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Large Crowd Expected For Thanksgiving Festivities

Parents, friends and alumni will be attending the two-day festivities at St. John's Military School at Thanksgiving. About 800 Cadets and their parents, friends, staff members and alums are expected.

Activities will begin with a get-acquainted coffee and a basketball game. The Junior Cadets will open their basketball season with a game at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 in the school gym. The St. John's Foundation will host a coffee from 2-5:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Holiday Inn.

Meanwhile, at 4 p.m. on the campus, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Lower School barracks will be taking place.

The traditional Thanksgiving Military Ball will begin with the faculty receiving line at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the 4-H building to be followed by the first appearance of the 1964-65 Crack Drill Squad commanded by Joel Brownfield, senior from Boise, Idaho.

The dance will follow at 8:30 p.m. and will end at 11 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day activities will begin at 7:15 a.m. with a service of Holy Communion. Attendance is optional in the school chapel.

The fall meeting of the St. John's Foundation will follow an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Holiday Inn.

The meeting will dismiss in time for parents to watch their Cadets march downtown to Christ Cathedral for a service of Thanksgiving at 11:15 a.m.

The turkey dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the 4-H building.

Cadets will be free for the remainder of the Thanksgiving afternoon until taps at 9:30

p.m. The regular schedule will resume at 6:20 Friday morning.

Parents wishing conferences with faculty members may

make appointments for Wednesday morning and afternoon.

Col. R. L. Clem, Rector and Superintendent, reminds Cadets and parents that no over night passes can be granted.

Cadets may not drive cars unless accompanied by parents or guardians. Cadets must have breakfast at the school on Thanksgiving morning and may not have visitors until 10 a.m.

Thanksgiving Schedule

Junior School Basketball Game	1 p.m., Wednesday
Get Acquainted Coffee	2-5 p.m., Wednesday, Holiday Inn
Ground Breaking Ceremonies	4 p.m., Wednesday Southwest Corner of Campus
Faculty Receiving Line	7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 4-H Building
Crack Squad Drill	8 p.m., Wednesday, 4-H Building
Thanksgiving Ball	8:30-11 p.m., 4-H Building
Holy Communion	7:15 a.m., Thursday, Armstrong Chapel
Foundation Breakfast Meeting	8:30 a.m., Thursday, Holiday Inn
Cadet Corps Parade to Church	10:30 a.m., Thursday
Thanksgiving Service	11:15 a.m., Thursday, Christ Cathedral
Turkey Dinner	12:30 p.m., Thursday, 4-H Building
Taps	9:30 p.m., Thursday
Classes Resume	6:20 a.m., Friday

Interior Guard Secures Campus

The yearly Interior Guard was posted from 6:30 p.m., Oct. 31 to 6:30 a.m., Nov. 1 on the St. John's campus. The Cadets patrolled the campus, acting as a deterrent to any Halloween mischief directed against the school.

The Military Four class challenged the Cadets of the other three military classes to a type of war game during the guard. They wore uniforms of the aggressors and attempted to capture the campus from the other Cadets.

Members of the aggressor group were John-Patrick Ditton, Mack Hahn, Dennis Johnson, Richard McClain, Robert McClain, Merle Morton, Bruce Peterson, Charles Smith and George Wilson.

Plans Underway For Trustee Dinner

Plans for the Appreciation Dinner honoring present and past trustees are being made. The annual dinner will be held sometime after the first of the year, probably in January according to Col. R. L. Clem, Rector.

Cadets Attend EYC Conference

Five St. John's Cadets attended the district conference of the Episcopal Young Churchmen in Hutchinson Nov. 5-8.

Attending were Keith Beauvais, Paul Illman, Bob McClain, John Reed and Franz Stangl.

Theme of the Conference was "Christian Youth Doing Christian Works in Public and Private Social Institutions."

2 Faculty Officers Head Civic Clubs

Two St. John's faculty members are providing leadership for Salina civic service clubs.

