

## Message from the Principal, Mr. Madsen

I am really excited about the new school year. It is amazing how fast the summers go by. We have a great team of teachers, students and support people, which will make for a great year. We have two new teachers on our staff. Chelsee Alvey is our new Language Arts teacher and will be teaching 11th and 12th grade Language Arts. Devin Woolsey is our new 9th grade Language Arts Teacher and will also be teaching Spanish. We have hired Natalie Ingram as an Instructional Assistant to help our students.

The 5x5 set block schedule has opened new options for our students. We now have A schedule on Mondays, Wednesdays and some Fridays. We have the B schedule on Tuesday, Thursdays, and some Fridays. This helps with our students taking college classes in Richfield and through our ednet system. It also allows students that are going to be missing certain days of the week for activities to have a light schedule in the afternoons of those days. We are also revolving activities to different days so students don't miss the same day every week.

I hope parents are using Canvas to check on school grades and communicate with Teachers. It is also great to get the Canvas app as a way to quickly check grades and class schedules.

We would like to thank Hunter Cornelius for doing a great job of redesigning the SS on the hill and getting them painted. He spent a lot of time and effort getting them done and had lots of great help. The next thing to look at would be to get them lighted for different occasions. This project is costly and we will look at options.

The booster club is in the process of designing a pavilion by the outside concession booth. We would like to thank Booster Club President Barbara Larsen and her staff for all of their hard work in getting this and other activities planned and completed.

This is a great time to sit down with your students and set some goals with high expectations for this coming year. It is important that our students know what we expect from them. Students need to train as if everyday is game day. They need to work hard every day to be successful. Our students need to have that mentality regarding school.

At the end of each day on Monday through Thursday we have an opportunity for students to come into Ramtime and get help or expand their knowledge. School is not out until 3:05 and this is part of the regular school day so the buses don't leave until after this time. We do not start any activities until after this time period. It is a great chance for students to get the help they need to be successful.

This year we are implementing a new Citizenship Policy. This is based on attendance and behavior. This policy can be found on our website in the student handbook.

Parents have an opportunity to have input in the money spent and what happens at school through the Community Council. Becky Bastion is the chair and Joelle Eyre is the assistant chair. The complete list of members is on the school website as well as the meeting schedule and expenditures of trustlands money. All members of the community are welcome to come to the community council meetings.

We have a great student body and a great staff. We also appreciate our school community. You are a great support to the school's academic and extracurricular programs. We appreciate your input. We are always willing to try new ideas to better our school.

Thanks again for your support.