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# FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I am very honored to have the opportunity to write my inaugural column for Spring Hill Schools Magazine as the new Superintendent of USD 230. The 2022-23 school year is in full swing, and thus far, EVERYONE--students, staff, and other stakeholders--has had a positive attitude.

Since taking the helm as Superintendent on July 1st, many have asked, *What are your plans for USD 230?* or *What are you going to change?* Prior to me developing any formal recommendations aimed at enhancing our school district, I need to first seek to understand all programs, services, and traditions that comprise Spring Hill Schools.

Thus, I have been taking time to undertake a Listen and Learn tour whereby I am having conversations with a wide array of stakeholders consisting of staff, students, parents, municipal and county officials, law enforcement, civic organizations, area businesses, faith-based leaders, and more in an effort to learn ALL things that pertain to our district. I am currently in the process of visiting each school to hear from that building's students, staff, and parents.

If you would like the opportunity to participate in a listening session and share insight, please contact the Spring Hill District Administrative Center to set that up.

Hopefully, by early October, the 'Listen and Learn' tour will be complete, and I will then compile a summary report that highlights information culled from all the conversations. There



are already consistent themes that have emerged in regards to what stakeholders feel that our district does well and to areas that may be in need of enhancing or changing. It is my goal to release the summary report by early November. You can read my full entry plan and the summary report when available at [www.usd230.org/superintendent](http://www.usd230.org/superintendent).

I will continue to be out within the school community at events and look forward to meeting all of you. Please feel free to approach me and say hello if ever you see me. I am excited to be part of USD 230, and I am looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

Link W. Luttrell, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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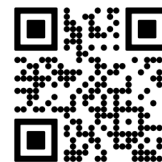
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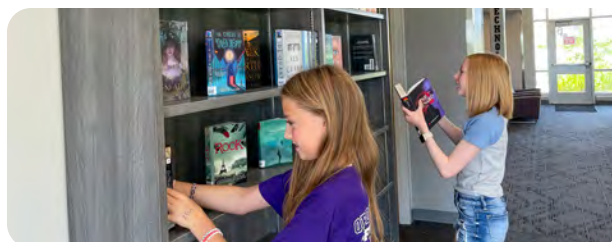
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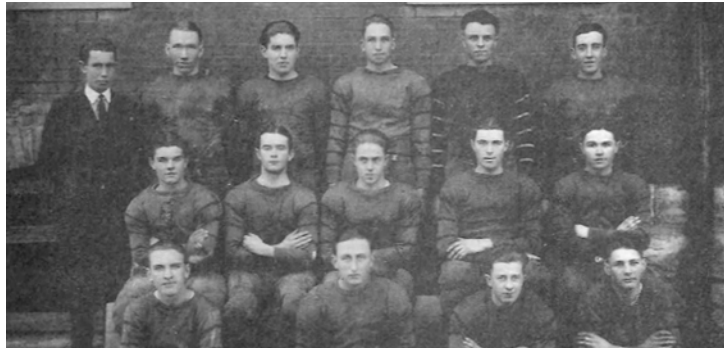
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# 1922

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The Spring Hill High School football program started in 1922. The 1923 team was undefeated. There were 17 boys in the entire school and they had an eleven-man team. Practice and games were held in a field in back of what is now Hale Street. The players furnished their own uniforms and transportation and used a nearby barn to change clothes.

# 1949

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During the 1949 season, two players were selected for the Little Six League All-Star Team. The first was Bob Findley, Junior Halfback, who scored seven of the teams 13 season touchdowns. The second was Joe Hopkins, Senior Lineman, who was chosen unanimously to be on the All-Star Team by the coaches of the league.

# 1938

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The name "Bronco" was given to the high school in 1937 when Chester Van Hercke, editor of the High School Broadcaster, wanted the school to have a name to add color to his writings. Meeting in the manual training room, a group of athletes discussed the possibilities of several suggested titles, and finally Bronco was chosen.

In the seasons of 1938 and '39, Spring Hill High School broke away from the Johnson County Athletic and Literary League to join the newly formed Little Six League. All teams were to take part in football, basketball, track, one-act play and music.