LCDR. H. E. Nuss, is serving this year as president of the Sunflower Lions Club. Lt. Col. Keith G. Duckers was elected president of the downtown Kiwanis club for 1965.

The Sunflower Club sponsors a postman's walk for the special education center. St. John's Cadets have helped with the walk in past years.

The Kiwanis Club sponsors the St. John's Key Club.

Board to Open New Barracks Bids on Nov. 17

Bids for the construction of the new Lower School barracks will be opened at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Wilson and Company Engineers in Salina.

The Board of Trustees will meet immediately following the opening to award the contract, so construction can begin immediately.

A ceremony is being planned during Thanksgiving vacation to mark the beginning of construction.

It is hoped that the 88-Cadet dormitory will be ready for use next fall.

A capital fund drive was conducted last year to raise \$300,000 the estimated cost of the building and furnishings. About \$150,000 was raised from local friends, alums, members of the Foundation and Episcopalians. Donations are still being accepted and should be mailed to Mrs. Hazel Fonck, Director of Development, in the school office.

Heading up the fund drive were W. W. Yost and Ham Lynch, members of the St. John's Board of Trustees. Lt. Col. Keith G. Duckers, Assistant Superintendent, was staff project officer.

66 Boys Sign For Cadet Choir

A Cadet Choir is being organized again at St. John's under the direction of Chaplain Donald Overton. Lt. William Miller will be the choir master.

Lt. Miller was a member of the varsity glee club at Kansas State University.

The choir will sing both secular and sacred music.

Chaplain Overton has emphasized there will be careful and thorough training in connection with choir. He added, "The program may seem slow, but the results will be sure."

About 66 Cadets have indicated an interest in singing in the Choir.

"Miss Sound-Off" Contest Planned

"Miss Sound-Off" and "Miss Junior Sound-Off" will be crowned during intermission of the Thanksgiving Military Ball.

These two young ladies will reign as queens of the 1964-65 school yearbook, "The Sound-Off." Their pictures will be featured in the book.

Mrs. Don Kirn, yearbook sponsor, said that Cadets are asked to submit pictures of girl friends and sisters to her before Nov. 21. The pictures

Ground Breaking Ceremonies Set At 4:00 Wednesday

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Lower School Barracks will be held at 4 P.M., Wednesday, November 25th, as part of the Thanksgiving Festivities.

Persons listed below have been invited to represent various groups and organization associated with the School at the ceremonies:

Board of Trustees — The Rt. Rev. Arnold M. Lewis.

Past Trustees — Mr. John J. Vanier.

Fund Drive Co-Chairmen — Mr. Bryan H. Lynch, Mr. William W. Yost.

Architects — Mr. Gilbert Geery.

General Contractor — To Be announced.

SJMS Foundation — Dr. John R. Spencer.

SJMS Alumni — Capt. Jack P. McCandless.

SJMS Faculty — Lcdr. H. E. Nuss — Upper School, Capt. Bruce Cummings — Lower School.

Episcopal Church — The Very Rev. Frederic W. Litchman, Dean, Christ Cathedral.

State of Kansas — The Hon. Harold H. Chase, Lt. Governor of Kansas.

Saline County — Mr. Edgar Reed, Superintendent of Schools.

City of Salina — Mr. Carl Rundquist, Mayor.

Salina Public Schools — Mr. W. M. Ostenberg, Superintendent of Schools.

Salina Chamber of Commerce — Dr. L. F. Eaton, President.

Fall Carnival Plans Are Set

The annual Fall Carnival at St. John's Military School is scheduled following evening mess on Monday, Nov. 16.

The carnival is held annually as a fund raising project for SJMS clubs and organizations.

Col. R. L. Clem, school superintendent, is general chairman of the event this year. He said he hoped many persons from Salina would attend. Several door prizes will be given during the evening including two

bicycles.

