

Principal Update

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- HS seems to have gotten off to a really good start.
- Positives:
 - Great staff, (teachers AND Paras) great participation in meetings, great energy and optimism
 - Staff have not wasted time in jumping right into academics! While the first week is a lot of routines and procedures, handbooks, and expectations, this week, in a single day I was able to see engaging academics across multiple subjects.
 - Writing Thesis statements in Edstrom's English, Math Talks/Group Problem Solving at the white boards in Procopio's Math, and a Measuring Lab in Mr. Roger's Science Class.
 - Our first Data Meeting was an effective conversation on how to best support our struggling learners, reviewing concerns from attendance to academics.
- I have found a new favorite place to read my emails (in the upstairs hallway!) where I can ask students to show me their hall pass if I see them out in the hall. We have implemented a new system that brings conformity and clarity around hall passes. It seems to be going very well. Once in a while I will mix it up and sit somewhere else, like down by the shop and band rooms. If students come out without a pass, they are sent back into the room to get one.
- I have been able to connect with students, reconnect with teachers, rally the forces when we need to tackle something as a team, and overall I am really enjoying being HS Principal.
- I have been in classrooms countless times, and have NOT seen a SINGLE phone out during school. Even hats, hoods, and other low level dress code offenses seem to not be much of an issue. Lets hope it stays so easy!
- Scott is busy scheduling students into Credit Recovery Classes this week.
- Teachers in various leadership positions are providing positive impact in their spheres of influence.