

High School Principal's Report to the Board
August 13, 2012

1. All schedules are complete. Students may call or visit office before school starts to make changes as needed.
2. Registration took place August 2nd and 3rd. The new high school secretary, Karen McGrath, has transitioned very well and was a full part of registration.
3. We have 1 new teacher at the high school level. Melissa Weiner will be joining us as the half time Spanish instructor. We will be sharing her with Charles City and have established a 28E agreement for this position. St. John's has also hired a new Religion instructor, Jacob Carlson, and he will be joining us for staff professional development this week.
4. We welcome you to join us on the first day of school. We will meet in homerooms, have a brief assembly, and be in classes all day.
5. Freshman Orientation was August 7th and 9th. Students and parents received a short powerpoint on transitioning to high school and mental wellness opportunities. Students then toured the building with upperclassmen volunteers and had root beer floats provided by the FFA Alumni.
6. The high school will be adding a weekly homeroom for the upcoming school year. Those 15 minute homerooms will consist of grade checks, social-emotional lessons, future planning, and independent reading. As a part of the lessons, the high school redesign team has created a SMART goal to include students teaching lessons and presenting them to other homerooms. Please see the attached SMART goal.
7. In addition to the homeroom goal, the High School Redesign Team has chosen to address Mental Wellness at the high school level by promoting the TeenScreen Town Hall Meeting. It is scheduled for September 20th at 6:30 in the High School Cafeteria.
8. Please check out our new website. In addition to each teacher having their own page, each is also required to post their lesson plans on a weekly basis in order for parents and students to stay updated. Also, each teacher at the high school will have a laptop as of today and will be able to access their account and information anywhere in the district.
9. The high school staff will be using their CLT time this fall for a book study over Whatever It Takes which tackles the issues of how to address student performance and students who are not being successful. In addition, CLT groups will be spending much time with data, the Iowa Core, and discussing the needs of students.

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