The Key Club will run the bingo concession. A firing range will be set up by the Rifle Team.

Other clubs making plans are the L-Club, National Honor Society, Photo club, Radio club, S-Club, Science Club and Library Club.

Watch Those Cadets March Down Santa Fe

(Editor's Note: The following column appeared in the Nov. 8, Salina Journal.)

By JOHN SCHMIEDELER
Salina Journal Columnist

Drew Adams is 11 years old and about one-third as tall as the guidon pole he lugs on parade at the head of C company of the cadet battalion of St. John's Military School.

Drew's short legs make a smart, military 30-inch stride difficult if not impossible. Drew hops, trots and stretches to keep up with the cadence. But he keeps the guidon high.

Drew is one of 200 St. John's cadets who will march along North Santa Fe this Sunday morning in the once-a-month parade to church. The parade is worth your time to watch.

The battalion, led by Cadet Capt. Merle Morton and his staff, leaves St. John's at 10 am. About 15 minutes later, stepping smartly to the cadence set by Capt. Jim Bell's excellent drum and bugle corps, the marching youngsters reach the downtown area. Brushed and polished from toe tip to cap brass, the cadets move to Santa Fe and Iron, west to 7th where they disperse to attend the church of their faith.

The once-a-month parade to church probably figures high on the list of cadet gripes. There never has been a soldier — of whatever age at whatever place — who admitted he enjoyed marching on parade. St. John's cadets aren't going to be false to this tradition.

But watch these cadets: see the pride in their bearing. While they tell each other that Sunday morning parades are the product of a sadistic brass hat, they're secretly enjoying themselves.

Stop downtown this morning to watch them. You'll get a lift of spirits.

The little fellow with the tall guidon is Drew. He's not very warlike, but you'll never see more determination.

50 Cadets Take PSAT Tests

A group of 50 Cadets took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test offered by the College Entrance Examination Board.

Taking the tests were Mike Alber, Bill Butler, Robert Chapman, Jack Conrad, Herschel Cook, Woody Crandall, Rance Crawford, Tom Dale, Alan Detje, John DeFoy, Bob Eckels, Robert Franey, Greg Gross, Bruce Hawkinson, Barrie Hoffman, Chris Houghton, Robert Hurt, J. Gilleran Kendrick jr., Paul Kerr, Allen King, Robert Lewis, Jack Light, James Manard, Charles Marcus, Robert Miller, Mike Matthews, Kenneth Matlock.

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In the straw poll taken by Capt. V. B. Loy's government class, Johnson won by a margin of a single vote—77 to 76 with thirty-three ballots being voided because of improper marking procedures.

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Upper School Sampson Heads Honor Roll

Lynn Sampson, a sophomore from Grand Junction, Colo., headed the Rector's Honor Roll at the end of the first grading period.

Others named to the roll were Paul Fein, Marshall Blainey, Douglas Koch, Arthur Bocchino, Rex Janzen, Charles Morrison and Franz Stangl. All these Cadets had grade averages above 90.

Receiving honorable mention with grades above 85 were Paul Illman, Mack Hahn, Roger Sanders, Dennis Tyler, Charles Briggs, George Wilson, Herbert Schaub, John Gibson, Robert Hurt, Dennis Johnson, Bradford Lindsay, Conrad Schaefer, Paul Wilbourne, Tom Bunnell, David Miller, James Finnell, Charles Hoffman, Allen Hale, Thomas Scheer, Bruce Hawkinson, Richard McClain, Tim Olsen, Kenneth Matlock, Randolph Knox, Kirk Weilepp, Rance Crawford, Thomas Dickson, John-Patrick Ditton, Woodruff Crandall, John Muller, and John Reed.
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Lower School Hampton Posts Top Grades

Daryl Hampton headed the Lower School honor roll. Others on the roll were George Steele, James Petterson and John Scheer.

