

Principal's Report
August 14, 2023

We are up and ready for the upcoming school year. On August 7 and 8, we conducted our Chromebook checkout. The turn out was very good.

I want to thank you for allowing me to attend the National Secondary School Principals Conference in Denver, July 12-15. It was great to attend some real quality presentations, listen to some renowned speakers and network with other principals from other states. Although all the presentations were very good, the best one I attended was presented by Erik Francis which dealt with Depth of Knowledge. I have read his book and look forward to sharing his ideas with the staff. Also, Mr. Ellis and I attend the Nebraska Administrators Days in Kearney, July 26-28. I would have to say that the NDE presentations were very informative. It was great to reconnect with some very good administrators from throughout Nebraska.

Mr. Ellis and I conducted a New Teacher Orientation on Thursday, August 3. We introduced our new teachers to those people who they will need to communicate with to get things done during the school year. It was a very good training day. All our new teachers have been assigned mentors and we will have them participate in our in-house Mentoring Program. In addition, Mr. Ellis and I will meet with them every other week to check in with them and talk about upcoming events.

We held our Open House on Wednesday, August 9 and for the first time we conducted a 7th grade student/parent. Our Fall sports coaches also conducted their parent meetings. The Open House was well attended. We will look at either starting earlier with our 7th grade student/parent night (5:30 pm) or do it at the end of the school year.

At the high school level we will have many online courses. Spanish I and II will be provided by a certified teacher from ESU #5. For the first semester, Chemistry will be taught online via Elevate K12. In addition, Anatomy and Physics will be taught with Edgenuity during the first semester. Finally, Mrs. Huxoll will once again help us out and teach Biology for the first semester. Once Miss Gunderson arrives for the second semester, our science schedule will be more concrete.

The theme for the year is "It's Up To Us!". Every success, in and out of the classroom will be up to us. We will need to take responsibility for our successes and failures, each doing their part to help us have a successful year.