



**Independent School Dist. No. 857**  
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**Priority 1: Student Success**

- We will be offering expanded opportunities for students in grades 11 and 12 for concurrent enrollment courses at the high school. The following staff have met requirements to offer concurrent enrollment courses work:
  - Mrs. Sikkink (College Algebra)
  - Mr. Stoppelmoor (Crop Science and Animal Science)
  - Mr. Wilmes (Concert Choir)
- We ended the 2022-23 school year with 47 students earning gold cards for their academic performance and can attend visiting conference events at no charge.
- We held two summer school retake sessions and one split credit recovery session. We had multiple students earn credits and multiple students meeting academic eligibility requirements for activities.
- Congratulations to Diego Kreidermacher (2023 graduate) and Wyatt Mote on their participation at the National trap competition.

**Priority 2: Effective Staffing**

- We would like to welcome the following new staff to the building for the 2023-24 school year:

Mrs. Gruett (Social Studies)	Mrs. Starks (Special Education)	Ms. Steele (High School Science)
Mr. Young (Business Education)	Mr. Akord (Industrial Technology)	Mr. Barnes (Educational Assistant)
Mr. Eppen (Activities Director)	Mrs. Gilow (Educational Assistant)	Mrs. Ostrander will be joining us for Title One math in grades 6-8.

- It has been great seeing veteran staff throughout the summer. There have been many hours of preparation over the summer and we look forward to seeing all staff return on August 28.

**Priority 3 - Finance**

- Students will enter science classes this year with all new curriculum. Students will see a continuation of the Twig science from K-8 now where their curriculum ends. Core science for grades 9-12 have new National Geographic / Cengage materials.
- Thank you to Ashley furniture for their robotics grant. New high school robotics materials are in.
- We will be utilizing some new programming through IXL for reading, math, and science this school year.

**Priority 4 – Facilities**

- Thank you to Dashir and the maintenance team for all of their work prepping buildings this summer and support with making it through the auction and the changes and movement of many materials from Altura.
  - Power Washing the Exterior
  - Window and other outdoor cleaning
  - Classroom and hall cleaning and painting

- Please check out the updates to student parking with diagonal stalls to help with spacing issues as well as newly installed speed bumps. Both updates are intended to increase parking lot safety through spacing, consistent traffic flow and reducing speeds.

**Priority 5 – Community Engagement**

- Thank you to the students and parents that were able to attend the fall activities registration meetings.
- Please stop by the Crossing and talk to us about any questions related to the levy or building bond votes in November.

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 14 – Start of Fall Sports**

**August 24/25 – New Staff Orientation**

**August 28-31 – Welcome Back week for Teachers and Paras**

**September 5 – Orientation Day for Students in Grades 7 and 8 as well as new students to the district**

**September 6 – First Day of School for All Students (Morning Assembly Schedule / Homeroom First)**