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Alumni News

(Editor's note: The Skirmisher is now being mailed to 660 old boys of the school. The alumni office has current addresses for these former Cadets. If you wish an address of an old classmate please write the school. News about your current status in life — wife, children, job, etc.—is welcomed.)

The classes of 1960, 1955, 1945, 1935, 1925, 1915, and 1905 will be the reunion honor classes during Commencement May 1965. Letters have been mailed to all St. John's "Old boys" notifying them of this event. Alums are welcomed at any time but by featuring honor classes each year, it is hoped attendance for the reunions will be increased. Mrs. Hazel Fonck, Director of Development, and Mrs. Helen Loy of the alumni office, would appreciate any addresses of old boys you may have.

Class of 1946 — Fritz Schoeb visited St. John's recently. He is sales promotion supervisor for Skelly Oil company and lives Shawnee Mission, Kans. He said **Buster Lassen, '47,**

owns a bowling lane and pre-fab motel construction company in Parsons, Kans.

Class of 1955 — Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bigler have a new daughter, Allison, born Sept. 29.

Class of 1956 — Fritz Handy was a recent visitor. He is part owner of a company that reproduces primitive art. **Al Ransom** also visited recently. Al is a Marine fighter pilot with the rank of captain and is stationed near Corpus Christi, Texas. Before leaving Salina, Ransom and a friend buzzed the campus in their jet planes.

Class of 1962 — William O'Protz has been graduated from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Sill, Okla. **Martin Stark** is attending the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

Class of 1963 — Tony Hernandez and Jim Tucker, both who attended St. John's in 1962 and 1963, are on a trip around the world on the "University of the Seven Seas."

Other visitors:
William Hegstrom '49
Lt. Col. Cowan Eastham '42

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Seniors to Visit Washington, New York, and World's Fair in Spring

Senior Cadets will have an opportunity again this year to participate in the Kansas Council on World Affairs trip to Washington D. C., the United Nations, New York City and the New York Worlds Fair.

The trip will begin April 25 and end May 2. Cost of the tour from Kansas City is \$170. This will cover railroad fare, hotel rooms, sightseeing and transfer buses, all meals, baggage handling, tipping, guide fees, admissions, insurance and

admission to the Fair Grounds.

The cost of the tour does not include admissions to individual Fair buildings or concessions.

The group will arrive in Washington on April 26. The group will take a night illu-

minated tour of Washington, including stops at the Lincoln Memorial, Archives Building and the Congressional Library.

The next day will be spent touring the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, witnessing the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery and visiting Mt. Vernon. That evening the students will attend a special briefing on foreign

policy in a government auditorium.

The next day will be spent visiting the Washington Monument, Pan American Union Building, the White House, Smithsonian Institute, National Museum of Natural History and the National Art Gallery.

The group will leave Washington at 3 p.m. for New York and will visit the Empire State

Building before checking into the Hotel Taft.

On Thursday, April 29, the students will tour New York City and have a complete guided tour of the United Nations. The next day the students will be free to spend the day at the New York Worlds Fair. The group will leave New York at 10:30 to return to Kansas City.

Promotions

A number of promotions were announced recently by special order.

Cadet Commanding Officer Merle E. Morton was promoted to the rank of captain.

Promoted to first lieutenants were Mack Hahn and Robert McClain.

Promoted to the rank of second lieutenant were Arthur V. Bocchino and Chris Carrier.

New staff sergeants are Mark Baker, Richard Decker, John Gibson, Franz Stangl, Kirk Weilepp and Robert Whittaker.

John Cochran, Chris Houghton, Paul Kerr, Douglas Koch, and George Wilson were promoted to the rank of platoon sergeant.

Richard McClain was promoted to the rank of master sergeant.

Con Schaefer and Charles Smith were promoted to first sergeants.

New sergeants are Tommy Bunnell, Rance Crawford, David Elk, Jim Finnell, Jack Light, Charles Morrison, Rodney Orr, Bill Payne, John A. Reed, and Terry Trent.

