

Principal Update

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- We are set to receive a donation of about 149 “Supply a Student” kits from Kids in Need Foundation. Each kit is a backpack pre-filled with core school supplies like markers, paper, folders, and more!
- Exploring Vape Detector Wands
 - We are able to use these as part of [Policy 502 SEARCH OF STUDENT LOCKERS, DESKS, PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND STUDENT’S PERSON](#)
 - We are currently exploring language and procedures that other schools are following, and would in the meantime follow our other search procedures, including having a second adult present
 - Students who refuse to cooperate, or show us what is triggering the wand alert would be sent home on OSS
- Just reached Mid-terms for Q 2, the school atmosphere continues to feel organized, safe and engaging
- Phill Warick from HRS observed our school last month, and the information discovered proved consistent with AVID observations, that teachers are building positive relationships with students, actively supervising, and garnering strong student engagement. Student Groups met with Phil and shared highlights from favorite classes. Many teachers were recognized by students as they shared what they liked most about their favorite classes
- Behaviors are significantly down from this time last year!
- High School Leadership is planning an afternoon of fun for grades 6-12, to include games in the gym, a movie room, work room, gingerbread houses in the commons, and more! It is nice to see students having fun together and making memories. These kinds of experiences may be harder to come by through other modes of education (online, homeschool, etc)
- Proposing an idea to offer various Student Clubs during Religious Release Time for grades 6-12
 - Would take an interest inventory of staff and students to determine which student clubs to offer,
 - ~Once a month, students would be able to choose 2 student clubs (Each club runs about 1 hour)
 - Student Leadership, Senior Class Advisory, or other required student meetings could happen during one of these hours
 - Great community building activity, fosters positive relationships and mentor opportunities across grade groups
 - Creates a strong pull/draw for students who need additional connection points with the school
 - Offers ALL students an opportunity to do something of high interest, not just those who have time/transportation after school
 - Currently Exploring funding options, may use the gifted and talented funds, or grant funding
 - May do a trial run sometime this year, to see how it goes, and where we need to problem solve

- Careers Pathways Update:
 - We have a total of 15 students who participated in one or more Career Pathways courses last year, representing:
 - 8-12th graders
 - Construction, Manufacturing, Education, and Healthcare Pathways
 - Exploring ways in which to recognize those students who COMPLETE a pathway upon graduation
 - Exploring additional ways to provide capstone opportunities
 - Internships, employment, individual projects