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Many Parents To Visit SJMS Campus, Oct. 18-20

Many parents will be visiting the campus for the first time during Parents' Weekend, Oct. 18-20. A schedule with a blend of activities on campus and free time for Cadets has been planned.

Parents are urged to report to the Vanier Academic Center for registration immediately upon arrival on campus. Parents will be able to sign up for various meals and registration will qualify patrons for several door prizes being offered at the Foundation luncheon on Saturday.

Activities will begin with a football game with Miltonvale on Perkins Field at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 18. The SJMS queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies. Queen candidates will be presented to the 98th Corps in the Battalion Assembly area at 4 p.m. that day. Voting for the queen will follow.

Following the football game, a dance for Cadets and their dates will be held on campus.

"New" and "old" parents will have an opportunity to get acquainted at a social hour following the game in the Salina Room at the Mid-America Inn, 1846 N. 9th. Mrs. Donna Vanier, secretary of the Foundation, encourages parents to attend this function. She said, "The dance following the game will occupy

your Cadet's time and the music will probably be more to his liking than yours."

Teachers and staff members will be available for personal conferences on Saturday morning, Oct. 19 and also, Sunday morning by appointment.

The annual meeting of the St. John's Foundation, to be held at noon Saturday, is for everyone. Cadets are required to attend this event in Nichols Hall, on the campus. Cost is \$5 per plate.

Parent passes will be granted following the luncheon. Regular passes will end at 10:30 p.m. Passes for Cadets with guest passes will end at midnight.

A special Chapel service will be held at 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 20 in the Banes Gymnasium. Following the service a review and parade will be held on Perkins Field.

An optional Eucharist will be held at 8 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 20 in the SJMS chapel.

Following the review, parent passes will be granted until 5 p.m. Parents may take dinner with their Cadets in Nichols Dining hall by purchasing tickets, \$5 each, at the registration desk or they may take the students out to eat.

The weekend will end at 5 p.m. as Cadets return to the regular schedule.

Christmas Masterpiece To Be Sold

A Christmas tree decorated with over 100 unique ornaments, made by Lillian Faerber, will be sold at a Silent Auction during Parents' Weekend.

The ornaments feature cherub figures done in a terra cotta finish, decorated miniature boxes, framed antique Christmas prints, clay baskets filled with red birds; bunches of baby's breath tied with red satin ribbons; a garland of woven grape vine and over 200 tiny lights. An artificial tree has been decorated with these priceless gems according to Mrs. Donna Vanier, Development Director.

The tree can be inspected in the administrative office of the Vanier Academic Center where bids will be accepted.

Mrs. Vanier said that this is a marvelous opportunity to purchase priceless heirlooms to be passed down from generation to generation.

The Christmas masterpiece is valued at \$1,000 and the silent bidding will begin at \$250. The lucky bidder will be announced at the Foundation luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 19.

Two Join Staff

Two new people have joined the faculty and staff of St. John's Military School for the 1985-86 school year. They are Bob Strait and Martha Lohmann, a former SJMS librarian.

An addition to the tactical staff is C/SGM Bob S. Strait, (U.S. Army-Ret.), who is supervising recreational activities on weekends and at other times during the week.

Strait retired this summer after serving 29 years in the Army. He was the post command sergeant major at Fort Devens, Mass., before moving to Salina.

He served three tours of duty in Korea and two each in Germany and Vietnam. Military schools attended are the NCO Academy, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers school, First Sergeants school, and the Sergeants Major academy.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing and all sports. He formerly coached boys and girls drill teams and rifle teams.

Strait and his wife, Betty, are the parents of two sons and a daughter. He is attending col-

Marching Units Place Second

The SJMS Band, Color Guard and a parade marching group placed second for best performance in the Concordia Fall Festival parade, Concordia, Ks., Sept. 28.

