



# Saydel High School

Big City Opportunities, Small Town Commitment for Students

February 2016 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events



### Saydel High School

**FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 9**

K-12 Art Show, Ankeny Art Center

**MARCH 3**

Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4 - 8 PM in North Gym

**MARCH 8**

Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4 - 8 PM in North Gym

**MARCH 11-18**

Spring Break

**MARCH 16**

Athletic Booster Club, 6 PM in Library

**MARCH 23**

Grading For Growth Parent Meetings, 5:30 PM & 6:30 PM in Auditorium

**MARCH 29**

- PERL Forum, 5 PM at Saydel District Office
- National Honor Society Induction, 7 PM in Auditorium

## School Hours

**SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL**

7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Wed.: 8:45 AM - 2:45 PM

*NOTE: Each Wednesday school begins one hour later for teacher in-service.*

**MISSION: Serving the Unique Learning Needs of Each & Every Student**

## Principal's Message

I often times think about the changes that have taken place in education over the past decade. There is one piece that stands out in my mind that has been a "game changer" for teachers and students. Technology use has not only been a challenge to teach and manage, but it has also provided amazing tools to redefine learning experiences. On a daily basis we teach with technology to help prepare our students for life after high school.



Principal Kevin Schulte

As I think of the challenges that technology presents, "distraction" is the primary word that comes to mind. The distractions and multitasking caused by technology can hinder learning and performance. Research published by Stanford University indicated that those bombarded with streams of electronic information do not pay attention, control their memory or switch from one task to another as well as those that complete one task at a time.

Technology is also an amazing resource that can also help redefine classrooms. During our last district instructional rounds (10 minute visits to all classrooms in a building), over half of the classrooms were using technology during this snapshot. Even more impressive is that 30% of that technology use was allowing students to experience learning like never before. This is the type of technology use that we continue to develop and work with our students on.

What does this mean for you as you support your student's learning?

- Have your student not have a cell phone in the same room as he or she studies.
- While working on an assignment using a computer, encourage your student to only have programs and windows open that are needed to complete the assignment.
- Talk with your student about taking frequent, timed breaks while studying or working on an assignment and encourage them to use technology during these breaks.

I looked forward to seeing how technology further enhances learning 10 years from now.

## Becoming an Effective Digital Citizen

*By Adam Busch, Assistant Principal & Activities Director*

Eva Morales of the Polk County Attorney's office partnered with Saydel High School to talk with students about the dangers of social media and certain online behaviors. Students were shown examples of poor behavior and walked through the legal and ethical concerns that can come online. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and learn even more about proper procedures. Thank you to Ms. Morales and the Polk County Attorney's office for providing this great service!



# Three More Wrestling Saydel State Qualifiers

By Adam Busch, Assistant Principal & Activities Director

After a winter season filled with many long weekends the Saydel Eagles landed three wrestlers in the 2016 Iowa State Wrestling Tournament. Seniors Dylan Coffin and Oscar Ruiz along with Sophomore Klayton Keller earned a trip to wrestle at Wells Fargo Arena against the best in class 2A. This was the first trip for Klayton and Oscar but Dylan was hoping to build off his experience last year at the Well. None of the three were able to win matches at the tournament but the experience was very rewarding, and Saydel is certainly proud of their accomplishments. Cheerleaders Esmie Ruiz, Kourtnie Cowles, Rayahna Moorehead, Mae Menefee, and Ana Green were also at Wells Fargo cheering on our guys as they took the mat. All of our Eagles did a great job representing Saydel!



# James Bell Speaks to Life & Leadership Classes



James Bell spoke to the Saydel High School freshman Life and Leadership classes.

James is a speaker and consultant of Winning Edge 360 and featured 'I, Enterprise' an amazing system that promotes academic, personal, professional and entrepreneurial achievement for individuals and organizations that would like to advance and succeed with their objectives.

## Subscribe to All of Saydel's Newsletters

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletters that feature what is happening at Cornell Elementary School, Woodside Middle School & Saydel High School, you can subscribe by emailing [newsletter@saydel.net](mailto:newsletter@saydel.net). Just email which newsletters you would like to receive and then watch for them in your Inbox!





