

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Roughrider Parents,

I hope this communication finds you well. Another week is behind us here at Roosevelt. Thankfully, we had no interruptions this week with days off for either holidays or snow which allows us to establish a routine of schedule and cohesiveness of instruction. As I have mentioned before, we have some big events coming up in the next few weeks. The first one will be our Incoming Freshman Orientation on Monday, January 30th at 6:30pm. This will include an administrative and counselor presentation in the auditorium, and almost all of our club sponsors, coaches and organizations will be available in the main gym starting at 6:45pm. I understand this is an incoming freshman student and parent event, but if you would like to stop by the gym to speak to some coaches or club sponsors for next year, feel free to join us even if you are a parent of an upperclassman.

The following week on February 7th at 1:00pm, our counseling team will go to KQA and MMS to speak to the students and begin filling our course registration forms. At that point, we start getting a better understanding of student interest and how we arrange our courses here at RHS across all grade levels. I certainly wanted to extend thanks to our team at RHS, our CTE Director, and our staff for answering dozens of questions, editing documents, and making changes for 2023-24 that are in line with CDE. This allows us to offer the most optimal curriculum for our students and community. This past week, I had our bi-monthly principal's meeting. We were able to discuss school and district policy, staffing for 23-24, communication practices to our families, state testing, teacher evaluations, and the upcoming school calendar. It is always worthwhile to share with your fellow principals and district leadership as we are a small district, so having alignment on a multitude of issues and practices is beneficial to all.

On the sports and activities end, I got to see some great basketball this week with boys and girls notching victories. I look forward to attending our Wrestling Senior Night at RHS this evening. In addition, our Robotics team had their first competition and did well, setting themselves up for their next competition in Windsor on February 4th. In the recent weeks, I have had more parents ask about seeing the new building, and when we, as a community, can do a tour. The site is an active construction zone and does not lend itself to large groups. I have taken smaller groups through in the past months as has our Superintendent. I am planning a virtual tour by using drones and camera footage to show the RHS parents and students in May. I could certainly see having an evening event where I can walk you through the building virtually. I know this is not the same, and we understand the excitement. Please know that we will have ribbon cutting ceremonies this summer and open house before the official start of school in August. I will keep you posted.

As always, have a safe and restful weekend. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Don't forget to buy a Donor Brick. Deadline is 2/1/23.

David Benson
RHS Principal