

Happy Friday! I hope this update finds you doing well and enjoying the weather! Congratulations to the boys' and girls' soccer teams for their victories in the first round of tournament play! Both teams played quite well despite the blustery conditions and advanced to the next round. The boys will take on Mansfield Christian on Saturday while the girls travel to Van Buren. Good luck to both teams!

Good luck also to the football team tonight as they host Riverdale! Come on out tonight to help us recognize our senior football players and their parents before their final home game. Also, hopefully you'll have a chance to stop by Vo-Ag shop during and after the game to partake in the Harvest Fest event hosted by our Art Club, FCCLA, and FFA programs.

Speaking of recognizing people, I'd like to mention two efforts from our staff members which will have a great impact upon our students. Our K-6 staff is implementing a before-school reading initiative for our elementary students. While they eat breakfast or wait to be dismissed to the classroom students will have the opportunity to hear from staff readers, read on their own, or read to a younger student. On the high school side, one of our newest teachers, Joe Faine (and our HS guidance counselor, Melissa McFarland) spent this week doing formal interviews with many of his students. While other classes and groups touch on this topic, Mr. Faine's class provides an opportunity to take a close look at resume writing and interviewing skills that will serve our students well beyond their time here. Perhaps the best outcome was how some of the students who might not be comfortable in a large group setting really excelled in a one-on-one interview. While these two initiatives may seem small compared to the enormity of the focus being given to state testing, standards, and mandates it is nice to note how our staff works hard every day to ensure we have a broad and significant impact on student success.

Finally, don't forget about the board candidates' forum next Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-8:30pm (following the OHSAA Parent Meeting) in the cafeteria. This is an excellent opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their take on the issues that impact our school. Thanks, in advance, to Mrs. Stockwell, Mr. Wagner, and their student groups for organizing and moderating the event!