

Annual Report to the Public

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Our graduating class last year had 44 seniors. This year we have 47 seniors.

As we continue to address the learning loss that we experienced due to the pandemic we will have the interventionist in reading, science and math work with students who are not yet meeting expectations for their grade levels. During the past year we have made progress academically as evidenced by our NWEA and ACT Aspire test scores. We will continue to provide additional help to those students who can benefit from the interventionist assistance.

During the last year we hired The Solution Tree Consulting firm to introduce The High Reliability Schools Model to our faculty and staff. Each day our teachers met to develop the curriculum for their areas. Their focus was on horizontal alignment of the curriculum. They worked together to outline the curriculum for each grade, they worked to develop essential standards and they discussed how those standards were to be taught to the students. This year they will continue their work and will align their curriculum vertically.

The Benchmark reading program was introduced in the elementary school and teaching and learning focused on the science of reading initiative. As our teachers became more confident in Benchmark Reading our students have shown significant growth.

This year we are introducing the STEM model in our high school. Our ninth grade students are taking courses in computer technology and engineering. We started the year with an introductory stem night that was a tremendous success. Numerous demonstrations in the science and engineering fields were presented by local businesses. The evening was climaxed by a laser show presented by Lockheed Martin. The gymnasium was filled to capacity by students and parents from our community who thoroughly enjoyed the presentation.

We have restructured our high school this year to reintroduce the middle school concept. Our students in grades 5,6,7 and 8 will be involved in activities together that are designed to meet their physical, social, mental, emotional and academic needs. Those students came together during the first week of school with their teachers and they were able to enjoy an evening together in a social setting. The teachers are able to meet the needs of the middle school age students as they enter that confusing time in their lives.

Our band program has made progress during the past year. Participation this year has increased and our program continues to improve.

This year our senior high football team has been introduced to eight-man football. Our junior high team will continue to play eleven-man football.

The class schedules in the elementary school, grades kindergarten thru four will focus on reading and math. We will continue to have interventionist, who are master degree teachers receiving training in the "Take Flight" program thru the Scottish Rite Hospital, work with any student who is having difficulty. Our goal is to have every student on level when they complete the fourth grade.

As we strive to emerge from the results of the covid pandemic we will make every effort to return to a normal school setting. During these unsettling times we will continue to develop programs that will provide a safe environment for our students.

During the past summer our teachers attended in service programs to continue to build their capacity as educators. Our athletes have attended camps and have been practicing all summer to prepare for their seasons. Our administrators have been preparing schedules and organizing classrooms. Our maintenance and custodial staffs have been cleaning, waxing floors and replacing equipment.

Our goal is to provide the best possible education for all of our students. We hope that those who will attend college will have a seamless transition and those terminal students who plan to enter the working world will be prepared and successful.