Promoted to corporals were Dana Dixon, Paul Illman, Rex Janzen, Tim Olsen, Jim Phetteplace, David Pihl, Gene Roberson, Herbert Schaub, Dennis Tyler, Joe Tometich and John Ditton.

Promoted to privates first class were Joel Brownfield, James Carpenter, Alan Detje, and Barrie Hoffman.

Five Lower School graduates now freshmen in the Upper School, were recently promoted to the rank of private first class for outstanding leadership during the school year 1963-64.

They are Mike Berbert, Chris Eckels, Glen Gaines, Allen Hale and Joe Musser.

Changes In T. O. Are Announced

Many changes were made in the Table of Organization of the Cadet Corps following the year's first major special order.

Dennis Johnson was assigned as the battalion S-3. Arthur V. Bocchino was named commanding officer of Headquarters company.

George Wilson became executive officer of A-Company.

Other changes made were Tommy Bunnell to first sergeant of A-Company; Charles Morrison, platoon sergeant of first "A"; James Finnell, platoon sergeant, second "A"; Herb Schaub, platoon sergeant of first "B"; David Elk, John Ditton, Clarence Cline, John Wyeth, Joe Tometich, Tim Olsen and Willard Wulff and John Crago, to squad leaders; and Jim Phetteplace, Mike Long, Joel Brownfield, Larry Crume, Charles Hoffman, Glen Gaines, Steven Smith, Joe Musser, Tom Dickson and Robert Hurt to assistant squad leaders.

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Two Seniors Take College Boards Early

Cadets Douglas Koch and John Gibson will take the College Entrance Examinations at Salina High School, Dec. 5.

Koch, a National Merit semi-finalist, is taking the tests as the next step to qualify for scholarships to college.

Gibson is taking the exam in the first step to qualify for an appointment to the Coast Guard or Naval Academy.

Other seniors will take the college boards on Jan. 9.

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Houghton Heads Library Group

A St. John's eleventh grader, Chris Houghton, was elected president of the Fourth District of the Kansas Association of School Librarian Student Assistants at workshop in Abilene, Oct. 17.

Houghton was also nominated from the fourth district as a candidate for president of the Kansas Librarian Assistants of Secondary Schools.

Student assistants attending from St. John's were Houghton, John Crago, Bob Chapman and Jack Light accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Nuss, School Librarian.

Trends of the school library and new library techniques were discussed. The group toured the Eisenhower Presidential Library and heard an address by Dr. W. D. Aeschbaker, Library director. During free time, the Cadets toured the Eisenhower Museum and Home and Old Abilene Town.

The Fourth District is made up of 18 Kansas counties. Registered at the meeting were 112 student assistants and school librarians.

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"Old Boy" Tests Set For January

The "old boy" tests will be conducted by the Cadet Court at the end of the first semester according to Capt. Jack McCandless, Commandant. A boy must be a student at St. John's for 17 weeks before he is eligible to take the test for his "old boy" shields.

Senior Class Meets

A Senior class meeting was held recently to discuss college matriculation, college board exams, graduation announcements and cards and miniature diplomas.

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3 Lettermen Return

Cage Practice Underway

Basketball practice officially began on Monday, Nov. 2 under the coaching of Lt. Dean Kindlesparger, new head basketball coach.

Coach Kindlesparger has three returning lettermen. They are Joel Brownfield, Kevin Sanchez and Con Schaefer all seniors.

Workouts have been held twice a week for about 15 Cadets to acquaint them with a new system of basketball play. Coach Kindlesparger said that these boys have been very receptive to instruction and he feels that these pre-practice sessions will make the November practices run smoother.

He stressed that all positions on the team are open and that he is looking forward to a scramble to fill the five starting spots.

The first game will be Dec. 1 with the Beverly High Bobcats in the Cadet gym.

Senior Pictures

Senior Cadets will receive their pictures before Thanksgiving. The photographs will be distributed on Nov. 25.

