

Sainty school is still 2A

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The St. Francis Board of Education talked about the classification of the schools when they met on Thursday.

St. Francis schools, at 297 students, are down 11 students this year. The board looked at the Kansas State High School Activities Association's 2009-2010 classifications and enrollments as of Sept. 21. The classifications includes only grades 10, 11 and 12. St. Francis is still a 2A school with 78 students in the three grades. The 2A range is from 120 to 77 students. There are

two other schools, Burlingame and La Crosse, with 78 students. Troy has 77 students. Most of the schools with around 120 students are in the middle and eastern part of the state with the exception of Oakley with 113 students.

Atwood/Rawlins County has 94 students; Oberlin-Decatur Community, 86; and WaKeeney-Trego Community, 109. Smith Center, which is a 2A school this year, went to 3A with 126 students.

Hoxie has 53 students and is classified as a 1A school. Some of the other 1A schools are Bird City-Cheylin, 29 students; Brewster, 26;

Clafin, 69; Rexford-Golden Plains, 59; Sharon Springs-Wallace County, 60; and Winona-Triplains, 27.

Goodland, with 169 students, is a 3A school, and Colby, with 232 students, is a 4A school.

Football

The state activities association for football (next year's season and 2011-12) includes students in grades nine, 10 and 11. Next year, St. Francis will not be competing with Smith Center in football.

With 83 students in these three grades, they will be one of the smaller schools playing 11-man football. However, there are 11 schools larger than St. Francis including WaKeeney-Trego with 94 students; playing 8-man football.

Scott Carmichael, St. Francis principal, said the Sainty school will probably have enough students to play 11-man football for several more years.

Republican River meeting set for Oct. 22

Anyone interested in the streams or rivers in northwest Kansas is invited to a Republican River Restoration Partnership meeting next week at The Gateway.

The partnership, made up of people in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska working to manage the riparian areas around the Republican and its tributaries, will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22.

Goals for the partnership, said Jennifer Tenbenschel, with the Southwest Nebraska Resource Conservation and Development agency, are to foster cooperation among the three states to develop a regional plan for the watershed,

increasing economic development throughout the area, increasing the quantity and quality of the water within the watershed and increasing educational opportunities about water.

Presentations during the meeting will include Dr. Wayne Woldt, with the department of biological systems engineering with the School of Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, talking about virtual watershed hydrological units.

To register, call Ms. Tenbenschel at (888) 585-1085 or e-mail Jennifer.tenbenschel@rcdnet.net. There will be a cost for lunch.

Children's theatre group performs

The Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company will perform a live musical adaptation of the Brothers Grimm story, "Little Red Riding Hood" on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 20 and Oct. 21. They will perform at five different elementary schools: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Oberlin Grade School, 10:30 a.m. Atwood Elementary School, and 2 p.m. Colby Elementary School. The Wednesday performances will be 9:30 a.m. at the Oakley Elementary School, and 2 p.m. mountain time, at Goodland Elementary School.

This retelling of the Brothers Grimm story introduces those attending to the endearing, yet capricious Little Red, her understanding mother, her doting, grandmother, the woodsman, and the silly, bumbling wolf who is more interested in Little Red's basket of goodies than he is in Little Red. These performances are made possible by Western Plains Arts Association, with additional funding from the Kansas Arts Commission, a regional affiliate of the National Endowment for the Arts.



HELPING OUT — Members of the St. Francis Community Church, instead of going to church on Sunday, helped people in the community by cleaning yards, doing small jobs and planting shrubs and trees at the grade school. Pictured above are (l to r) Kaitlin Figgins, Tim Richard and Isaac Sturgeon; right, Luke Guggenmos and Rita Keeker.

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Miller, board president, we will no longer be able to compete with the rest of the world because other countries support education.

With the state not giving the support needed, legislators are, in turn, expecting school boards to raise local taxes. The St. Francis schools are still able to make it with the local option budget money received through taxes. But, Mr. Schiltz said, there are a number of smaller schools with budgets already maxed out. These

schools may be forced to close.

The board talked about contacting legislators. Dr. Miller said that, with medical issues, she has found there are some simple ways that any one can reach legislators. The same techniques will work for education, she said, but, the average person doesn't always know exactly how to go about doing it.

The board and administration will work on ways to reach residents so they will have the information needed to contact legislators.

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cine to people in the listed target groups which include:

Nasal spray vaccine

Nasal spray vaccine: This group must be healthy with no underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, chronic heart disease, etc.

- Direct patient care health care workers.
- Emergency medical service personnel.
- Children 2 to 24 years of age.
- People who live with or provide care of infants younger than 6 months of age (parents, siblings, and day care providers).
- People 25 to 49 years of age.

Injectable vaccine

"Flu shot" injectable vaccine is for the following people:

- Pregnant women.
- People 6 months of age and older that are healthy.

• People with chronic underlying health conditions.

No vaccination advised

People who should not be vaccinated with any flu vaccine include:

- Those with a severe allergy to chicken eggs.
- People who had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination.
- Those who developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within 6 weeks of getting an influenza vaccine previously.
- Children younger than 6 months of age.
- People who have a moderate-to-severe illness with a fever.

For more information contact the Cheyenne County Health Department at (785) 332-2381 or you can access the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website at www.kdheks.gov/H1N1.

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