Salisbury R-IV

The mission of the Salisbury R-IV School District is to educate and inspire students to achieve individual success.

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SHS Update: August 25, 2017

Summer is ending, school is in session, and the honeymoon of being back to school is over for students. You have probably started hearing the groans at the very mention of homework. It is okay, the students will be fine. It is in fact the act of getting their brains in shape. We have adopted a building focus toward increasing academic rigor and students will quickly notice that coasting is no longer allowed. Interventions will be in place if our student starts to struggle. Each of our students will be ready for college or career when the graduate. That is our promise to all parents, or as my favorite author points out:

"There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide; that he must take himself for better, for worse, as his portion; that though the wide universe is full of good, no kernel of nourishing corn can come to him but through his toil bestowed on that plot of ground which is given to him to till. The power which resides in him is new in nature, and none but he knows what that is which he can do, nor does he know until he has tried." ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

JH/HS Building Focus Goals

1. **Teachers will complete individual class curriculum including Essential Standards, Assessments and Activities using BYOC template with a focus on increasing academic rigor.**
2. **Teachers will implement one new technology initiative a year focusing on improving student engagement and academic improvement.**
3. **Teachers will contribute ideas with a focus on academic collaboration using a common HS Google classroom page.**
4. **A student led initiative focusing on the reduction of bullying and harassment incidents will be implemented.**

Shout Outs

Congratulations to the high school softball team for taking home first place at the Hallsville Tournament last week. Keep it up girls.

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A shout out goes to all FFA students who participated in Sedalia at the State Fair. We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

A thank you goes to all parents for helping your children get to school prepared and ready to learn. Our average daily attendance has been above 98% so far. Great job.

A shout goes to all students for working hard this first full week. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Your adaptation to the new schedule has been admirable.

Thank you goes to all parents who had to wait a little longer than usual during registration. Your patience was greatly appreciated. I promise that next year we be smoother.

Good luck to all of our school athletes and musicians who have decided to sacrifice their time this fall to compete for our school. You make us proud.

College and Career Ready Focus

After analyzing the enrollment data, the high school currently has 65% of the junior and senior classes enrolled in at least one college level class or career related Vo-Tech class. We have set a realistic goal of 80% for next year. Thank you for pushing your children to challenge themselves for the future. We ask for your patience and understanding when grades are released because there will be a transition period as students grades start to reflect a more accurate idea of real student understanding. We must know where you children are intellectually before we can push them toward achieving their potential.

JV Football Cancellation

Unfortunately, due to the number of injuries and MSHSAA new quarters limit placed on players during a one week period. We will be unable to play the Westran JV game scheduled for Monday Aug. 28th.

Chromebooks

At this point, 99% of the HS students have received a Chromebook. If you want insurance and have not paid for it yet, do so at your earliest convenience.

Google Chromebook/Classroom

All teachers have enrolled students into Google Classrooms. If you need to find assignments, check your child's google classroom page first.

SISK12 Parent Portal Update

Parent Portal has a new look. It should be easier to check grades, lunch account balances, attendance as well as e-mailing teachers. If you are having trouble logging in, contact the HS office for assistance.

Progress Grades

The first grade check of the year is almost upon us. Grades to determine eligibility status will be released on Sept 5th. At that time struggling students will be assigned to the Library for tutoring.

Senior Composite Proofs
Senior parents don't forget that Senior Composite Proofs are due **August 28th**.

Parent Drop-Off High School
Reminder: If you are a parent who drops off an elementary student at the high school to ride the bus to the elementary school in the morning, make sure to not drop them off before 7:45AM. Also remind your child that the need to sit quietly and wait by the northwest door. Thank You.

School Picture Day
Reminder: School Picture Day is scheduled for Sept. 27th.

Beginning of School Changes
Reminder: School now starts at 8:10 AM and school ends at 3:09 PM. Also the HS Library will be open until 4PM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Aug 25**
  - HS Football @ Paris 7PM
- **Aug 26**
  - HS Cross Country @ Mexico 9AM
  - FFA Trapshoot @ Madison
- **Aug 28**
  - Girls Golf @ Harrisburg
- **Aug 30**
  - FFA Area IV Leadership Conference
  - Girls Golf @ Paris Tournament
- **Aug 31**
  - Girls Golf @ Westran-(Heritage Hills)
  - HS Softball vs Harrisburg V/JV
- **Sep 1**
  - HS Football @ Harrisburg 7PM

Have a great weekend,

Mr. Justin Yates