Participating were Darrin Graham, Scot Angus, Rick Birdsall, Stuart Maxwell, Brian Camren, Eric Eisenman, Joe Glanville, Evan Fogleman, Mike Ketner, Keith Logan, Curtis Seally, Mark Bleckmann, Toby Timken, Chad Yeros, Shawn McDiffett, Andy Wood, Jeff Harmes, Jeff Walz, Brett David and Mark Goldsboro.

lege working toward a degree.

Mrs. Lohmann was the librarian at St. John's for six years before leaving to raise her son, Mark, now a first grader. She is teaching freshman and sophomore English and yearbook. She earned her Master's degree from Emporia State University and has 13 years teaching experience. Mrs. Lohmann and her husband, Vern, live on a farm near Lincoln.

Cadets Parade

The band, international Color Guard and a marching unit paraded at Belleville, Ks., Oct. 5 as a part of the Kansas Junior Miss parade and pageant. The same units plus the regular Color Guard will parade at the Hyllningsfest festival in Lindsborg, Ks., Saturday, Oct. 19.

PARENTS' WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Registration	3-6 p.m., Oct. 18
Queen contest	Vanier Academic Center 4 p.m., Oct. 18
Football game	Battalion Assembly area 7 p.m., Oct. 18
Cadet Dance	Perkins Field Following game
Parents Mixer	Following game Mid America Inn
Passes end	Midnight, Oct. 18
Parent/Teacher conferences	8-11:30 a.m., Oct. 19
Foundation luncheon	Vanier Academic Center and Parkview Hall Noon, Oct. 19
Parent passes	Nichols Hall 2 p.m.-midnight, Oct. 19
Eucharist service (Optional)	8 a.m., Oct. 20
Chapel service	SJMS Chapel 10:45 a.m., Oct. 20
Pass-in-review	Banes Gymnasium Noon, Oct. 20
Passes	Perkins Field 1-5 p.m., Oct. 20

SJMS Hosts Workshop

St. John's Military School hosted the annual Post Rock league in-service workshop presented by the Department of Continuing Education of Kansas State University, Sept. 30.

Attending were 185 elementary and secondary teachers from the five league schools and from schools in Downs, Tipton and Waconda East.

Dr. Jerry Horner, chairman of the Continuing Education Department, was the keynote speaker. Eight KSU professors conducted sessions on student motivation, problem solving with computers, developing study skills, extra curricular and community involvement of activities, involving parents in schooling, personal and academic counseling, time on task skills and classroom management.

Cadet Court Elected

The Cadet Court for the 1985-86 school year has been selected. Clay Weiss is the senior member and chairman of the court.

Representing the companies are Neal Therrien and Douglas Otto, Alpha; Mario Alcedo and Eric Eisenman, Bravo, and Kevin Smith and David Swanson, Charlie.

Grading Periods Set

The grading periods for the 1985-86 year have been set. The periods will end Oct. 11 and Nov. 15, 1985, and Jan. 24, Feb. 28, April 18 and May 23, 1986.

98th Cadet Corps Formed

Clay Weiss is the Battalion commander of the 98th Corps of Cadets for the 1985-86 school year.

Bob Lossman is the executive officer with John Scott as the command sergeant major.

Company commanders are Neal Therrien, Alpha; Shawn Olseen, Bravo, and Travis Klopfenstein, Charlie.

Members of the Battalion staff are Darrin Graham, S-1; Mark Cerney, S-2; Paul DeSanto, S-3, and Ken Croslin, S-4.

Alpha company staff members are Tom Crawley, executive officer; Brooks Mowry and David Gambetta, platoon leaders, and Jeff Hunter, first sergeant.

Bravo staff are Mario Alcedo and Jeff Walz, platoon leaders, and Troy Erwin, first sergeant.

Charlie staff members are Bob Wachal, executive officer; Michael Hadley and Luis Siles, platoon leaders, and Michael Porter, first sergeant.

Mule-skinner Sculpture Planned

A bronze sculpture of the Mule-skinner logo is being planned to mark the 20th anniversary of the Mule-skinner club in 1986-87 and the 1987-88 Centennial celebration of St. John's Military School.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution that some specific project should be identified each year with the Mule-skinner. All past pledges of the \$100-a-year club to renovation projects have been paid in full.

