We started several initiatives this week. Students began room movement for the first time in over a year. It went extremely well and good news - we didn't lose any freshmen! The students adapted quickly as we expected and we had very few tardies. This is a huge win because it is the first time that 50% (9th and 10th Grades) of our student body has been in the flexible model due to covid last year.

Additionally, our ACT YouTube channel went live this week. Our students in grades 9-11 will get the chance to pick one video each Monday to review a subject area of their choice. They only need to watch one per week and our teachers will continue to add more content each week. If parents want to check them out - please go to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtFkcDowtGtGqHdY-3nqBPw. This is a great free resource for our students to help them prepare for the ACT. We hope your student and family take advantage!

Week two also brought seminar movement. Students are beginning to get homework and quizzes. Seminar time on Tuesdays and Thursdays is a great opportunity to go get help from teachers. It's built in time - no need to be here before or after school for those students with jobs or activities. Encourage your student to take advantage of this time.

You are doing great on pick up after school. Do me a favor and share the procedures with grandparents or older siblings picking up students. We still have far too many picking up in the left through lane which is going to get someone hurt. Lunch is running very smoothly - the quick lines are giving students a lot of time to eat. If your student tells you otherwise - I'm not saying they are fibbing but they are fibbing.

The Homecoming dance is October 2nd here at West. All grades are invited - and students are welcome to have dates, go solo, or come in groups. Everyone is welcome. Dances are for West students. OW students may have a one guest as a date from a different school with prior approval from administration. More info as we get closer.

Here is what you need to know this week:

1. Half Day Next Friday - September 3rd - We will have a half day for students on September 3rd. Teachers will be in professional learning in the afternoon. Here is the bell schedule:

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2. Gift Card Drive - The response has been tremendous. Thanks to all who have donated so far. We use the gift cards throughout the school year to reward students for positive choices, examples of leadership or great effort. We also use the gift cards for families in need, holiday assistance and other ways of support. If you would like to contribute, $10 gift cards to QT make excellent student rewards and gift cards to Walmart, Dick's or grocery stores are great for family support. Feel free to drop them off in the front office with Mary Meade anytime or just send them with your student. We appreciate your consideration.

2. Varsity Regular Season Athletic Tickets - Tickets for HOME VARSITY REGULAR SEASON games are available electronically and can be purchased in advance. Please see the attached instructions for downloading the Hometown Fan App for quick and easy ticket purchases. Ticket purchases are also available at www.owowsathletics.com. Email Athletic Director Pat Butler with questions (prbutler@olatheschools.org).

3. PSAT - Your student will have the opportunity to take the PSAT on testing day, Oct. 14. Registration deadline to ensure that your student has a test is Wednesday, September 15.

   1. The PSAT will be held during the school day on **October 14, 2021**.
   2. We have 100 exams, and a waiting list will be started, if needed.
   3. The PSAT costs $20. Register online using InTouch.
   4. Questions should be directed to Robin Dietz, at rrdietz@olatheschools.org.

   For more information on the PSAT test go to https://www.olatheschools.org/Page/10734.

4. Attendance Reminder - Please allow a 30-minute notice in order to call your student out of class. Students are not allowed to leave campus without a parent calling into the attendance office. Students will be sent a blue permit to leave pass and will be allowed to leave at the time stated. When a student returns to campus they must check-in at the attendance window. Thank you!

5. JCCC College Now - Information is posted on the OW website under COUNSELING/SERVICES tab. Our building contact is senior counselor, Natalie Schmidt-Konkel and deadline to enroll is SEPT 17. Students in College Now-eligible classes have been invited to get enrollment help during AI time on Tuesday, September 7th or Tuesday, September 14th. They can pick up an AI pass from the senior office.

6. Senior Formal Portrait Dates: September 24 & October 22. If you are a senior, this is a requirement. If you have already gotten your photo taken with Strawbridge on July 29 or August 5, you are taken care of. If not, please click on the Sign Up Genius link for more information and to select a time slot on one of those dates. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48A9AB2FA7F85-senior

I think that is everything. Big night at CBAC as our varsity boys soccer team takes on BVSW in the first game of the year! Two powerhouse programs so it should be a good match! I hope you come out tonight to support the Owls. Football will also be out at CBAC hosting their preseason Jamboree. Miege, BVNW, SME and OW will scrimmage in the football stadium. 2 sports - 1 location! Hope to see you there!

Have a good weekend! Holler if you need me!
Jay Novacek
Principal

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