Proofs were received Nov. 4 and returned Nov. 7.

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Notre Dame, here	Jan. 12
St. Teresa, there	Jan. 19
Kanopolis, here	Jan. 22
Geneseo, there	Jan. 26
Open date	Feb. 2
Notre Dame, there	Feb. 5
Dorrance, here	Feb. 9
Solomon, here	Feb. 12

Early Warning System Is Assembly Subject

The U. S. Early Warning Radar system in Greenland was discussed at an assembly Friday, Nov. 6, Lt. Lesovsky, brother-in-law of Lt. David Kuchera, gave the talk and showed slides.

Lt. Lesovsky has just returned from duty at Thule AFB in Greenland.

7 Matches Set

Cadet Mat Practice Begins

The St. John's wrestlers have begun practice under the coaching of Lt. Lawrence Dwyer, a former varsity wrestler from Kansas State University.

Seven matches have been scheduled.

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Harrier Lettermen Are Announced

The St. John's Cross Country team, coached by Lt. Lawrence Dwyer, participated in four meets this year.

The Cadets scored 298 points in the Wamego meet; 39 in the triangular and 36 in the dual at Lehigh; 286 points at Chapman, and 270 at the Sacred

Heart meet in Salina.

Receiving A-team letters were Kevin Sanchez, Jim Finnell, and Paul Wilbourne.

B-team letters were awarded Williard Wulff, Glen Gaines and Joe Musser. Bill Tippet was awarded the manager's letter.

Junior Flag Grid Lettermen Named

Sixteen Junior School Cadets were awarded a school letter for flag football competition according to Lt. Richard Edington, athletic director of the Lower School.

Receiving letters were Doyle Berger, Steven Blakemore, Lowell Compton, Jack Graham, Daryl Hampton, Steven Hogg, Pat McDaniels, James Pettersen, Eddie Polumbo, John

Pugh, John Scheer, George Steele, Grover Verity, and Ronald Robinson.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE
Clay Center, there Dec. 4
Abilene, here Dec. 10
Great Bend, here Dec. 17
St. Joseph's, here Jan. 11
Russell, there Jan. 19
Salina, "B", there Jan. 26
Chapman, there Jan. 29

Junior Gridders Drop Final Game

The Solomon Juniors ruined a perfect season for the Junior Cadets as they upset them by a 19-14 score in a flag football game, Oct. 16.

Solomon jumped out to a quick 19-0 lead in the first half and looked as if they were going to roll over the Cadets. But the Juniors stiffened and held Solomon scoreless in the second half while scoring 14 points to make it a close contest.

This was the first year the Junior Cadets had participated in flag football. They finished the season with four wins and a single loss.

St. John's scored on a 40-yard pass from John Pugh to Steve Hogg. Pugh scored on a 15-yard run and also made two conversion points.

The Junior Cadets won their fourth game beating Scandia 36-8 Oct. 9 at Scandia.

The score at half time was 23-0. Coach Richard Edington said this game featured the best team effort of the year.

Scoring for St. John's were Hogg, Ed Polumbo, Pugh and Blakemore.

The Cadets will begin basketball practice soon.

Corps Attends Marine Band Concert

The St. John's Corps of Cadets attended an afternoon concert by the United States Marine Band at Salina's Memorial Hall Tuesday afternoon Nov. 3. Plans had been made to march to the concert but a heavy rain caused the Cadets to make the trip to downtown Salina by bus.

General Davis Heads XVI Corps

Maj. Gen. Kermit L. Davis assumed command of the 16th Army Corps July 27, arriving from duty as chief of staff of I Corps, Korea. The St. John's military program is under the jurisdiction of the 16th Corps with offices in Omaha, Neb.

General Davis replaces Col. Edwin A. Nichols who served as commanding officer since the departure of Maj. Gen. D. P. Quandt, former C. O.

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