Dr. Dick Bergen, a talented artist and sculptor, has submitted a design to reproduce the logo. The sculpture would be a five by seven-foot piece and would rest on a base of stone or wood. It would be placed in the "teardrop" area back of the flag pole and fountain.

Members of the Mule-skinner are voting on committing a portion of their donations each year to this project.

Mrs. Donna Vanier, Development Director, said, "It is the opinion of several that this sculpture would add a great deal to the SJMS campus; would be an appropriate way for the Mule-skinner group to mark its 20th anniversary and would be a significant addition to the Centennial celebration."

She added, "We hope to open the Centennial year with the sculpture in place and dedicate it at a time when the most Mule-skinner could be present."



NEWS

... from the past

As a monthly feature, leading to the Centennial celebration planned for Commencement 1987 to Commencement 1988, news from *The Skirmishers* of past years will be appearing on this page.

OCTOBER 1925 -- The boys on the whole are settling down and working in real earnest. On the drill field the new boys are learning the movements and under our capable battalion commander, Capt. Linger (Editor's Note . . . the late Lyman Linger, SJMS Benefactor) the battalion should be in fine condition in a short time . . . The first dance of the year was held Saturday evening. The boys wore the regular service uniform of khaki trousers and puttees while the girls wore gingham gowns. Capt. R.R. Shideler furnished music for the Virginia Reel. Then at eight o'clock the Real Orchestra put in its appearance and the latest interpretation of the "Charleston" held sway. All in all the dance was a "WOW."

OCTOBER 1935 -- The greater part of the cadet corps are now in complete uniform. There were delays in getting some of the articles here. There are some changes in the uniforms this year. Probably the most noticeable is the cadet gray Oxford cloth shirt which replaced the Charlottesville woolen shirt. The latter was too warm for this climate . . . On a September afternoon, a number of boys were taken on a picnic out to Brown Memorial Park about 25 miles due east of Salina. The day being quite warm, the picnickers took a swim in Brown's Lake, immediately upon arrival. The most exciting part of this event was a free-for-all mudfight. It was nigh impossible for a non-belligerent person to enjoy himself in peace.

EDITOR'S NOTE -- There is a lack of published information for the period from 1945-48. No *Skirmishers* are in the historical files. Was the paper not printed during this time? Anyone having information or old publications from this period, should contact the School.

OCTOBER 1955 -- The Crack Drill Squad and Platoon were invited to make their first appearance of the year at a Civil Air Patrol sponsored show in Omaha . . . Al Ransom, senior from Pueblo, Colo. was named Battalion commander . . . Group singing will be conducted during evening mess while dessert is being served on several nights a week this year . . . Cadet Bob Pave escaped serious injury when he fell beneath the wheels of a hay rack loaded with Cadets and their dates. The group was enroute to State Lake at Bennington for a picnic.

OCTOBER 1965 -- The 78th year begins with 200 Cadets. Tim Soule commands the Corps . . . The Rev. William Davidson accepted election as Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Kansas for the Episcopal Church.

OCTOBER 1975 -- The new window drapes and shades and the draping of the movie screen in Armstrong Memorial Chapel have been hung. Dedication of the \$2500 improvement in memory of Maud Beech will be at 4 p.m., Oct. 19 in the Chapel . . . The American flag fluttered loosely in the warm September sun. Beneath its half-mast shadow, a double line of Cadets stood at attention, saluting the hearse as it rounded the Jordan fountain in the Memorial Plaza as the funeral for Maj. Bruce Cummings was held in the School chapel . . . A 26-yard touch-down scamper by senior half-back Gary Cavey capped a 57-yard drive and gave St. John's an 8-0 victory over White City in the season opener. SJMS was the only high school in Salina posting a win that night.

Cadets to Host Kiwanis

The Salina Kiwanis Club will meet for its noon meeting in Nichols Dining Hall, Oct. 21. Members of the 98th Corps will host the group.

★ PROMOTIONS ★

The following promotions have been made since the beginning of the school year.

