



# Waterloo Junior High

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## **WJHS September 2025 Board Report**

### **Grade Level Assemblies- Growth Mindset**

To kick off the school year, we had grade level assemblies to introduce the Growth Mindset- the belief that your abilities, skills, and intelligence can grow and improve. Students were challenged to write their own “Yet” statement. They were asked to think of a time that they wanted to do something but told themselves “I’m not good at that.” Then they were asked to add yet to the end of their statement. Next they were asked to come up with one thing they could do in the next month to work towards their goal. Students were then asked to display their yet statement somewhere where they could see it daily as a reminder that they are capable of growth. Our focus for the September grade level assemblies will be “Effort over Outcomes.”

### **Book Study**

I am coordinating a book study for our staff on the book *10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People* by David Yeager. We will specifically be focusing on the Mentor Mindset practices of: transparency, questioning, stress, purpose, and belonging. We will tackle one of these topics each week for the next five weeks.

### **Staff Member of the Month**

Our September Staff member of the Month is 8th grade literature and language teacher, Chris Rader. Chris was nominated by one of her colleagues for going above and beyond for developing systems for tracking student data over the summer. She has also been very active in helping colleagues troubleshoot issues with Smart Pass (our digital student pass system).

### **Sports**

- Baseball is currently tied for the lead in the conference. They have a record of 10-2.
- Softball is leading the conference.
- Cross-Country will be hosting conference and regionals this year. Their first home meet is September 9.