

November 2025

The Charger

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 Focused Reading Improvement: Introducing Lit Labs

A major addition this year is the introduction of Lit Labs for all students. We recognize that solid reading and comprehension are the foundation of every aspect of education.

- **What they are:** Lit Labs provide students with better, more focused intervention to improve their reading abilities.
- **How students are grouped:** Students are grouped based on assessment data that shows specific areas where they need assistance.
- **The early impact:** We are already seeing fantastic gains in reading fluency scores just after the first quarter!

 State Assessment Scores & Goal Setting

This month, your student will be bringing home their State Assessment scores from last year.

- **What the scores mean:** These assessments are an important piece of data that show how well we are teaching the required state standards.
- **Why they matter to you:** For you as a parent, the scores are vital for seeing how your child is academically preparing for their next steps.
- **What we’re doing next:** We will be asking our students to use these results to do some goal setting. They will then bring their scores and goals home to discuss them with you. Please be sure to sign and return the assessment sheet so we know you have reviewed it.

I will be sending out more detailed information about the State Assessment results and the goal-setting process later this month.

Attendance Update

As we transition into the Second Quarter of the school year, I want to take a moment to really share some of the incredible positive growth we've achieved together here at CAC.

One of our key focus areas this year has been on attendance, and I am absolutely thrilled to share the results from the First Quarter!

Time Period	
Average Daily Attendance Rate	
This School Year (Q1)	97.29%
Last School Year (Q1)	93.93%

This is an outstanding jump! Seeing our Average Daily Attendance soar to 97.29% this quarter is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire community.

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who have made attendance a top priority for your students. We know that showing up is the first and most critical step to learning and success, and your commitment is making a difference every single day. Let's keep this incredible momentum going!

It's not too late to RSVP for our annual Veterans Day program. We have added a breakfast this year as well. If you are a Veteran and want to join please let the office know as soon as possible!



The flyer features a patriotic theme with a red, white, and blue color scheme. At the top, there are two circular emblems, each containing a white star on a blue background, connected by a banner with red and white stripes. Below this, the text 'CARBONDALE ATTENDANCE CENTER INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL' is written in a dark blue, sans-serif font. The main title 'VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY' is in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below the title, the date 'NOV 11 2025' is displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font, with 'NOV 11' on a dark blue background and '2025' on a red background. Underneath the date, the times for the event are listed: 'BREAKFAST AT 8AM' and 'ASSEMBLY AT 9AM', both in a bold, sans-serif font. A horizontal line separates this from the next section, which states 'BREAKFAST PROVIDED FOR VETERANS AND A GUEST' in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Another horizontal line follows. At the bottom, the RSVP information is provided: 'Please call the CAC Office to RSVP - 800-836-9525 ext. 3' in a dark blue, sans-serif font. The entire flyer is framed by a green border on the left and right sides.

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A decorative footer element consisting of five blue stars arranged horizontally, flanked by red and white stripes on both sides.

StuCo News

by Tiffany Burget

StuCo is starting the year off right by helping with Red Ribbon week. StuCo members got together and came up with the themes for each day. They also made posters to hang in the hallway to help communicate with students and staff. We plan on celebrating the winner of each day by giving them a item from our vending machine.

KAY News

by Preston Fordham



**Fly a flag,
honor a veteran**

**Help CAC raise funds
for wounded veterans!**

Scan the QR code to donate today!

DAV.org/flag

Or visit dav.org/flag and search "Santa Fe Trail"

DAV Disabled American Veterans
FIELD OF FLAGS

November 2025 | by Kara Holbert

CHOIR & MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students in 6th grade Choir are still working hard on their music for their upcoming concert in December. They are doing great at learning how to read Choral Music and singing in two parts!

Students in 7th and 8th Grade just gave a fantastic performance at their League Choir Concert in October. We are so proud of them for representing SFT! Next, they are working on music for the Veterans Day Assembly and our concert in December!