Promoted to:

MAJOR -- Clay Weiss.

CAPTAIN -- Robert Lossmann, Shawn Olseen.

SECOND LIEUTENANT -- Paul DeSanto, Kevin Smith, Ken Croslin, Mario Alcedo, Jeff Walz, Darrin Graham, Tom Crawley, Brooks Mowry, David Gabetta, Bob Wachal, Mike Hadley, Luis Siles, Travis Klopfenstein, Neal Therrien, John Wells.

COMMAND SERGEANT-MAJOR -- John Scott.

FIRST SERGEANT -- Troy Erwin, Michael Porter.

MASTER SERGEANT -- Michael Shaw.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS -- David Loman, Joe Duerksen, Devin Palmer.

STAFF SERGEANT -- Brian Camren, Brent Collum, Scott Angus, Chuck Riley (temp), Daniel Stabler, James Crowley.

SERGEANT -- Shayne Bukowsky, Jeremy Sawyer, Shawn McDiffett, Keith Logan.

CORPORAL -- Tim Clinton, Thomas Keefe, Nathan Marshall, Shawn Reitmayer, Ronald Pniak.

Chapel Council Organizes

Luis Siles was elected president of the SJMS Chapel Council and was also appointed as Battalion chaplain.

Other officers are Kevin Smith, vice president; Ken Croslin, secretary, Paul DeSanto, High School representative, and Jon Treadway, Middle School representative.

Council members authorized to wear the silver cross are James Rust, Shayne Bukowsky, Jason Mumford, Jeremy Sawyer, Evan Fogleman, Thomas Keefe, David Swanson, Chris Morrow, Henry Junk, Nathan Marshall, and Clint Ballhagen.

Probationary members are Albie Bensimon, Brian Stevens, Val Taylor, Shane May, Michael Doty and David Dumler.

DeSanto Made Lay-reader

Paul DeSanto was officially commissioned as a Diocesan Lay-reader and chalice bearer during the regular Sunday worship service Sept. 22. He received a certificate and license from the Bishop of Western Kansas, The Rt. Rev. John Ashby, and was formally installed following the sermon.

★ OLD BOYS CORNER ★

Attended 1938-39 . . . Earl M. (Buddy) Leichter stopped by the School this summer. He had not been on campus since he left in 1939 and was amazed that nothing remained of the school he remembered but the front gate. Leichter, known as Leichter II, attended SJMS with his brother, Sonny, known as Leichter I. Sonny died of a brain tumor shortly after leaving St. John's. Leichter said, "I was seven and a half years old my first year at St. John's. I remember that a cow had a calf right outside the dining hall window in Vail Hall during evening mess. Sonny received the Loyalty cup in 1939 and was the youngest Cadet to receive it. My roommate was a Bobby Lang from Wichita." After living in New York for many years, Leichter now lives at 5521 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64113.

Class of 1957 . . . Ronald Neely is the Curator for the Georgetown Society, Georgetown, Colo.

Class of 1959 . . . Al C. Palmer is on a sabbatical leave this year. He is putting together a set of geologic samples, representative of the Commonwealth to complement a new map by

the Pennsylvania Geologic survey that will be distributed to each school district in Pennsylvania under the auspices of the Department of Education. Al is planning to recontact "old boys" from his era to make plans for the Grand Reunion in 1988. Enclosed with the letter was his membership in the Mule-skinners program.

Class of 1965 . . . Dennis Johnson visited the campus recently. He is Vice-president of Region VIII, of the United States JCI Senate.

Class of 1970 . . . Tom Harper is employed at Rocky Flats, Colo.

Class of 1973 . . . Ken Harper is stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas with the U.S. Army. He and his wife are expecting a baby this fall.

Class of 1974 . . . Mark Harper is serving with the U.S. Army in Germany.

Class of 1978 . . . Mike Davis stopped by the campus on Labor Day. He works with his dad in the family business, National Insulation Company, in Denver, Colo. . . **Malcolm Gillespie** and his wife, Elizabeth, were also recent visitors. Their home is in Laramie, Wyo.

