

School Update/Environment:

Happy New Year!! Reflecting on the past few months my heart is filled with appreciation for all that you do everyday to positively impact kids. Early in my career a mentor of mine used to say that next to ministry, teaching was the most noblest of professions. Over the years I have come to better understand this perspective. Teachers not only teach, but heal hearts, mend minds, and provide life lines to kids. There is no greater factor connected to student learning than quality teachers. Thanks to each of you for choosing to teach, and being part of the educational team at Manhattan High School.

This past fall I came across the following quote by Henry Ford, *"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."* I found this quote particularly inspiring as I watched people across our school continually rise to the occasion in times of need and find success. This includes the front office, kitchen, custodians, substitutes, athletics, administration, and instructional staff.

I would like to recognize Coach Sime, Mrs. Miller, and Mr. Ballantyne. Each of these people demonstrated courage and fortitude this fall. When MHS was faced with challenges they chose to step forward instead of standing by. Coach Sime and Mr. Ballantyne overcame adversity and stabilized athletic programs while Mrs. Miller took a chance on our kids, and successfully hosted Shakespeare in the Schools. You put our belief, "a cooperative effort for achieving excellence in all things" into action. Job well done!

Upcoming Events:

- District P.I.R., January 3, (8:30- 3:15)

MTSS with Matthew Johson followed by subject area curriculum work

- High School Staff Meeting, January 4th, (3:30 - 4:00)
- End of 1st Semester, January 14th

Semester Tests schedule TBD

Subtle Reminders:

- MHS, goal #1, provide a safe, positive environment that is focused on learning.
- Smile, keep your chin up, and have a little fun each day.
- Extra duties are listed on the weekly announcements, be sure to show up.
- Take attendance every period, use hall passes when students are out of class.

Quote: *"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."* - John Wayne-

Closing Message: Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the high school, allow 24 hour response time to messages.

Take care, *Mr. Slater*