Upcoming Performances:

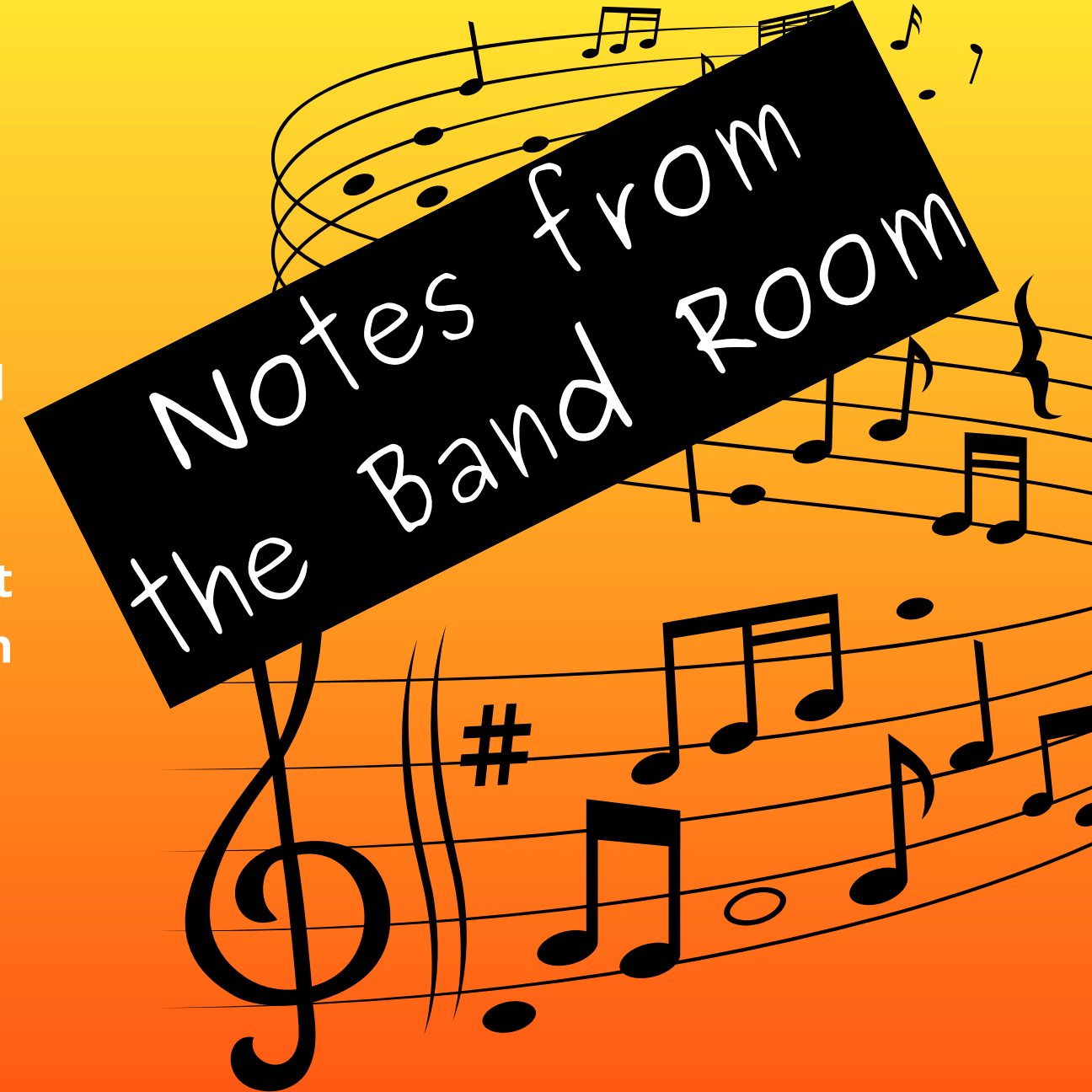
- Nov. 11th - Veterans Day Assembly @ CAC
- Dec. 3rd @ 7pm - 7th/8th Grade Band/Choir Concert @ CAC
- Dec. 4th @ 7pm - 6th Grade Band/Choir Concert @ CAC



Students in 7th and 8th Grade Choir performing at the Pioneer League Choir Concert in October.



Congratulations to Presley Abernathy, Brian Bowles, and Elin Staab for being selected for the Middle Level ECKMEA Honor Band. This band consists of 100 students from all JH's in Osage, Franklin, Miami, and Johnson Counties!



Our 7th and 8th Grade bands are gearing up for their upcoming performance during the CAC Veteran's Day Assembly. 5th grade just finished their first ever playing test. 6th Grade recently finished a class competition, ask them about it!

