

High School Board Report - October

ENROLLMENT & ACADEMICS

- Our life skills students, along with Mrs. Snyder, are working diligently to open our Coffee Shop. The students have taken part in the interview process, created a name, made a menu, and have begun making purchase orders to get the coffee shop up and running. We are proud of Mrs. Snyder for taking on this endeavor and building it from the ground up. It is a great addition to our special education program by teaching workplace skills.
- The Illinois Student Assistants Commission (ISAC) held a training for Freshmen focusing on skills necessary for success in high school
- The high school staff is currently exploring Banzai to replace Xello. We are working on creating a scope and sequence for teaching life-ready and workplace skills.
- The junior class took a college visit to ISU in late September.
- The senior class attended a College and Career Fair at Midwest Central.
- Students completed a career interest survey for us to guide our field trip experiences.
- Dual Credit took part in a training on how to be successful in a dual credit course. This was hosted by Ms. Hyde. She will repeat this training in January for students who are new to dual credit courses. Ms. Hyde also took her dual credit English course on a field trip to ICC, specifically focusing on the library and identifying sources for their upcoming paper.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences were on Wednesday, October 8th, and Thursday, October 9th. We had a great showing of parents/guardians.
- Mrs. Price's Basic English class recently completed a poetry study focused on the theme of perseverance, emphasizing the lesson of not giving up even when faced with challenges. The students worked in small groups to unscramble the lines of a poem, and the unit was wrapped up with a tower-building activity. Each student is beginning to see themselves not only as individuals, but as a team. In the upcoming lessons, students will reflect on their strengths, weaknesses, and interests. This self-reflection will guide them in developing a personal definition of success and then begin identifying life goals.

PBIS

- Here are our PBIS Students of the Month for the character trait of respect:
 - Freshman - Kallie Woods
 - Sophomore - Tatum Bruce
 - Junior - Caleb Stender
 - Senior - Parker Umbach
- We have our first PBIS Celebration on Halloween. We will be hosting a Halloween Carnival for students who qualify.

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Homecoming was on October 4th. The students had a great time at the dance and during the homecoming activities. Thank you to Mrs. Johner and Mrs. Kirby for all their hard work in planning a fun homecoming week.
- Our Veterans Day Assembly is on November 10th at 10:30. The Advanced US History class is planning the event.

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CRISIS PLAN

- We held a reunification meeting with surrounding schools to discuss mutual aid in times of need. We also completed the reunification kits that are now housed at the Mason City Christian Church. The reunification kits included items suggested by the I Love U Guys Foundation.
- We are in the beginning stages of planning a full-scale reunification drill that will occur on a professional development day in February.