Welcome to the first LIVE! Session with Mr. Barker. The home and school wanted to include parents who aren’t able to make the meeting. Creating a live broadcast is an excellent way to engage the parent community. We are hoping to have a LIVE! once a month at the home and school meetings. If the LIVE! Sessions go well, we will explore purchasing a higher level package.

**Housekeeping:** *The State mandates vaccinations. In the beginning of the school year, there were 75 students who were not up to date. As of today, there are approximately 20 students remaining. The school is working with families with exemptions according to the parameter of the state.*

**1:1 Devices:** *There are three options for student devices: Mac/Dell/Bring your own device. With three platforms, it presents some challenges.*

- Technology department is working diligently to ensure the technical glitches are worked out and are available outside the library.
- There are approximately 60 laptops that need to be paired with the students.
- There are financial resources for those who need assistance. Reach out to the guidance department.
- Had the opportunity to visit about fifteen classrooms observing the collaboration and creativity of the use of the devices in the classroom. One class had an assignment to create a Facebook profile for a 1920’s icon. They had to use critical and cultural data from the era. The student then had to defend why the information is pertinent for the profile. It was very neat to see modern technology used for classic material in learning.
- The teachers have been investing a lot of time to prepare and design lessons with the intent that the students have their laptops with them in class. Please make sure their devices are charged each night and brought with them to school every day.

**Policy Updates**

**Vaping:** Last year DW was inundated with vaping. It took a life of its own quickly. It went from juices to nicotine base to THC form. The school had no way to differentiate what the product the kids were using. Vaping is NOT allowed in the school in any form.

- The school district has implemented a system to detect immediately with a test kit
- The test kit is crystal clear
- We have spoken with the kids and made it absolutely clear the consequences if they are caught
- The incidences have significantly reduced since the implementation of the test kit
- Nicotine infraction – 3 days suspension
- THC infraction – 10 days in school suspension & 10 day out of school suspension

**Breathalyzer Testing:** Alcohol consumption has become a problem at the football games. A couple years ago a student was carried out on a stretcher from the excessive consumption of alcohol. This is something I never want to experience again.

- All students have to perform a breathalyzer in order to enter the varsity football games
- Since the implementation of the breathalyzer testing, the environment is a more positive family oriented and safe environment
- We encourage the students to have a great time – this lessens the incidents at the games

**Cell Phones:** Many freshman parents have been asking about the cell phone policy.

- The key is for students to know when is the correct and appropriate time to use the cell phones
- Each teacher has their own policy. Some have a no phone policy and ask the students’ to place in a basket. Others allow the use of cell phones for educational purposes.
- Kids can freely use their cell phones during lunch, study hall and hallway
- The students have been very respectful of the classroom and school policies

**Quiet Study Areas:** Two new quiet study areas in place
Upstairs – Chemistry wing
Downstairs – Tech Ed wing
Each area is equipped with high top tables & chairs and soft seating
These areas can be used during lunch only, not during study hall as it is a quiet zone
Cyber & blended course students use the areas as they do not have classroom settings
The quiet study areas are a huge success and the student body is asking for more similar areas

Moment of Silence:

Our sister school, East experienced a loss of one of their students. There have been many emails with concerns and how to help. We are actively working as a district to have the resources available to support our student body with the grieving process. Please have your child reach out to the guidance department for resources to support them.

All three high schools have adopted the Avedum club
We have a campaign that will be launched called “The 13 Reasons Why Not”. This will focus on the great reasons why you matter.
Banners for all the kids to sign and hang-up, Positive messages painted on the bathroom stalls
Video called “See Something, Say Something”. We want to relay to the kids to come to us if they see or hear something or social media issues. We want to take it off their shoulders. This will allow us to intervene and preventative with future situations. We have a wealth of support available with trained professionals in the district to support the students.

School Store:

NEW! Located in the cafeteria
Almost ready! Needs glass pane put in and a lock system installed
Life skill students along with aides will run the store during lunch periods
Business students will keep inventory and balance the books
Spirit wear, school supplies and similar items available
Once the store is operating smoothly and if there is a high demand, extended hours will be explored

Wood Shop:

An additional woodshop classroom has been added
Allow an additional 70 students
This allows freshmen an opportunity where as in the past due to space limitations only upper classmen could select

Morning Show:

TV students approached us to vamp the morning show
Spice it up and give it modern flair
Hopefully in a couple weeks it will be up and running

Applause in the District:

Thirteen students has their creative writing published
Engineer students made innovative adaptation 3D items for kids at Dupont
Partnership extended this year

50 Year Alumni Tour:

Class of 1968 visit the school
30 – 40 classmates will tour all three high schools

Thank you for participating in our LIVE! Session. We had a couple of blips, but will work on it for the next LIVE!

Have a great night!