Upcoming Performances:

November 11th – Veteran's Day Assembly
November 19th – 5th Grade Band Concert
December 3rd – 7th/8th Band & Choir Concert
December 4th – 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert

4th Music Ms. Wendleton

RED DAYS: KUNSCH/WAGNER BLUE DAYS: HAYES/GREGOIRE

OCTOBER LEARNING

MINOR VS MAJOR, DURATION REVIEW, DOTTED
QUARTER NOTES, AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

SEPTEMBER REVIEW

-OCTAVES, DESCANTS, PATRIOTIC MUSIC, SINGING TRIADS, AND PART SINGING

IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES: WINTER CONCERT DECEMBER 11TH 7PM

Technology Classes

November

4TH AND 5TH GRADE TECH

This 2nd quarter brings new 4th and 5th grade tech classes. This nine weeks I have 4th Grade, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Gregoire's classes and 5th grade, Ms. Gist and Mrs. Gates' classes.

The tech classes for 4th and 5th grade are focusing on typing skills, learning more about all of the formatting on a google document along with how to use the drawing canvas. The students use abcy.com (keyboard challenge & find the technology) to practice their key recognition and learning technology vocabulary terms.

6TH GRADE TECH

The 2nd quarter is a new 6th grade tech class. They will focus on digital citizenship skills as they learn new vocabulary and how to make positive decisions in their digital world. They use a simulation website called Banzai along with working on their typing skills.



7TH & 8TH GRADE TECH

This semester class works on their typing skills on Tuesday and Thursday along with learning how to create formulas and calculations with google sheets. These classes will also start learning the basics about financial literacy as they use a simulation website called Banzai.

A series of yellow brushstrokes of varying lengths and directions, radiating from the top left corner of the slide, creating a sunburst or starburst effect.

MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE

Kindness Counts

This month, we're focusing on creating a culture of kindness - at school, at home, and in our community. When students practice kindness, they build stronger friendships, feel more connected, and help make our school a happier, safer place to learn.

Studies show that kindness:

- Increases happiness and self-esteem
- Reduces bullying and conflict
- Improves classroom focus and teamwork

Ways to practice kindness at home:

- Share "kindness stories" at dinner or bedtime.
- Do a weekly family "kindness challenge"
- Model empathy - **kids learn kindness by watching adults**

ART ROOM



Spider sculptures and webs were made by 4th graders.



Fifth grade had fun making owl silhouettes and creepy houses.



Seventh grade observed masks from different cultures and designed their own mask.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

NOV 2025

Our fall sports season has concluded at the Junior High. There were many successes this season for athletes. Here are some of the highlights:

- 7th Grade Football finished the season in 3rd place in the League, winning their "Bowl game" 22-14 over Burlington.
- All Junior High Cross Country runners set new Personal Best times throughout the season.
- 8th Grade Volleyball finished the season as League Champs, defeating Wellsville in the Championship 2 games to 1.

Congrats on a great season to all of our Charger athletes!

Girls Basketball season and Boys Wrestling seasons are underway. These are short seasons that will be concluding when the next newsletter is released. Best of luck this season, Chargers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1 - SFT Middle School Wrestling Inv. 9a
Nov 3 - Girls Basketball vs Prairie View 4p
Nov 4 - Girls Basketball vs Anderson County 4p
Nov 4 - Boys Wrestling @ Perry-Leocompton 4p
Nov 6 - Girls Basketball vs Iola 4p
Nov 8 - Boys Wrestling @ Emporia 9a
Nov 10 - Girls Basketball @ Wellsville 4p
Nov 11 - Boys Wrestling @ Iola 4p
Nov 11 - Girls Basketball vs Abilene 4p
Nov 13 - Boys League Wrestling @ Osawatomie 4p
Nov 13 - Girls Basketball @ Burlington 4p
Nov 15 - Boys Wrestling @ Silver Lake 8:15a
Nov 17 - Girls Basketball vs Osawatomie 4p
Nov 18 - Girls Basketball @ Anderson County 4p
Nov 20 - Girls Basketball @ Prairie View 4p
Nov 22 - Girls Basketball League Tournament - 7th @ Iola, 8th @ Osawatomie Time TBD

By: Austin Hershberger

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Madden Thulin, 7th

Social Studies/Mr. Fordham

Dad

Racing & Football

Las Vegas Raiders

Playing Junior High football

Steak & Longhorn Steakhouse

Chicken Patty is better than Pizza



Izzy Kirby, 8th

Favorite Class/Teacher

Role Model

Favorite Sport

Favorite Team

Favorite Sports Memory

Favorite Food/Restraunt

Hot Take

Math/Mr. Roberts

My Parents

Softball

KU Softball

1st Homerun

Quesadillas & TJ's

Ranch and Bread go together





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