# 100 YEARS OF FOOTBALL

The 2022 football season marks 100 years since the Spring Hill High School football program started. The following memories from the past century were collected from the Spring Hill High School yearbook archives, available digitally at [www.usd230.org](http://www.usd230.org) under Our Schools -> Alumni -> Yearbooks Archive.



# 1955



The 1955 season was strong for the Broncos with a record of 8-0-1. Leon Beck (*pictured here with Beverly Cantrall, Football Queen*) was a co-captain of the team, Homecoming King, and a Little Six League All-Star.

# 1962



The First Annual Football Festival was held during the 1962 season. During the festival, Carolyn Shafer was named Queen and Steve Israel was named King (*pictured*). The Football Festival is now known as the Spring Hill Fall Festival. The 2022 Spring Hill Fall Festival will be on Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25.

# 1971



In 1971, Coach Harold Montgomery turned his second year as head mentor into the most successful Spring Hill had seen in five years or more. The team's record was 6-3, including four shutout victories, and they finished second in League.

# 1983



Quarterback Robbie McManis (*pictured*) consistently connected with his receivers on long passes and completed the season ranked second among quarterbacks in passing yardage in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Through the season, the team had 1388 total yards rushing and 1838 total yards in the air. The team was ranked second in the Kansas City metropolitan area offensively.

# 1990



The 1990 season was one to remember with an 11-1 record and victories at district, bi-district, and regionals.

David Seamands, class of 1991, remembers his senior season: "The key to that year was we were a family and all grew up together. Our class had a bunch of great athletes who did their part. I was an All-State Inside Linebacker and All-League Offensive tackle. It was a tremendous honor to represent my team, school, town, and my family as a representative in the [Kansas] Shrine Bowl. Our coach, the late Rick Clark, was a huge part of our success. [It was a] great honor to play for him."

# 2001



In 2001, Assistant Coach Paul Young said, "We did hit a dry spell, but despite that, the kids kept coming after it and playing hard."

Four seniors received all-league awards: Robert Hall received second team defensive line and honorable mention offensive line, Hunter Bigbie received honorable mention quarterback, Clint Whitson was awarded first team receiver, and Kyle Barrett (pictured) received first team defensive back, second team receiver, honorable mention kicker and honorable mention punter.

# 2013



In 2013, the Broncos won their first playoff game since the 90-91 season. Alex Brack, 2013-2015 Assistant Coach, recounts the feeling of watching the team win its first playoff game in 23 years:

"[It was] exhilarating. Not only was this the first playoff game victory since 1990, but it was also in front of our own hometown crowd on our home field. Having that support, backing, and noise coming from the home stands that were packed in the stands, was an amazing moment and feeling that I am glad those kids got to experience."

# 2022



"We couldn't be more excited for the '22 season and will strive to be our absolute best every week," said Coach Jason Feeback (pictured from 2021 Kansas City Chiefs Kansas Coach of the Week Award).

"We have a solid group of players returning and some guys hungry to prove themselves this Fall. Coming together is the beginning. Staying together is the process. Working together is success. Winning together is the result. We hope to see Bronco Nation out in full force this Fall!"

## 2022 Varsity Football Regular Season Schedule

F 9/2 @ 7:00 PM  
Away v. Bonner Springs

F 9/9 @ 7:00 PM  
Away v. Tonganoxie

F 9/16 @ 7:00 PM  
Home v. Eudora

F 9/23 @ 7:00 PM  
Home v. Blue Valley Southwest  
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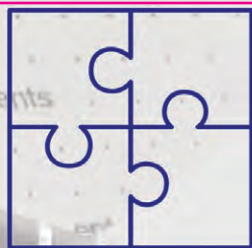
F 9/30 @ 7:00 PM  
Away v. Ottawa

F 10/7 @ 7:00 PM  
Home v. Paola

F 10/14 @ 7:00 PM  
Home v. Fort Scott

F 10/21 @ 7:00 PM  
Away v. Louisburg





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**W 8/17**, First Day of Classes (PK-9)

