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# Harrisburg School District



**September 8**  
**Crime Prevention Forum**

**September 9**  
**Eagle Mania**

**September 12**  
**Board Meeting**

**September 29**  
**HES Curriculum night**

**September 30**  
**Curriculum Day**

**October 7**  
**Homecoming**

**October 10**  
**Board Meeting**

**October 14**  
**Statewide Inservice**

**October 27**  
**End of first nine weeks**

**October 28**  
**Grading Day**

**November 4**  
**Curriculum Day**



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## THOUGHTS FROM THE Superintendent

As we begin another great year in the Harrisburg Schools it is hard to believe summer is coming to an end. Our teachers and staff are excited to be back working with the children and parents who come through the doors every day. We will continue the emphasis from last year of rigor, relevance and relationship in every classroom.

Our new staff includes Josh Stauber as high school principal. He was the life science teacher the past five years at the high school. Also at the high school, Mary Ahern, counselor, Shannon McIntyre, business teacher, Amy James, math teacher, Hailey Hoiland, Language Arts and AVID elective teacher and Sawyer Watson, life science teacher. New at the middle school is Alexandra Wood, special education teacher and Gary Ishizaki, math teacher. New at the elementary school is Angie Knox, 4th grade teacher and Lucilla Butler, Life Skills teacher.

All staff spent two hours of in-service learning some best practices on Monday, August 22nd. Our AVID trained teachers led everyone through COSTA's levels of learning, and how to write an essential question plus other student engagement and collaborative strategies. Everyone is excited to learn how to use these strategies in their classrooms.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who worked hard on revamping our football field with a new drainage system. This effort was led by our head football coach Scott Phelps. We had donations from Hayworth Farms, Langdon Farms, David Burkey and Knife River. Others who donated were Malpass Farms, City of Harrisburg, Bill Roulard, Eugene Sand

and Gravel, Conveyered Aggregate Deliver, Wilco Harrisburg, Pacific Ag, Bret Skiles, Ed Ethell, Pat McKibben, Detering Orchards, Thomas Family, Randy Klemm, Reed Anderson and Harrisburg Booster Club. The field looks good and will be ready for our first home game.

This football season will be difficult with the loss of our beloved assistant coach Eric Knox. The team will wear a decal on their helmets, EK50. Other activities are being discussed as to how to honor Eric's service to the community. A memorial fund has been established in Eric's name with the intent of providing funding for future scholarships for graduates from Harrisburg High School.

On Thursday, September 8, Harrisburg School District will host the Harrisburg Crime Prevention Forum. It will be at the high school library beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will discuss emergency preparedness, what parents can do and what the school district staff plans to do in emergency situations. Lt. Michelle Duncan from the Linn County Sheriff's office will join me and give first responders perspective and the plans they have in place.

It is important to begin strong attendance patterns early in your son/daughters education. Good attendance will equate into more opportunities for student success. One of the district goals is to improve student attendance. We have a revised policy being followed at each school beginning this school year. It takes all of us working together to provide a successful school experience for the students. It is truly a honor to serve as Superintendent of Harrisburg Schools.

## School delays and Closures

We've added a link to the front page of our district website. If you click on emergency closures in the right hand column, it will take you to an informational page. This way you can sign up for your very own flash alert notification via email or free app on your cell phone.

## School Board/District Goals for 2016-17

1. Continue to improve student achievement by implementing effective instructional strategies and using a data driven k-12 program.
2. Improve student attendance district wide.
3. Continue the implementation of the new teacher and Principal evaluation system to recognize and enhance growth, effectiveness and performance.
4. Recruit and retain highly effective staff by providing high quality professional growth opportunities.
5. Provide facilities that enable, inspire and empower success. That are safe, secure and inviting and meet the diverse needs of all students, staff and the broader community, while fostering the importance of student success.