## September Parent Update and Information

Principal Message:

-SAVE THE DATE: David Fornshell from the Warren County Prosecutor's office will be in on 10/5 to speak to 7-12 grade parents on the issues students are facing with cell phones, social media, and technology. Please note that the date sent out in the last newsletter was incorrect, and this is a new date! The presentation will take place during parent teacher conferences from 6-7pm in the Spartan Room. We have had several incidents with these issues already this year, and we want parents to understand the severity of their students' actions so that we can be on the same page with them on how schools have to deal with these issues. If you are unable to attend, please understand that our administrative staff investigates all of these issues to the fullest extent, and unfortunately, this is becoming a very big issue that takes away from us focusing on the education of our students. Please speak with your children about these issues and also about the information shared with them at the assembly that they had with David Fornshell.

-As a Reminder: The Elementary parking lot is the parent drop-off location for students in grades 6-12. Until 7:30 am, entry into the lot in front of the Middle School is for our seniors, staff, and visitors who have been assigned parking passes for that area and should not be used as a dropoff prior to the start of the school day at 7:30am.

-We are excited for **Homecoming** week next week! We will be doing daily spirit days as well as a hallway decorating contest at the end of the week. Students will be able to walk in Friday morning and see their decorated hallways. We have many fun things planned throughout the week:

- 9/25: Pajama Day
- 9/26: Country vs Country Club
- 9/27: Barbie vs Superheroes
- 9/28: Throwback Thursday (Decades Day)
  - Also from 2:30-6pm we will have time for students to decorate their designated hallway
- 9/29: Spirit Day (each grade wears a different color)

- Our students will be going over **Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies** (PBIS) matrices in each of their classes. Teachers will go over the expectations of behavior that we want all Spartans to have starting next week. This is a positive way of communicating and helping with behavior as a learned process just like any other subject that they learn. We want all students to be Ready, Responsible, and Respectful. Students are rewarded with Spartan Star cards and get quarterly reward opportunities for these cards as well as getting immediate rewards if they are a winner on their scratch off ticket.

## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

9/25-9/29: Spirit Week 9/30: Homecoming for HS students at Waynesville Fall Fest 10/2: Pictures for 7-9th grade students 10/4: Pictures for 10, 11 and any 12th grade student who may still need their picture taken. 10/5: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7pm 10/5: Prosecutor David Fornshell speaking 6-7 pm in the Spartan Room 10/13: End of Quarter 1 10/16: No School

Senior timeline for the year will be coming out next week and will be emailed to senior parents and students.