

Principal's Report  
September 11, 2023  
Rudy Perez - Secondary Principal

School Pictures: We had our school and Fall Sports pictures done on August 17. We have them done early so that the Fall Pictures and other sports items can be in the hands of parents as early as possible. This sometimes causes issues as sometimes our rosters are not complete and trying to uniforms out to athletes. This is the last year of our three-year contract with H2O Photography and Design. I have been contacted by two other photographers about taking our school pictures. I have asked all of them to put together a proposal and send it to me. When I receive them, I will go over them with Mr. Drews. Also, I have asked the Journalism class sponsor to look into taking over the production of our athletic team pictures so that they earn some valuable experience and use the profits to offset the cost of the yearbooks.

Human Trafficking Assembly for Grades 7th-12th in North Gym - Tuesday, Sep 5, 2023

- The presentation by Mr. Weber and Sheriff Brown was very informative to our students and staff. I appreciate the Cambridge Rotary Club for making this possible.

Fire/Evacuation Drill - Thursday, September 7

- It was a great first run. We are getting feedback from the staff about making this more effective.

Arapahoe Cross Country Invitational - Thursday, September 14

- Be sure to come out and cheer on our runners.

Bus Evacuation Drills - September 15

- This will be the first of our two drills this year.

FCCLA Fall Leadership Workshop in Kearney - Monday, September 18

- Mrs. Spaulding will be taking her FCCLA Members to this annual leadership workshop.

NCSA School Law Workshop - Wednesday, September 20

- I will attend the annual workshop to get updates on the current issues in Nebraska and other states that we might have to deal with.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Thursday, September 21 (2:00pm-5:00pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm)

- Same as last year, secondary teachers will be in the North Gym. We will have some teachers gone for activities. They will reach out to those parents that they need to conference with or parents can leave their contact information so the teacher can get ahold of them.

UNK Band Day - Saturday, September 23

RPAC STUCO Leadership Workshop - Wednesday, September 27

- Since Miss Eman is on maternity leave, I will be taking our students to this workshop. My hope is that they come back with some great ideas to improve the culture of our hallways!

ESU #11 Fall Conference - Monday, October 2

- Our teachers will attend the annual Fall Conference in Holdrege. I haven't seen a schedule but they usually have a great speaker and very good breakout sessions. Looking forward to networking not only with ESU #11 personnel but also with the staff members from our service area.

#### College and Career Day at Cambridge - Wednesday, October 4

- Mrs. Briening and Mrs. Monie will take our Juniors and Seniors to this event. It's a great opportunity for students to check out colleges and different careers.

#### Homecoming - Friday, October 6 and 7 (Saturday)

- We made a change in this years' activities: we have moved the dance to Saturday. This will give the students an opportunity to have dinner together and have an extended time to dance and enjoy the evening.
- Looking to make some possible changes to our other activities.
  - Would like to change the route of the parade so that the students and band do not have to cross the highway during and after the parade.
  - Would like to change the location of the pep rally to the football field so that our elementary students can enjoy the festivities as well.

#### Assigned parking lot spaces

- Mrs. Crosley's Marketing class made a presentation to Mr. Drews and myself. They proposed that we number the student parking lot slots and conduct a lottery so students can pick their spot. This would be available only to students who drive on a daily basis. Each student would have their name entered into the lottery but could purchase additional chances for \$2. The proceeds would be split among the Class activity accounts. Also they proposed that the seniors be able to paint their parking slots.

#### NSCAS Testing

- Mr. Ellis attended a meeting at ESU #11 earlier and came home with some good information regarding NSCAS testing.
  - The fall and winter assessments are optional.
  - The only score that really counts is the spring score.
- So, after discussing this information we decided to cancel the Fall NSCAS testing. I feel that we already overtest our students and this would decrease the amount of time testing and increase class time. We have already cut our MAPS testing from four tests to two. I feel this is beneficial to our students.
- We will still plan on the winter assessment scheduled for December 12 and 13. This will give our students the opportunity to experience the test format and see the types of questions on the state test. This will also allow us to goal-set for the spring assessment which is scheduled for April 22, 23, and 24.