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# Jumper Connection

## Connecting School and Community

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Somerset Independent Schools

Spring/Summer 2015

**Last Day of School For Students: May 28, 2015**

**Somerset High School Graduation: May 29, 2015**

### Academic Excellence is Our Goal!

The Somerset Independent School District continues to expand academic opportunities for all students. For example, Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Engineering has been added at Somerset High School. This program offers students a way to experience aspects of engineering within a classroom setting. Somerset High School is striving for the expansion of Advanced Placement Curriculum via the implementation of the AdvanceKY Initiative. This targets math, science and English/language arts programs. AdvanceKY helps prepare students for the rigor of the Advanced Placement curriculum through teacher preparation and student recruitment. During the summer, content area teachers at Meece Middle School and Somerset High School will participate in AdvanceKY summer programs which should provide the foundation needed to support student success in AP classes.

The *Gear-Up Program* at Meece Middle School is targeting the current 6-7th graders as they prepare to become College and Career Ready. This program will support these students as they continue their progression through high school.

Interactive boards and integrated audio systems throughout the newly renovated Hopkins Elementary provide additional tools for academic enrichment of curriculum.

Academic programs throughout the school can now access these resources to encourage and support student learning goals.

These programs and many others throughout our schools are provided to ensure our students are College & Career Ready when they graduate. All of the programs offered throughout the district have a single goal in mind...The success of every student!

### What Is Next?

If your Somerset Independent student is interested in any of the programs offered at our schools then you should contact the guidance counselor at the specific school. The counselor should be able to answer any questions and/or provide guidance for curriculum decisions directly related to each student.

Teamwork and effective communication will ensure that the academic needs of all students are being met. Contacts are:

- HES: Renee Powell
- MMS: Allison Gregg
- SHS: Amy Walters & Julie Morgan

**The Mission of Somerset Independent Schools is to provide our students with the highest educational learning experience by creating innovative opportunities, effective communication, and leaders who inspire Everyday, Every way, No Exceptions!**

## Career Pathways

Students attending Somerset Independent can participate in a variety of Career Pathways at Somerset High School. The pathways being offered include: Marketing, Business Management and Consumer & Family Management. These programs include a variety of courses that ensure students are ready to be active participants in “real-life” circumstances.

The Career and Technical Programs are supported by a variety of student organizations. DECA, FCCLA and FBLA are all organizations that allow students to expand their classroom knowledge and skills via competitive events and community service projects. Ms. Debbie Harris, Ms. Courtney Ikerd, Mr. Steve Wallace and Ms. Linda Henderlight are leaders for these student organizations.

Somerset High School students can also take advantage of courses that are offered at the Area Technical School. These programs expand the opportunities available to all students while ensuring improved knowledge and skills. This partnership benefits students as they prepare for post-secondary education and/or training.

Somerset High School continues to meet the needs of students via improved services and curriculum. The Career & Technical Program is an ever-changing program that adapts to the needs of students as well as the business community.

For more information regarding the Career & Technical Education programs, parents and students can contact the guidance office at Somerset High School.

## Student Success

DECA provides many opportunities for students to compete and succeed while using “real-life” skills.



## GO JUMPERS!

### District Technology Plan

The Somerset Independent Schools Technology Committee has completed the District Technology Plan for 2015-16. This plan is revised every year and reflects the technology related needs of the school district. The process involves reviewing the previous plan and aligning our goals with the State Master Plan.

The draft plan has been forwarded to KDE for approval and is available to the public at :

<http://www.somerset.kyschools.us/administrativeDepartment2.aspx?aid=6>

Please contact Ms. Yvonneda Gosser, Coordinator of Tech & Info, with questions regarding the plan.



### Summer Programming

#### **SHS and MMS Summer School.....**

- June 8-June 30, 2015
- 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. w/30 minute Lunch
- English/Language Arts and Math
- Transportation/Lunch Provided
- SHS Students must register w/ Guidance
- MMS Students will be notified

For more information contact your guidance counselor. (Information is subject to change based on student needs.

Plans are underway to begin renovating the Somerset Independent District Office Building. Arrangements will be made to continue to serve the needs of our students and community as this construction progresses.

