



Friday Focus 09/23/22



I haven't been this excited about a Friday since last Friday.

FRIDAY FOCUS:

There are few things in the world better than homecoming week (unless you're the football coach). There are few homecoming weeks better than homecoming week at HHS. The time and work that our Dynamic Duo, student council, class advisors, and student body put into making homecoming week extraordinary is inspiring. Well done Hornets!

It took a look back at the calendar to get my mind around the fact that we have 23 days in the books - five weeks (two short ones and three full weeks). That doesn't seem possible to me. Why is that?

Pondering on that brought me to two conclusions.

1. The start of this school year has been so fun! The mood in the building is so positive. Our students are smiling, happy, working hard, and seemingly enjoying the journey. You, the staff at HHS, are largely demonstrating all the same symptoms as our students which are indicative of being vested in a positive culture. It goes without saying that "Time flies when you're having fun."
2. The start of the year has been relatively smooth and free of major problems. All systems are up and running, there is strong evidence of the things we are doing to improve attendance, academics, and culture are working well, and there are great ideas, plans, and action steps being taken to take it all to the next level. None of that occurs without a positive feeling of success, and success breeds success. Successful days are good days. Good days pile up one on top of the other in a way that makes them run together and just fly by. Multiple times this year I have mistakenly thought it was Friday in the middle of the week!

What this means to me is that we are doing great things at HHS, we are doing them well, and we are on track to even bigger and better.

My compliments to you! My appreciation for you and what you have done and are doing as a staff is great and growing.

#Ooh Rah!

GOOD ARTICLE(s) / RESOURCE(s):

[A Closer Look at ADHD](#)

[Two Ways to Focus with ADHD](#)

THAT'S PUNNY:

Assignment: Describe yourself in three words.

Student Response: Lazy!

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES:

I was in my office Tuesday night getting a few things done between volleyball games. In walks one of my favorite seventh graders (they are all my favorite). We'll call him Bubba. Bubba sat down in a chair as if we had an important appointment I had forgotten about.

"What can I do for you Bubba?" I said.

"What do you do for life?" Bubba asked.

A bit confused, I enquired "Life?"

"Life is what you do when you're not at school," said Bubba.

THE PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES:

The wisdom of Bubba is quite profound. I firmly believe that the positive Friday Focus message is also directly tied to 'life'. What you do each and every day is vitally important. Vitally important to you being able to do what you do each and every day is a balance between school and "life".

With that said, I hope to see you at the football game tonight. Then, have a fabulous weekend full of the good things in your “life”.

GUESS WHO?

I’m buying coffee next week for the first person to correctly identify Bubba.

ON THE CALENDAR NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 9/27: Jr. High Resource meeting

Wednesday 9/28: BLAST, PLCs,

Thursday 9/29: Picture Day

LOOKING AHEAD:

The first week of October is looking to be a quiet week



IMPORTANT:

Any students in grades 7 - 12 that have not completed NWEA MAP testing in both math and English Language Arts need to do so next week.

GREAT QUOTE:

“Oh, of course I'd be BREATHING all the time I was doing those things, Aunt Polly, but I wouldn't be living. You breathe all the time you're asleep, but you aren't living. I mean living—doing the things you want to do: playing outdoors, reading (to myself, of course), climbing hills, talking to Mr. Tom in the garden, and Nancy, and finding out all about the houses and the people and everything everywhere all through the perfectly lovely streets I came through yesterday. That's what I call living, Aunt Polly. Just breathing isn't living!”

— Eleanor H. Porter, *Pollyanna*