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"SCMS is just a Middle School."

Scott City Middle School

Scott City, Missouri

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## A NEW "ERA" OF WRITING

By Jasmine

During the 2015-16 school year, Scott City Middle School students have started a newspaper and are creating their own yearbook. Everyday students gather new information and discuss the topics for the monthly paper. For years the high school students have done the yearbook, but Mr. Umfleet, middle school principal, has asked for the middle school to be more involved in these particular activities. A new class was formed so middle school could create their own publications.

According to staff member Hayley, "I think school publications is fun because I can write with my fellow peers." The twelve journalism students have come together and chosen the stories for the newspaper and yearbook. They have also chosen a cover and a layout for their projects as well.



The members of school publications are Decklyn, Gage, Misty, Janiya, Hayley, McKenzie, Sabrina, Taylor, Jasmine, Jasper, Marcus, and Brenda.

## NEW SUPERINTENDENT, Mr. Lee

By Misty, McKenzie

As the year begins, Scott City Middle School students welcome new Superintendent, Mr. Lee.

Mr. Lee and his family moved from Joplin, Missouri this summer. He and his wife have three children; Madden, Archer and Whitney. They also have three dogs; Jack, Lucy and Abraham. Mrs. Lee works as a history teacher in the high school.

The reason Mr. Lee became a superintendent is because he wants to lead a whole district, doing what is best for the students. His idea to make our school better is to take time to focus on areas, but overall, he thinks it is not bad. Mr. Lee likes the uniforms and thinks the students look nice.

### Quote of the Month – Gage

*It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it. - Benjamin Franklin*



McKenzie and Misty take a minute to take a picture with the new Superintendent, Mr. Lee.

Some fun facts about Mr. Lee are that his favorite cereal is *Lucky Charms*, and he graduated from Kansas University. His favorite movie is *Hoosiers* and his hobbies include spending time with his family and his work.

## ICU:

By Brenda

Scott City Middle School has now established a program called ICU.

The program is for students that don't do their homework. If they go to ICU, they will miss advisory and will have to stay in room 104 and finish their work. The teacher who is in there is Mr. Hendricks.

This new program will stay until the end of the year. So remember to do your homework, and don't hurry through it because your teacher will make you redo it. But most of all, if you don't finish the homework that day, you will stay in ICU every advisory until it is finished. Which would you want – time in ICU or time with your friends?!!

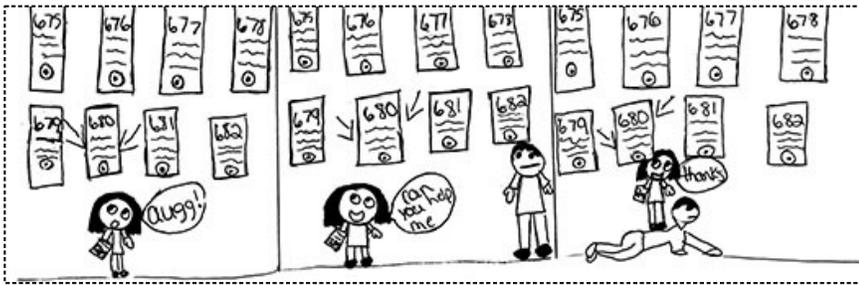
# ADVICE TO NEW MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

By Misty

Welcome new Scott City Middle School students. There is a lot of advice you need to follow to be successful. Middle school is way different than elementary school. For example, you have more freedoms. Make sure you use your freedoms. Some advice from the newspaper team is:

1. Get all of your homework done, and turn it in on time.
2. Keep a good attitude all day.
3. Be sure to learn how to use your locker.
4. Don't goof off in class.
5. Also always try to at least guess.
6. Try not to get in any trouble.
7. Be helpful to other students.

## McKenzie's Life – By McKenzie



## Get Involved

By Taylor and Jasmine

Do you enjoy having fun and doing good things with your friends? If you do, then you should sign up for a middle school club like Drama, Student Council, R.R.A.D., Pep Club or FCCLA..

This year's Drama club, sponsored by Mrs. Miller, will be doing acting and acting exercises. Pep club will be going to games to cheer on the Rams. Student Council, advised by Mrs. Schiwitz and Mrs. Bradshaw, allows students to help with dances and fun night. FCCLA is only for eighth graders, but every year, they go to Tan-Tar-A with their advisor, Mrs. Poole. R.R.A.D., sponsored by Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Townsend, participates in community activities and has a picnic in the spring.

See you at the next meetings!



McKenzie & Leah <<



The girls at their advisory time. >>



The boys enjoy their lunch. <<

Aubrie & Lauren >>



## Teacher of the Month, Mrs. Miller

By Janiya

Three years ago middle school history was made when Mrs. Miller became the Social Studies teacher at Scott City. Known as Ms. T, she soon became the students' favorite.

Studying how people interact is one of the reasons Mrs. Miller became a teacher. She also really likes kids. She enjoys helping students adjust to middle school because it can be "a horribly awkward time in someone's life". Mrs. Miller likes being a teacher but sometimes it depends on what day it is.

Mrs. Miller's new name happened this summer when she married high school art teacher, Mr. Miller. When she is not working, she enjoys running, playing piano, reading, and watching shows about physics. If she wasn't a teacher, Mrs. Miller might be a personal trainer or a greeter at Walmart.

### Staff Members:

Jasmine  
Hayley  
Brenda  
Sabrina  
McKenzie  
Taylor  
Janiya  
Misty  
Marcus  
Jasper  
Decklyn  
Gage

# Sports Roundup

## **UNSCRAMBLE THE NAMES of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football and Girls' Basketball Players**

By Gage and Decklyn

### **Football –**

#### **Moving the Chains**

By Marcus, Jasper

Touchdown! September 3, Scott City Middle School's football teams faced East Prairie for the first games of the season. The seventh grade lost 34-6, and the eighth grade won 48-0. September 10, the teams played Malden where the eighth grade football team won with a score of 30-6, and the seventh grade won 14-12.

Seventh grade highlights included Skylar scoring a touchdown during the East Prairie game. Unfortunately during the Malden game Skylar broke the growth plate in his wrist. The first score of the Malden game was made by Gage. Eighth grade highlights included Jimmy, Joe, and Kobe all scoring touchdowns against East Prairie.



The football team practices everyday after school until 5:00.

### **CHEERLEADERS**

By Janiya

September 2, the middle school cheerleaders held their first pep assembly. After pumping up the students, the cheerleaders turned the assembly over to the coaches to introduce the teams. A contest between the classes ended with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade victory and the title of most spirited. According to cheerleader, Haley, "The pep assembly was a great success."

### **Girls Basketball**

By Hayley

The girls are back and ready to attack! The 2015-2016 girls Middle School basketball teams have started getting ready, and will, hopefully, get some wins this year.

These ladies have practiced every day after school since the first day of school and have worked harder than they get credit for. Pushing themselves past their limits will hopefully get the teams the wins they deserve.

With a full schedule of games through October, the ladies would be very appreciative if you came out to support and cheer them on!

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### **Cross Country - Off and Running**

By Sabrina

Although few in number, the 2015 Middle School Cross Country runners, cover over 25 miles each season.

This year there are five meets with two cross country runners, Hailey and Kaleb. Hailey loves Cross Country because there is a lot of running, and she likes to run.

Coach Schiwitz is also a long distance runner. He likes to run because it helps him relax.

Every day Kaleb and Hailey run from two to three miles each practice. Coach Schiwitz is very proud of his team because of all their hard work.

Due to internet restrictions, this column could not be put on the web site. It was a list of scrambled names of 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes.

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