

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

LISLE 202

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT



August 2024

Preparing for the School Year

Throughout the summer, construction was completed at Lisle Junior High School and Lisle Elementary School. The schools and staff came together to make sure the buildings were ready for students on the first day of school.

District-wide

Parent and staff communications were sent via our communications platform, ParentSquare, website updates, professional development, collaboration, planning time, and new teacher orientation were held at each building. A Back to School resource page was posted for Lisle Elementary School and Lisle Junior High School with links to key informational items.

Lisle Elementary School

Parent, staff, and student communications were sent, teacher assignments shared, and the Lisle Elementary Back to School Meet & Greet was held for all families in PK-5 on August 13th. Students and families met their teachers, re-connected, and dropped off supplies to get ready for the school year.

Our Staff started off the year by celebrating colleagues who have dedicated their time and service to Lisle 202. Thank you to our staff who reached the impressive milestones of 20 years, 25 years, and 30 years of service!

During the first week of school, our students and staff worked to re-establish our school-wide expectations of being respectful, responsible, and safe in the various areas of the building and times during the day by participating in expectation rotations.

This year we are pleased to welcome some of our students who attended partner schools to meet their needs back into our building through an additional special education classroom.

Students in K-5 completed the reading and Math iReady diagnostic assessments this month. This first of three test sessions over the course of the year provides baseline data to help identify students who may need additional math and/or reading interventions. The fall iReady family report will be sent home following the assessment to communicate the areas of strengths and opportunities for growth in both reading and math.

Lisle Junior High School

Parent, staff, and student communications were sent, sixth grade orientation was held for students to receive schedules, walk the building, and acclimate to using lockers. Our sixth graders are doing an amazing job transitioning to Junior High!

Baseball, softball, and cross country are off to great starts with large increases in student participation.

Lisle High School

Parent, staff, and student communications were sent, and Lisle High School enthusiastically welcomed nearly 90% of our incoming freshman class to Lisle High School at the freshmen/new student orientation night on August 11th. Their energy and excitement are contagious, and we look forward to a successful four years with them.

Lisle High School celebrated the return of our dedicated staff. This year, we had the privilege of introducing six new colleagues, including our new Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Megan Ewald and our new principal, Mr. Eric Martzolf. We also recognized the remarkable achievements of several long-standing staff members: three with 20 years of service, three with 25 years, and one extraordinary individual who has dedicated 30 years to Lisle High School. While we congratulate these individuals, we also acknowledge the impending retirements of two valued staff members at the end of this school year.

Our professional development on August 13th focused on student achievement, with a deep dive into our SAT and AP test results. As we prepare to transition to the ACT, our staff also received comprehensive training on effectively integrating AI into their classrooms.

In addition to academic pursuits, LHS band camp and fall sports programs have kicked off successfully.

The first home football game will be Senior Night and will be held on August 30th at Benedictine University.

First Day of School

It was great to see students return for the 2024-2025 school year on the first day of school. Grades K-12 began the school year on August 14th and Lisle Elementary Preschool started their year on August 19th.

Lisle High School Sports Camps

Lisle High School offered a full schedule of sports camps this summer, offering 30 different camps for students ages K-12. The overall enrollment for this year was once again over 600 participants.