Former Teacher Dies of Injuries

Former SJMS music teacher, Nedra Hough, 57, died August 1 at the North Beach Community hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., of injuries suffered in a May automobile accident in Florida.

Funeral services were held Aug. 8 at the First Baptist church in Salina.

The following tribute to Nedra was written by Virginia Vishneske, former SJMS art teacher.

"Nedra Hough and I had been friends for many years, but it was while teaching with her at St. John's Military School that I came to realize the many facets of this extraordinary lady. Her work with students was outstanding, for they seemed to recognize her genuine concern for each of them individually. Her dedication to excellence was reflected in their performances. The chili suppers, caroling parties, popcorn and birthday cakes were part of the many extras, beyond the call of duty, which helped students know she really did care. Her kindness extended to all."

Sound-Off Staff Named

The staff for "The Sound-Off", 1985-86 yearbook, has been selected according to Mrs. Martha Lohmann, book sponsor. The staff attended a yearbook workshop at Cloud County Community junior college, Concordia, Sept. 17.

Accompanying the group was Capt. Don McCann, School photographer.

Luis Siles is the editor. Staff members are Tom Crawley, Adam Roesler, Mark Cerney, Keith Logan, Devin Palmer and Clay Weiss.

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Transition Made Easier By Concern of Staff, Cadets

... Say Mothers

As the school year opens, it is a new beginning for Cadets and their parents. First year students may be apprehensive about the new lifestyle they are entering at St. John's Military School.

But parents, particularly mothers, also find the parting on opening day a traumatic experience.

The administration, faculty and staff and the members of the Corps of Cadets try to make that transition as easy as possible. Those efforts are apparently proving successful as comments from two mothers indicate.

Printed below are excerpts from a letter from the mother of a 1985 "new boy" and a poem written by a mother whose son was graduated in 1984.

"Last Sunday, Sept. 8, when we arrived at St. John's and embarked on the procedures for processing our son into life as a "new boy" we expected to experience one of the most difficult and unsettling days we'd ever endured...

"Our experience was quite the contrary. The campus was beautiful, everyone we encountered was friendly and sensitive and helpful, and we immediately began to feel a sense of family and pride in the tradition we saw displayed all about us.

"I particularly want you to know that the fine young man who by some extremely good stroke of fortune was chosen to host us for the day deserves thanks, praise, commendation and a Mother's hug for his courtesy, knowledge, and sensitivity to our situation. He performed his duties expertly."

"In the week that Rodney's been at St. John's, we've had several phone calls and a letter, each containing reports of homesickness on the one hand but happiness on the other... Not once has he said, 'I can't'. Instead he's saying, 'It's tough but I can do it.'"

"Oh, Sir:"

It's with heavy heart this boy I
bring,
I'll be back to get him in the
spring.
I pray you'll do what I could not:
Teach him and coach him in
proper thought.

Give him the tools he'll need in
life
To survive in joy as well as strife.
Show him pride in self and his
fellowman,
Restore his self-confidence--if
you can.

It's been two years since that
fateful day
When, with tearful glance, I
turned away.
Back here now, I stand in awe--
Of all I've heard--and what I saw:

Sure of step, with head held high
I saw the pride as my son
marched by.
Oh sir: YOU are the one I sought;
A man you've made of the boy
I brought!