# SAVOR THE FLAVOR OF EATING RIGHT

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## Decode the Secret Message



## National School Breakfast Week



Save time on busy weekday mornings. Choose school breakfast!

**March 7-11, 2016 is  
National School Breakfast Week.**

**wake up!**  
School Breakfast



Our district is celebrating the school breakfast program. Contact the cafeteria manager at your child's school to learn more about what's offered for breakfast. Visit [www.saydel.k12.ia.us](http://www.saydel.k12.ia.us) for more information regarding our monthly menus.

### Foodservice Office:

Visit [www.saydel.k12.ia.us](http://www.saydel.k12.ia.us) for menus and more information

Email: [sadlerjessy@saydel.net](mailto:sadlerjessy@saydel.net)

Phone: 515.264.0866

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Follow us on Twitter: @saydeldining

### Build a Healthy Lunch



## Saydel Athletic Booster Memberships

Special thanks to the following businesses and individuals who support the Saydel Athletic Boosters through membership.

### BUSINESS PLATINUM EAGLE

Chemorse  
Rasmussen Group  
Walker Construction & Painting  
Goode Greenhouses  
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All Iowa Products  
Rising Star Wholesale  
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### BUSINESS GOLD EAGLE

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Capital City Equipment  
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### BUSINESS SILVER EAGLE

Baker Group  
Casey's General Store  
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### INDIVIDUAL GOLD EAGLE

Doug & Lisa Wheeler  
Kevin & Kelly Schulte  
Brett Hersom  
Randy & Joleen Stephenson  
Rob & Shelli Stephenson  
R.C. Madison  
Dorothy Walter  
Brian & Lori Bowman

### INDIVIDUAL SILVER EAGLE

Zeke & Colette Philipsen  
Judy Gustafson

### STAFF DUAL ATHLETIC & MUSIC MEMBERS

Penny Smith  
Dia Fenton  
Sherry Keegan-Bayeur  
Cheri Tingley  
Eric Layden  
Shawn Pavlik  
Joshua Heyer  
Linda Reid  
Melissa Sensor  
Amanda Stone  
Jerry Young  
Jenni McKee  
Dave Braman  
Adam Busch  
Michael Puffett



## Jeans for Teens Challenge Results

Saydel High School Student Government members collected 239 pairs of jeans for Jeans for Teens challenge. The jeans were donated to Hope Ministries. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Challenge!

## Satire Is Too Serious

Below are two satiric creations from Ms. Eliana Johnson's English 12 class.

"Technology is the highlight of my day whether I'm waiting for the internet to load or having my phone die an hour after I charge it. I mean, what would I do with my life if I wasn't constantly running around looking for an outlet or begging all my friends to let me use their charger? That's some good quality time with people I would never talk to if my phone wasn't going to die."

~Kyus Shineflew

"There is one color I don't really like, and it's red: red parking meters, red battery levels, and especially red lights. I mean, what else do we have to thank for always being late to everything? Stopping at an intersection when you're the only car is a great time to watch the grass grow or count the stars."

~Kyus Shineflew

## Grading Is Changing at Saydel Community School District

Please attend **ONE** of the  
**Parent Information Sessions**

**March 23, 2016**

**5:30 pm OR 6:30 pm**

**at Saydel High School Auditorium**



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Saydel is striving for  
**100% parent participation.**

*These sessions will review the same material that was covered in the February meetings.*

**Please sign in when you arrive.**



# VOTER INFORMATION

## Saydel Community School District

### Please Vote in the **April 5 Special Election** on the Public Education & Recreation Levy (PERL)

This information is not intended to advocate for or against PERL. The intention of this communication is to inform you of the facts related to the election.

### What is PERL?

Revenues from the Public Education & Recreation Levy (PERL) are used to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds in the public school buildings and grounds of the district. The PERL revenues are also used to provide public educational and recreational activities within the district boundaries and for community education as defined in Iowa Code. The levy provides \$0.135 per \$1,000 to support public education and recreation opportunities in the Saydel School District. If approved, the tax would take effect for the 2016-2017 school year. There are 23 districts in Iowa that currently levy for PERL.