**Th 8/18**, First Day of Classes (10-12)

**M 8/5**, No Classes – Labor Day

**T 9/6**, No Classes – Prof Dev

**W 10/12**, Two Hour Early Dismissal

**Th 10/13**, No Classes – Prof Dev

**F 10/14**, No Classes – Cert Off Duty

**W 11/23 - F 11/25**, Thanksgiving Break

**W 12/21- M 1/2**, Winter Break

**T 1/3**, No Classes – Prof Dev

**W 1/4**, No Classes – Prof Dev

**Th 1/5**, Classes Resume

**M 1/16**, No Classes – MLK Day

**W 2/15**, Two Hour Early Dismissal

**Th 2/16**, No Classes – Prof Dev

**F 2/17**, No Classes – Cert Off Duty

**M 2/20**, No Classes – President's Day

**M 3/13 - F 3/17**, Spring Break

**M 3/20**, No Classes – Prof Dev

**T 3/21**, Classes Resume

**F 4/7**, No Kindergarten Classes –  
Kindergarten Round-Up

**Th 5/25**, Last Day for Students

**F 5/26**, Teachers Prof Dev

**M 5/29**, Memorial Day





Jessica Dome, WSMS teacher, works with a student in her STEM classroom.

# Women in STEM

Growing up without any female science teachers meant that Jessica Dome, teacher at Woodland Spring Middle School, had no one to look up to as a strong woman in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). While attending college for science education, Dome came across STEM in her studies. "Growing up, I didn't know all these STEM careers existed," said Dome. "When I was growing up if you liked science

you were either a science teacher or doctor, so STEM exposes students to all these different passions."

Dome altered her course from science teacher to STEM leader. To enhance her classroom, she has received two grants from the Spring Hill Education Foundation (SHEF) through the Teacher Excellence Grant program for supplies that are used



for her innovative STEM projects. Thanks to the contributions of SHEF, she has been able to engage her students in some pretty amazing projects, such as using Sphero robots to develop computer science skills and constructing a LEGO wall to aid in creative thinking and problem-solving. Dome mentioned that one of the most important things that she looks for in a potential project is the opportunity for her students to engage in hands-on learning: "What the kids are really interested in ends up being my favorite project of the year."

Dome also shared that she is fond of the fluidity in projects from year to year. She has always been eager to learn, and with a curriculum that has yet to settle, she's always learning something new. With support from Dr. Erin Smith, director of teaching and learning, Dome is working to write a new curriculum for STEM that will be published on the Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) website for all teachers across the state to have the ability to use it in their own districts.

Not willing to stop at STEM, Dome has been working with the other elective teachers at WSMS to find new ways of challenging students. She said, "I would tell students, 'You need to problem solve,' but it was such a general term they didn't know what to do. Their only problem solving strategy was to read the directions." After the last year of working with the other teachers, to help students overcome their seemingly unsolvable problems, they have come up with a few new processes such as trial and error, brainstorming, and finding the root of the cause. With these new strategies they have seen an increase in student perseverance and self-advocacy.

It's fair to say that Dome has certainly grown up to be that powerful woman in STEM that she wished she could have had as a role model. Teachers like Jessica Dome are a major reason for why WSMS and the other Spring Hill Schools are thriving.



## ABOUT THE JOURNALISTS

*We are Daniel, Oswaldo, Kayley, and Layla! We wrote this story at the end of our eighth grade year at WSMS, but not we are freshmen at Spring Hill High School.*



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# A LEGACY OF CHEER

*By Marissa Winkel, SHHS Student Journalist*

Some things bring a great gift to those who inherit them and those who inherit them are sometimes destined to continue these things as legacies. Evidently, one SHHS student in particular has created a legacy of her own.

Daley Browning, a senior at SHHS, is entering her 10th year as a cheerleader in Spring Hill. During her younger years, she cheered through Kansas City Football and Cheerleading, Inc. (KCFC), an organization she has affiliated with through Spring Hill. Throughout her life, she also pursued cheering on both the SHMS and SHHS cheer squads. Looking back on her KCFC youth experiences, Browning decided that she wanted to take on a position just like her previous coaches had. "I'm coming up on my 3rd year [of coaching through KCFC]," said Browning.

Starting her freshman year, Browning decided that she wanted to be an assistant coach to younger students of Spring Hill. Being inspired through her love of teaching and once being a KCFC cheerleader, she wanted to be both a cheerleader and a coach.

"I'm not the head coach now, but I definitely want to be able to get to that point in the future, it's something that I really do enjoy. I really like coaching them because I want to be a teacher and I think it's great experience for that," she said.