... Mary Ann Craig, Mother of Scott Craig, '84

CHAPEL EVENTS

March to Christ Cathedral	Sun., Oct. 13
Practice for Parents service	Wed., Oct. 16
Holy Eucharist	8 a.m., Sun., Oct. 20
Parents' Weekend	
Worship service	10:45 a.m., Sun., Oct. 20
Evening Prayer	7:15 p.m., Wed., Oct. 23
Holy Eucharist	10:30 a.m., Sun., Oct. 27
Middle School	
Religious Education	8:45 a.m., Sun., Oct. 27
All Souls Day	
Prayer Service	4:30 p.m., Sat., Nov. 2
All Saints Sunday	10:30 a.m., Sun., Nov. 3
Evening Prayer	7:15 p.m., Wed., Nov. 6
Holy Eucharist	10:30 a.m., Sun., Nov. 10
Evening Prayer	7:15 p.m., Wed., Nov. 13
Holy Eucharist	10:30 a.m., Sun., Nov. 17
Thanksgiving Service	Wed., Nov. 20
Blessing of Advent Wreath	6:30 p.m., Sun., Dec. 1
Story of Advent Wreath	7:15 p.m., Wed., Dec. 4
Holy Eucharist	10:30 a.m., Sun., Dec. 8
Evening Prayer	7:15 p.m., Wed., Dec. 11
Holy Eucharist	10:30 a.m., Sun., Dec. 15
Service of Lessons and Carols	Wed., Dec. 18

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Activity Program Continues

The weekend activity program for Cadets sponsored by members of the faculty and staff will continue this year. The program was started two years ago and has included activities such as skating and swimming parties, a boxing tournament, and a special SJMS Olympics.

Col. Keith G. Duckers, President, said that for the most part the program has proved to be effective.

Faculty-staff participation is strictly voluntary. Cost per Cadet must not exceed \$1 and vouchers may not be used. It is a project Cadets can enjoy without additional expense to the parents.

Events are scheduled at the discretion of the monthly committee.

Committee members assigned for each month are as follows:

SEPTEMBER — Col. and Mrs. Keith Duckers, LTC and Mrs. V.B. Loy and Nina Livingston.

OCTOBER — Maj. and Mrs. Scott Haviland, David Henry,

Mrs. Stein, Sgt. Richard Hozduke and Gene Meier.

NOVEMBER — Lt. Col. Paul Kellogg, Mrs. Doris McConnell, CW4 Tom Stewart, Sgt. Bill Bunting, Capt. and Mrs. Don McCann and CSM Bob Strait.

DECEMBER — LTC Kenneth Faerber, Mrs. Leona Graham, LTC R.L. Guernsey, Mrs. Donna Lewick, Cpt. Lou Lyda, Lt. Dan Byarlay and Sgt. Bill Keszig.

JANUARY — Cpt. Doug Randolph, Mrs. Joan Dark, SGM Jerry Housley, Mrs. Shirley Sharma, Cpt. Gene Johnson and Cpt. Jim Lohmeyer.

FEBRUARY — LTC Larry Lysell, Mrs. Sue Holmes, Sgt. and Mrs. Brian Chapman, Chaplain Davidson, Ms. Sudonna Wilkins and Mrs. Robinson.

MARCH — Maj. Charles Speilman, Mrs. Lois Trump, Maj. Kelly Rudolph, Cpt. Doug Gordon, Walt Aleshire, Willie Jernigan and Herb Mutschler.

APRIL — Mrs. Donna Vanier, Maj. Gerald Woody, Mrs. Lillian Faerber, Mrs. Martha Lohmann, Dean Chiles and SGM Lyle Van Lew.

Furlough Dates Set

Furlough dates for the school year have been established.

A charter bus will provide service between Salina and Denver for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring vacations. The bus leaves campus at 4 p.m. on the day furloughs begin.

Transportation plans can be made through the Commandant's office with a local travel agency. Patrons can make or complete any reservations needed by their Cadets. A representative of the agency will be in the Spencer Cadet Center during Parents' Weekend at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 19.

Patrons requesting air transportation this year will have the option of requesting surface transportation to the Wichita airport. The money savings for air transportation from Wichita are considerable. Cost of the surface transportation to Wichita will be minimal. Cadets utilizing this service will be picked up in Wichita upon their return from furlough.

Thanksgiving furlough begins at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19 and ends at 9 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1.

The Christmas leave will begin at 4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, and will end at 9 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12, 1986.

Spring vacation begins at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 6, 1986 and ends at 10 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

Videotapes Were Popular

Videotapes of the 1985 Commencement activities have proved popular with parents of SJMS Cadets, according to Wendell Knowles of Video-Cam productions, who recorded the activities and produced edited versions for parents.

