



On November 2 we will host our second of three 2-hour late starts. We are excited to welcome Willow Sweeney from Top 20. Willow is known nation-wide and thankfully, she's a MN resident and can meet for a few hours with our staff. Her message will connect and expand on Kevin Brennen and Kim Campbell's messages from our previous speaking engagements. All teaching and support staff will be in attendance.

November 9 will be the end of Quarter 1 and midterm for Semester I.

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 22-23.

PreK-6 Report

All new K-6 staff have had the first of three formal observations.

We had our first late start Oct. 5 and will have our second late start next week. The focus of the first was on finalizing norms for each grade level/ department PLC and finalization of at least one SMART Goal for each team.

Fall conferences are scheduled for the evenings Nov. 22 -23. Information for conference sign up will be shared in the coming weeks. Conferences will be in person!

K-4 Students had their school photos taken on Oct. 19, 5-8 has been delayed until Nov. 30.

K-4 teachers shared a Fire Safety Presentation with students to recognize Fire Prevention Week. Students who choose are able to participate in a poster contest as well.

This week Prairie Fire Theater will be working with WEM students ages 7-15 to put on a production of The Wizard of Oz. Thanks to Community Ed for bringing this excellent opportunity to our students!

7-12 Report

All non-tenured staff have received their first of three formal observations.

On November 1 we will be hosting guest speakers at the high school. Speakers from MN Teen Challenge will be in-house to discuss avoiding substance abuse. In addition they will be talking about the importance of character, respect and how decisions made impact the future. The speakers will share first-hand accounts and have a positive message for our student body.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be coming up the week of Thanksgiving. Grades 7-12 will hold conferences in each building's gymnasium.

College and military recruiters have continued to host informational sessions at the high school. All sessions are well attended and generate great conversation around post-secondary options and experiences.

Wednesday, October 20 the HS PBIS team hosted a pasty, coffee, juice reward before school. In addition they hosted a mini fund-raiser allowing students to wear a hat in the building for a dollar.

Locker installation has been delayed from our previous timeline of MEA Break.

Fall activities are coming to a conclusion. Extended congratulations for positive seasons and much growth made to our student-athletes and sincere thank you to our coaches for sharing their time and talents.

Future college and career trips/events with student include:

Oct 29 - College Careers Class/AVID to MSU and SCC (Mankato)

Nov 4 - Juniors will take the ASVAB test at WEM

Nov 5 - All 9th graders to SCC (Faribault) for Career Navigator

Nov 17 - Construct Tomorrow Event at Civic Center in the morning and SCC(Mankato) in afternoon (There have been a fair number of students showing interest in the welding program at SCC).

HS Counselor is working on a curriculum to target behaviors and place emphasis on working towards goals and completion. The group will hopefully start before winter break.