Information regarding impacted services will be available on the website ([www.somerset.kyschools.us](http://www.somerset.kyschools.us)) and via telephone (606.679.4451). We look forward to continuing to support the students attending the schools in the Somerset Independent School District.

### Centralized Registration

For the 2015-16 School Year, Centralized Registration will be held for any students that will be new to the Somerset Independent District. District personnel think that this will be a more efficient process for parents.

Registration will take place for students in grades K-12 at the Meece Middle School Cafeteria on July 23, 2015 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

To complete the registration process please bring the following items for your child/children:

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization Records

For more information regarding the registration process contact Ms. Donna Wilson, Attendance Specialist, at 606.679.4451.

### Hopkins Elementary-School Pride!

Hopkins Elementary School has been undergoing numerous improvements to their facility. Teachers and students have patiently tolerated the construction process with excitement and anticipation.

The construction is complete and everyone has a facility that better meets the needs of all students. Expanded technology, science, art and music are the initial programs impacted.

According to Mr. Mike Reynolds, principal, "Students and staff are proud of the Hopkins environment. The opportunities for expanded learning via this renovation will con-

tinue to impact education for many years to come."

The playground and some improvements to the outside areas are still ongoing. These enhancements should be complete in the near future.

Hopkins Elementary serves students in grades K-4. The 2015-2016 school year is sure to offer bright beginnings for students attending the newly renovated Hopkins Elementary!



### Meece Middle

Students at Meece Middle School continue to meet academic challenges as they participate in varied activities. Students attending MMS have the opportunity to participate in athletics, academic competitions, field trips, musicals, and daily challenges that are integrated into lessons.

Mr. Rollyson and the entire team at MMS are dedicated to enhancing the educational opportunities for all students. This continues to be reflected in the success of students at Meece Middle School. The hard work and dedication of teachers, parents and students ensures a bright future for MMS.

### DATES

**May**

19th-No School  
28nd-Last Day for Students  
29th Graduation@ SHS

**June/July**

June 8-30th- Summer School  
July 23-Registration for ALL New Students( K-12)

**August**

5th-First Day for Students

**Holidays/No School**

Sept. 7  
Oct. 5-9  
Oct. 23  
Nov. 3, 25-27  
Dec. 21-Jan. 1  
Jan. 18  
Feb. 15\*  
Mar. 18\*  
April 4-8

\*May be used as Make-Up Day

### Somerset After-School Child Care Program

Somerset Independent proudly serves families by offering child care services for school age children. This program is located at 305 College Street, Board Office, and Ms. Vicky Jones is the director.

Ms. Vicky and the staff are busy making plans for the summer program. This program begins on June 8 and ends on July 28, 2015. The hours of operation are 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The students will have an opportunity to participate in daily supervised activities for a cost of \$16 per day. This fee includes lunch.

Some of the planned activities are swimming, fields trips, and daily "play." This camp type atmosphere

allows students to have fun while being supervised during the summer.

Openings are limited so parents need to contact Ms. Vicky to make arrangements for their child/children to attend the Somerset After-School Child Care Program. Ms. Vicky can be contacted: vicky.jones@somerset.kyschools.us or phone at 606.679.6193. Please leave a message indicating your name, your child's name, and a number for a return call. A reply will be made as soon as possible.

Make arrangements now and come join the fun this summer at the Full Day Summer Program. This is another example of Somerset Independent putting the needs of families first. Families are

a priority in the Somerset Independent School District!

For Information Contact:  
Vicky Jones, Director  
606.679.6193

**FRYSC**

Somerset Independent offers many programs via our Family Resource and Youth Service Center. Ms. Christina Wetjen Brinson, Ms. Rob Thompson and Ms. Jennifer Johnson work to serve the families in our school district. They can provide information and services which will benefit students in all grades. This is another example of how we always strive to meet the needs of ALL students in ALL grades!

### Nutrition Services

The Summer Feeding Program is free to all children 19 years of age and younger. The dates of the program are June 8-July 17, 2015, excluding July 3. The location is Somerset High School, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information contact: Ms. Vicki Stanley at 606.679.4451.

