



PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS

District No. 2689

September Principal's Report: MS/HS

We are off to a great start at the Middle/High School! Students and staff have adjusted well to the start of the school year.

Cell Phone Policy

- The new policy has gone very well. We have had only two violations since the first day of school.
- Staff have been consistent in implementing the expectations.
- Lunchrooms and hallways are noticeably more social. Students are reading, playing cards and board games, talking, and laughing together.
- Many students have shared that they do not mind the policy.
- We are also seeing less hallway lag time and increased focus in classrooms.

Portrait of a Graduate

- Our first six-week focus is Collaborator.
- Staff received professional development on collaboration and are intentionally incorporating this attribute into classroom instruction.

New Staff

- Our new staff members have been welcomed and supported by their mentors and colleagues.
- I am proud of the teamwork and willingness of staff to help one another.

Middle School Mentoring

- We will restart our middle school mentoring program once things settle down.
- We look forward to continuing this important connection between students and community mentors.

Student/Staff Health

- We have had a number of students and staff absent due to illnesses circulating in the community.
- Staff have done a great job supporting one another and keeping things moving forward.

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