



## **8-20-2026 WEEKLY UPDATE**

### **FUTURES NIGHT**

The Dragons Den Booster Club will host a **Futures Night** on August 27th, starting with food at 5:30 pm, scrimmages with grades 3-8 beginning at 6:00 pm and introductions of HS teams. We hope you'll come out and support our Dragons!

### **ANNUAL DENTAL & VISION SCREENINGS**

If you do not want your child to participate in either of these screenings, an opt-out form must be completed and returned to the school nurse. The **deadline to return opt-out forms is September 7th**. If you have any questions regarding the screenings or the opt-out process, please feel free to contact Emily Esser at [emily.esser@vfalls338.com](mailto:emily.esser@vfalls338.com)

#### **DENTAL SCREENING OPT OUT FORM:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PGL3s\\_9kFOVtzBp-q8azAW5QcbWgdnyC/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PGL3s_9kFOVtzBp-q8azAW5QcbWgdnyC/view?usp=sharing)

#### **VISION SCREENING OPT OUT FORM:**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EYQLdePHTPXG8x3knqV3U69wiCOljXJx/view?usp=sharing>

### **MATCH DAYS**

**Valley Falls Match Days** will be open September 19-21. The In-Person Event will be September 19th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the 4-H Fairgrounds. [Details here!](#)

### **CELL PHONE USAGE**

A reminder that students are not allowed to have electronic devices such as cell phones from bell to bell due to the passing of HB2299. Thanks for your cooperation!

### **MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL FORM**

Our community, families and students have a way to communicate a mental health concern. On our USD 338 website, under Counseling Connection, there is a link titled "[Click Here for the Mental Health Referral Form](#)". This will allow people to communicate a mental health concern and will be forwarded to the mental health team. This form is

not checked when school is not in session. Text 988 for immediate help with suicidal thoughts or concerns.

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR A CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is seeking volunteers to support children involved in the foster care or court system. Become a voice for a child in need - learn more at: <https://linktr.ee/SunflowerCASA>



### **Supporting Your Child**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS**

- Ask "What was the fun or the hard part of today?"
- Acknowledge feelings or concerns even if they seem silly.
- Let them know you are there if they want to talk or problem solve.

-adapted from TASN and KPIRC and childmind.org

### **2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDARS**

[Here](#) is the school calendar for 2026-2027. PK Calendar is [here](#).

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

Be sure to check the Activity Calendar on the website for updates:

<https://www.usd338.com/page/district-activity-calendar>

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|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>August 17-28</b> | <b>½ day Kindergarten</b>                                     |
| <b>August 25</b>    | <b>HS Father/Daughter VB Camp in West Gym</b>                 |
| <b>August 26</b>    | <b>Rec. Commission Budget Mtg. @ 6:00pm in School Library</b> |
|                     | <b>HS Mother/Son FB Camp @ FB Field @ 6:30pm</b>              |
| <b>August 27</b>    | <b>HSVB Jamboree @ JCN (McLouth) @ 5:00pm</b>                 |
|                     | <b>Booster Club Futures Night/3rd-8th FB Teams @ 6:30pm</b>   |
| <b>August 28</b>    | <b>HSXC Runner/Parent Relays in Valley Park @ 6:00pm</b>      |
| <b>August 30</b>    | <b>FCCLA Take AIM Conference in Manhattan</b>                 |
| <b>August 31</b>    | <b>Picture Day! Individual &amp; Fall Sports</b>              |
|                     | <b>Kindergarten-First full day of school!</b>                 |
|                     | <b>MSVB vs Xavier, ACCMS @ HOME @ 4:30pm</b>                  |