

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Roughriders,

Welcome back all after a much deserved break and to the start of our 2nd semester here at RHS. The semester has started off smoothly with students getting back into the groove, adjusting to any new classes or perhaps new instructors. Thank you to the staff who prepared over break to ensure that the second half of the year began well. The counselors have been working hard over the past month or so to address any student concerns, and it paid off by having a fairly uneventful (that is a good thing) start.

Our first week for students was preceded by two work days for our staff. We spent time working through any last minute needs, and also presenting data in regards to a few of our new initiatives in regards to discipline, attendance, technology and academic programs. I thank them for their feedback as we always will engage in dialogue or "teacher work" that

focuses on school improvement.

This week I had the pleasure of presenting a summary of our RHS Unified Improvement Plan to our District Accountability Committee. This group is made up of building and district level administrators, parents, and high school students. It was a great opportunity to answer questions and also hear from other Principals as we work together to improve the K-12 district. The summary of the plan will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

As mentioned before, we will begin the process of planning and scheduling for the 23-24 school year this month. We have finalized courses and will soon hand those to the counselors, place them in our "Request Wizard" system, and then populate the master schedule in Infinite Campus.

One of our big events will be the Incoming **Freshmen Parent and Student Orientation** evening. This will be held from 6:30pm -8:00pm on Monday, January 30th. The middle school will be communicating these dates and time to our current 8th grade parents. I will also send an email blast as well. This is a great opportunity to hear from administration, counselors, and all extra and co-curricular sports and programs. We will then visit MMS the following week to speak to the students. The counselors will also communicate next steps for our current 9th through 11th graders as well about registration.

Another important date will be Wednesday, February 8th from 6:30-7:15pm. This will be our Academic Awards Night for current 9th through 11th graders. Our seniors will be honored later this spring. Please look for emails and invitations for those who are receiving awards.

Lastly, I had a wonderful chance to take a group of 15 parents through our new building. I am truly excited about the new school and can't wait to open this August. Of course, there is lots of work and preparation, but I hope you all are as excited as me with this long overdue and well deserved new building. Thank you to all of our parents (and taxpayers) who supported this project.

Part of the new building and campus will be the Brick Pavers. The deadline for ordering is 2/1/23. Please don't waste any time, as the ordering window will be closed shortly.

As always, have a safe and restful weekend. As a reminder, we do not have school on Monday so enjoy the long weekend.

David Benson
RHS Principal