[www.fns.usda.gov/usda-nondiscrimination-statement](http://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-nondiscrimination-statement)



**KPREP (Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress)**

The state required testing is coming soon for all three Somerset Schools. The tests for 3rd-8<sup>th</sup> grades are required to be given in a 5 day window within the last 14 days of the school year. The assessments at the high school are required to be given in a 10 day window near the end of the course year. See the chart below for specific testing days and times for your student's grade:

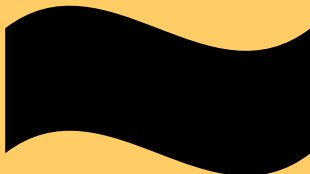
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b> 8:05 -11 a.m. <b>Hopkins</b> <b>K-2</b> <b>Stanford 10</b>	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b> 8:05 -11 a.m. <b>Hopkins</b> <b>K-2</b> <b>Stanford 10</b> <b>SHS Algebra II</b> End-of-Course Exam	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b> 8:05-11 a.m. <b>Hopkins</b> <b>K-2</b> <b>Stanford 10</b> <b>SHS Biology</b> End-of-Course Exam	<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b> 8:05 -11 a.m. <b>Hopkins</b> <b>K-2</b> <b>Stanford 10</b> <b>SHS US History</b> End-of-Course Exam	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b> 8:05-11 a.m. <b>Hopkins</b> <b>K-2</b> <b>Stanford 10</b> <b>SHS English II</b> End-of-Course Exam
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b> Approximately 8:05am-noon <b>Hopkins 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b> Reading Parts A & B  <b>Meece Middle</b> <u>5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades</u> Reading Parts A & B	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b> Approximately 8:05am-noon <b>Hopkins 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> grade:</u> Reading Part C <u>4<sup>th</sup> grade:</u> Reading Part C Math Part A  <b>Meece</b> <u>5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades</u> Reading Part C Math Part A
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b> Approximately 8:05 a.m.-noon <b>Hopkins 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> grade:</u> <b>Math</b> Parts A & B <u>4<sup>th</sup> grade:</u> <b>Math</b> Parts B & C  <b>Meece Middle</b> <u>6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grades</u> <b>Math</b> Parts B & C <u>5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades</u> <b>Math</b> Parts B & C <b>Social Studies</b> Parts A	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b> Approximately 8:05 a.m.-noon <b>Hopkins 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup></b> <u>3<sup>rd</sup> grade:</u> <b>Math</b> Part C <u>4<sup>th</sup> grade:</u> <b>Science</b> Parts A & B  <b>Meece Middle</b> <u>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades</u> <b>Social Studies</b> Parts B & C <u>6<sup>th</sup> grade:</u> <b>Writing</b> Lang. Mechanics Part A <u>7<sup>th</sup> grade</u> <b>Science</b> Part A	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b> Approximately 8:05 -11:30 a.m. <b>Hopkins 4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Science</b> Part C & <b>Language Mechanics</b>  <b>Meece Middle</b> <u>6<sup>th</sup> grade:</u> <b>Writing</b> Part B <u>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> grades:</u> <b>On Demand Writing</b> Parts A & B  <b>SHS</b> <u>10<sup>th</sup> grade:</u> <b>On Demand Writing</b> Parts A & B	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b> Approximately 8:30 -11 a.m. <b>SHS</b> <b>11th Grade:</b> <b>On Demand Writing</b> Parts A & B	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>

**Tips for Testing.....**  
 -Be at school **every day** of testing. This is **VERY** important.  
 -Be **on time** to school during testing. **Don't** be tardy.  
 -Get a **good night's rest** before each testing day.  
 -Eat something for **breakfast** to give your brain fuel to think.  
 -Try your hardest on each and every question on the test.

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**HOMESPUN**

On April 16, 1888 the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky approved legislation creating a system of public graded schools in the City of Somerset, Kentucky. A petition to create an Independent School System had been approved by Somerset voters and introduced in the legislature by Senator G.W. Shadoan. Five trustees were elected on the first Saturday in June, 1888.