



*Medford 7-12 Schools*  
*School Board Report*  
**September 19, 2022**

- 1.) We are off and running!** First few weeks have been busy but overall gone well. There is a saying that “nobody likes change except a baby with a dirty diaper”. We’ve had quite a bit of change for the beginning of this school year, from a new principal with new habits and methods, to multiple new teachers, new chromebooks, and some new enforcement of policies etc. Despite all of that, the staff and students here are smiling, showing up, and doing great things. Most of the feedback I’m hearing from students is positive, despite minor pushback from a handful regarding dress code and cell phones. Teacher pitched in with some creative lesson planning due to a late shipment of chromebooks but as of Monday afternoon we were fully digital and ready to rock.
- 2.) Homecoming is upon us!** This weekend is the start of Homecoming activities with the bonfire etc. Student council has a variety of activities planned that should help the entire student body enjoy this first big event of the year.
- 3.) Teachers are planning for Conferences next month.** We have one evening block of conferences (Oct. 18th) and one morning block (Oct. 19th) scheduled for student teacher conferences. Teachers voted to go back to a cafeteria style format where all teachers would be available in the commons area so that parents could easily see where there were openings and hopefully streamline the process. Middle School teachers are still discussing whether they will schedule all of their conferences or go with the free flow format.
- 4.) Robotics is making a come back!** Clay Ford has been hired as the coach this year and has been in contact with Robert, the former coach and busily working to get our teams up and running. He is hoping to have a meeting and get things rolling next week!
- 5.) Stay Tuned for MCA scores etc.** - My apologies but I haven’t had a chance to prepare a presentation for you this month, but Ellen Hansen and I will be working to bring you the updated information at next month’s meeting.

**Thanks!**  
**Jen Ford**

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