The comment made by Mrs. Clem Reitmayer, Quinter, was perhaps most typical of those who purchased the tape. "We've played the tape over and over. We just wish that even more of the activities could have been included." The most popular version was the 60-minute edited version of Commencement activities, including highlights of the field day competition, military ball, Crack Squad drill, Freedom Tree ceremony, commencement procession, the handle ceremony, seniors receiving diplomas, final review and dismissal of the Corps forever.

A few copies of this tape are still available. They can be ordered by sending \$75 to Video-Cam productions, 500 Regent, Salina, KS 67401.

"Moms" Plan '85-'86 Projects

Activities for the 1985-86 school year have been planned by the SJMS Ladies Club.

A group of 81 Cadets attended a skating party sponsored by the club in September. Lillian Faerber was the chairman.

Wendy Stein will serve as chairman of the homecoming celebration held during Parents' Weekend. The group will provide refreshments for the dance.

A pep rally will be sponsored with Nancy Chapman and Jerry Gordon as chairmen.

Mary Kellogg will be in charge of recruiting workers and cakes for the annual Halloween Howl.

Plans are being made to host a pizza party with pizza donated by Tony's Pizza of Salina during the year. Linda Randolph will chair the party with Sue Holmes.

During the year, members of the club remember the Cadets on their birthdays and with Valentine treats.

Dues are \$1 with all money being used for the benefit of the Cadets. Any "real" moms or others interested in providing a home atmosphere at the School, are encouraged to make donations of money or "goodies" to the group.

Donna Lewick is the president and Debbie Byarlay is the secretary/treasurer.

Services Set For Parents

Two services will be held on Parents' Weekend Sunday, Oct. 20 according to the Rev. Donald Davidson, Chaplain.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at an optional service at 8 a.m. in Armstrong Memorial Chapel. The service will be without music or sermon for those wishing to participate in a Sunday communion service.

"Celebration of the Community" will be the theme of the service at 10:45 a.m. in the Banes Gymnasium. The service will include special music by both Cadets and members of the faculty.

Parents are invited to attend both services.

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Cadets Open With Victory

The Cadets opened the 1985 football season with a 16-0 victory Sept. 20 over St. Mary Catholic school.

The Mule-skinners scored touchdowns in each of the first two quarters of the contest on Perkins Field.

Halfback Chuck Riley scored St. John's first touchdown of the season when he bolted in from three yards out. Quarterback John Wells hooked up with Robert Lossmann for the two-point conversion.

The Cadets then added an insurance touchdown in the second period when Wells scored on a one-yard run. Darrin Graham ran in the two-point conversion.

St. John's coach Kelly Rudolph cited the effort of his defense as a key to the victory.

"Overall, I was pretty happy with the way we played," Rudolph said.

SJMS--16 Bennington--54

Unbeaten Bennington rolled past the Cadets 54-16, Sept. 27, in a Post Rock league contest at Bennington.

The Bulldogs are undefeated in the League and 3-0 overall.

Scoring for the Cadets were Chuck Riley on a 36-yard run and Darrin Graham on a six-yard run. Chris Wallace ran for both two-point conversions.

Middle School Gets Computer

A computer has been installed in the office of the Middle School in Parkview Hall. Lillian Faerber, secretary, reports that enrollment day was much smoother as all the schedules were printed for each Cadet and a copy was given to parents.

Class schedules, grade reports and rosters have been programmed into the computer.

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PRE-GAME MEDITATION

The Rev. Don Davidson, School Chaplain, (center) and Coach Kelly Rudolph (left) conduct a moment of meditation prior to the beginning of football games. Team members are Chris Wallace, Russell Butenschoen, John Wells, Darrin Graham, Chuck Riley, Chad Yeros, Richard Jenkins, Jeff Walz, Joe Duerkson, David Swanson, Mike Shaw, Kevin Smith, Mike Swisher, Mike Hadley, Mario Alcedo, Mike Campbell, Tom Crawley, Chuck Glanville, Neal Therrien, Mike Porter, Brooks Mowry, Doug Otto, Devin Palmer, David Gambetta, Brent Collum, Cameron Miles, Clay Weiss, Ron Pniak, Rob Lossmann and Bryan Joy.

