mark how many snacks they hand out and how many are left over (if there is any left over) sign the paper, and then return it back to us." I asked Chef Pedro how and why he came up with this idea. He responded by saying, "It's a program they offered through the state of Missouri and we qualified for the program and was aware of other districts doing it, so we wanted to implement it and offer it to our students since we try to have a bunch of options for you guys."

## • Missouri Schools to Start Later

By: Lily

I interviewed Mr. Umfleet about the new law that passed in the state of Missouri about public schools' later start date. This new law will take effect next school year. The new law states: "In an effort to increase Missouri tourism and sales tax revenue, legislation requires districts to adopt a Board of Education policy that states the beginning of the school year will not be earlier than 14 calendar days prior to the first Monday in September." Mr. Umfleet personally feels that it's nice that kids get a longer summer, but he doesn't like some of the reasons why it was passed, so he's indifferent about it. Our breaks will be arranged a little bit differently, Thanksgiving and Christmas will stay as normal as they can, but first semester will now end in January. He thinks that the students and staff will like it because their summers will be longer. Personally, I feel it will be a very good for the state and students of Missouri.

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to know that he and the church community really appreciate everything they have done to help them. We look forward to seeing the new Restoration Community Church when it is finished at its new location near the Illmo overpass.

