

Community Update

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Welcome back to another great school year! Next week will mark the official start of school, but the buildings have already been “a buzz” with activity. Summer projects are being finished up, custodians are putting the finishing touches on the immaculate classrooms and halls, teachers are finalizing their classrooms and lesson, and sports and extracurriculars have been hard at work conditioning and preparing for the season! Our new K-12 principal, Heath Huffman, and our K-12 assistant principal, Becky Rosenbauer, have been equally hard at work making preparations for the first day and beyond so our students and staff can have a great start to the school year. I’m very excited for next week as it gives us the opportunity to put all our preparations in motion and continue to build on the many successes from last school year. Your students will see some new curriculums this year as part of our District Leadership Team initiative to streamline our curriculum and build a better foundation for learning. I’m equally excited for our new staff to start as each of them brings their unique talent and skills to the classroom. Despite their unique talents, they share a common trait of excitement for teaching and learning and, just as significantly, a passion to be part of a proud community and school! While education is imperative, we cannot begin to focus on learning until we can provide a safe environment. I’m pleased to say that we are continuing to be proactive on our school safety measures. Our School Safety Committee met last week and made plans to provide more intensive Safety/ALICE training for our staff on our September 1st professional development day. While we have maintained and updated a strong safety plan and continued to educate our staff, this is the next step in practicing those plans in more realistic scenarios with the assistance of the Hancock County Sheriff and our School Resource Officers.

A few dates to note, hopefully you can make it out tonight to cheer on the football team as they take on Hardin-Northern in a scrimmage. Additionally, the girls’ soccer team will travel to Lima Senior tomorrow evening. Finally, we’ll look forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher/Open House starting at 6pm on Tuesday. Go Hornets!