While Browning has always been a part of the cheerleading squad at SHHS, she has had to find a way to have a good balance between school and her own cheerleading, as well as KCFC coaching.

"It can be hard [because] state for [SHHS] cheer is normally in November, which is the same time that competition cheer is going on for KCFC girls. There would be times where I would be going from practice to practice, back to back," she said.

While Browning says that it can be a challenge, at the end of the day she always found it to be very worth it. Being someone who plans on entering





the education field, she loves working with young cheerleaders. Rather than seeing it as volunteer hours, she sees it as an opportunity to have fun with her passion of teaching a fun sport.

Looking back at her fun experiences being in KCFC herself, Browning wanted nothing more than to give the cheerleaders the same experience that she could remember.

"I still remember my cheer coaches from my KCFC and I hope that my girls remember that too. I would say it is a big deal, especially with sports in Spring Hill. I feel it is a big thing in the community and starting at a young age is so important in getting that drive built," said Browning.

Browning does her best to encourage the youth cheerleaders to try out for the cheerleading squad once they reach middle school and through SHHS as well. Doing this excites the girls and inspires them to do this one day.

"A lot of them will come to my games and then come back to practices [where] we'll talk about it. They love hearing about all the high school stories and all the things we do. They [also] get to be in the Spring Hill parade, [along with] the high school cheerleaders, [where] they get to see high schoolers in action. I really do think [that] inspires them to keep wanting to cheer," she said.

Even while Browning is an assistant coach, she gets a lot of coaching experience compared to that of a head coach. Having years of cheering experience, the KCFC head coaches are able to count on her as they see her bring her talents to the youth cheerleaders.

Browning and the girls practice at Spring Hill Rec Center once a week and cheer at football games every weekend. Through KCFC football and cheer, they travel to Olathe, Blue Valley and other schools in Kansas; these games lead to competitions that happen annually in November. Browning has stuck with a small group of girls who she claims to have grown with for a few years.



*Daley Browning takes a selfie with future cheerleaders at cheer camp.*

"I used to have a kindergarten through second team, but this year is mainly third graders. A lot of them I have been with since they were in first grade," she said.

Browning hopes to advance to a higher coaching position this year while she is a senior. Not only are her girls growing, but Browning is as well, and she wants to continue to train these girls into being talented athletes.

"I just think about how I used to be in the position where they are now. [While] seeing where I've come with cheerleading, I really do believe that KCFC encouraged me to definitely carry on with cheer. I think it's cool and I'm very interested to see where these girls end up going in their high school careers too," said Browning.

To this day, Daley Browning continues to pursue her cheering and coaching talents in hopes that these girls will one day be an SHHS cheerleader just like her. From the years she was in KCFC up to her years of coaching it herself, she is creating a legacy to those who are rediscovering what Browning once did. Several years from now, those girls could become KCFC coaches and continue this legacy.



## ABOUT THE JOURNALIST

Hi! My name is Marissa Winkel and I am currently a senior at SHHS. This is my second year being a reporter in our high school's Student Publications and I absolutely love what I do. I love to write and contribute to designs here and there for the yearbook. It's important that one does what they are passionate about in which, in this case, this is my passion!



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT CLASS OF 2011

### Never Forget to Remember

On Thursday Oct. 28, in the football game against the Osawatamie Trojans, Nathan Stiles, 12, ran to the sidelines right before the end of the first half. Soon after he reached them he collapsed and became unconscious. Stiles was flown to KU Medical Center where he died early the next morning.

[...]

Nathan was a son, brother and friend. His death was a tragedy that affected the entire community and even neighboring towns; however, the Stiles family turned this tragic event into a positive situation by creating the The Nathan Project.

"Nathan and I decided together that we were going to change Spring Hill by helping people get closer to God, I just didn't know it would be in this way." Natalie Stiles, 11, said, "The Nathan Project is just a way to reach kids and adults and give them Bibles and show them that there's more to life than they're living now."

*Excerpt from the 2011 volume of  
The Bronco yearbook.*



*For updates on The Nathan Project,  
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*Nathan Stiles, 11/2/1992 - 10/29/2010*



*Stiles with Courtney Swope, 2010  
Homecoming King and Queen.*



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