Lossman Earns ROTC Medal

Robert Lossman was awarded the TROA ROTC Medal as the senior Cadet demonstrating exceptional potential for military leadership in the Junior ROTC. The presentation was made by the Smoky Hill Chapter, Salina, an affiliate of the Retired Officers Association.

The award was presented during the weekly Sunday review and parade, Sept. 29.

New Infirmary Completed

The SJMS infirmary has been moved to the former faculty duplex facing on Otis street. It had formerly been located in Nichols Hall above the dining facility.

Pictures of the new facility will appear in the next issue of "The Skirmisher".

Cadets Assist At Groundbreaking

The Cadet Band and Color Guard played the National Anthem and presented the Colors during a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Central Mall project in Salina, Sept. 26. The event was sponsored by the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce.

Serving as escorts for the dignitaries were Cadets Clay Weiss, Jeff Hunter, David Gambetta, John Scott and Brooks Mowry.

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Foundation Buys Equipment

Equipment for the use of the School was purchased by the SJMS Foundation during the summer. The expenditures were authorized at the meeting held in the spring.

A Canon PC 25 has been added to the faculty lounge for the use of the staff in class preparations.

A storage unit for musical instruments were added to the Battalion Assembly area in the Vanier Academic Center.

Cadets Assist March of Dimes

Several Cadets served as escorts at a Monte Carlo party sponsored by the March of Dimes at the Salina Country Club, Sept. 27. They were Troy Erwin, Mark Cerney, Ken Croslin, John Scott and Steve Roberson.

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Middle School Activities

A variety of activities have started in the Middle School.

The YMCA swim program began Sept. 9. Cadets in grades five and six swim twice each week under the supervision of Maj. Gerald Woody, Middle School director. Cadets in the physical education classes also swim twice each week, sponsored by Maj. Charles Speilman and Maj. Kelly Rudolph, Middle School teachers.

The Saturday bowling program began Sept. 14. Cadets bowl between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Saturday.

The Cadets attended a parade in Beverly, Ks., Saturday, Sept. 20. It has been reported that they were the parade.

All Middle School Cadets attended the Shrine Circus in Salina, Saturday evening, Sept. 14.

In the Opportunity Room, Cadets are building model airplanes, painting sun catchers, playing video games, chess and airhockey, enjoying the hamster and snake, and building with the lego blocks. Work with ceramics to be used as Christmas gifts will be starting soon.

SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

St. John's Military School

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announces its participation in the Special Milk Program administered by the State Department of Education. Local school officials have adopted the following family size income criteria for determining eligibility.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES, SCHOOL YEAR 1985-86

FAMILY SIZE	FREE MILK
1	\$ 6,820
2	8,165
3	11,505
4	13,845
5	16,185
6	18,525
7	20,865
8	23,205
Each additional family member	2,340

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members, social security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one, total household income by source and household member or the food stamp case number if the household is currently receiving food stamps, and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free milk for them, they should contact the school.

Under the provisions of the policy, the determining official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to the HEARING OFFICIAL who is:

Col. Keith G. Duckers

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Phone: 913-823-7231

for a hearing to appeal this decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for free milk if the family income falls at or below the levels shown above. Households are required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Each school and/or Superintendent has a copy of the complete policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Earn New Boy Honors

Chase June was named the new-boy-of-the week for the period of Sept. 9-13. He was recommended by his peers, Cadet leaders and tactical officers for an unusual display of honesty and attention to duty.

Chad Yeros was selected for new-boy honors for the week of Sept. 22-28 for his attention to duty.

Computer Lab Opens

A new computer science lab and class have been added to the curriculum. The class is taught by Capt. Lou Lyda, Guidance Counselor. The lab is open during all school hours for use by the Cadets.

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