### Why has the public requested a vote for PERL?

Saydel resides in an unincorporated area of Polk County. While we have strong established communities, these communities do not have the incorporated local government of neighboring districts. There is no public entity to support public recreation for younger youth and adult educational opportunities for the general public. While Saydel has a strong and successful history of youth athletic programs, the scope of these programs is limited by available volunteer coordination and funding. In addition, there are no opportunities for the general public to fully utilize our school facilities for recreation and learning.

If approved, PERL will generate approximately \$95,000 per year (based on yearly valuation) to support:

- Creation, organization and staffing of a community education program.
- Funding to support facility and resource enhancements to areas utilized by the general public for non-school related activities.

By creating a Community Education Program, we intend to:

- Increase access and availability of athletic, fine arts and club programs for K-6 students outside of the school day and year.
- Increase availability for facility use and community learning opportunities for the general public, including creating adult education courses and community engagement opportunities.
- Complement and enhance opportunities for 7-12 students for community engagement and activities.

### PERL Forum

**An Informational Forum about PERL will be held Tuesday, March 29 from 5:00 - 5:45 PM in the District Office Board Room.**

### PERL Ballot Language

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

PROPOSITION \_\_\_\_

YES [ ]

NO [ ]



Shall the Board of Directors of the Saydel Community School District in the County of Polk, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy a tax upon all the taxable property within the School District of not to exceed thirteen and one-half cents (\$13½¢) per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the School District for public educational and recreational activities and community education purposes?

[END BALLOT LANGUAGE]

### What is the estimated tax impact on \$100,000 home?

The estimated tax impact on a \$100,000 home is \$6.85 after residential rollback.

### Why not just start community education programs without assessing the tax?

PERL will give us the funding to create a self-sustaining community education program. Currently, these programs are coordinated by volunteers and exist outside of the Saydel Community School District. Because of this status, the Saydel Schools cannot fully assist in the promotion, organization or operation of these programs. The largest share of any community or private organization is staffing costs. Having paid staff to coordinate volunteers, arrange events and assist in promotion and communication will be essential in increasing opportunities. Community education offerings will have a fee structure, but this fee structure will not be affordable if it must also cover staffing costs. This money can also be used for upgrades of property owned by the school district, but primarily dedicated to public use. Examples include the Woodside baseball fields, Cornell field, and connector trail between schools.



# Staff Spotlight:

*Highlighting staff members at Saydel High School*



**Name:** Kyle Luttenegger

**Position at Saydel High School:** Master Teacher

**Describe your career and educational background.**

"This is my seventh year in the Saydel district and my first as high school Master Teacher. Prior to that, I taught English for six years. Before coming to Saydel I taught at Columbus Community High School in Columbus Junction, IA. Through the course of my career I've taught English 9, English 10, Honors English 10, Creative Expression, Business English, American Literature, Reading Lab, 8th Grade Publications, and 7th Grade Careers. I have been a varsity girls basketball coach, a JV boys basketball coach, and a middle school baseball coach."

**Why have you chosen to be a part of one of society's most rewarding and challenging professions?**

"My interest in the field of education stems primarily from some phenomenal teachers I had in my K-12 days. They had a profound impact on my life and I hoped to one day provide the same impact on the lives of students. During my teaching tenure I've been fortunate to meet some great students and staff that inspire me, teach me, and help reinforce my decision to become a teacher."

**What is the thing you enjoy most about Saydel?**

"At Saydel, I really enjoy the people I interact with daily, both students and staff. I've been fortunate to establish some really positive and lasting relationships here. The size of our district is something I've always liked as well. Small enough to recognize any face in the building, but large enough to offer a variety of opportunities. I enjoy our unique position in the Des Moines metro area as school small enough to meet the needs of individual students."

**What do you enjoy doing outside of Saydel High School?**

"Outside of school I spend most of my time with my family. By 'time with my family' I mean chasing around my two year old and trying to keep him out of harm's way. When I have the time and I'm not cheering on the Hawkeyes or Orioles I like to exercise, read, and watch TV."

## SAYDEL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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School Board meetings are held at the Saydel District Office on the second Monday of each month at 6 PM

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**Saydel High School**

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If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's **Equity Coordinator, Julie McKibben, Director of Student Services, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313; mckibbenjulie@saydel.net.** Office for Civil Rights, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661.