

Brandon Bates Administrative Report

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- The 1st week of school for 2020-2021 is in the books. It certainly wasn't like the usual start of school. I do want to recognize the Herculean efforts put forth by the teachers and office staff preparing for the return school. Whether it be face to face or virtual, the amount of hours planning for the fall were immense. In many ways we're all like first year educators being asked to do things in ways we've never dreamed of. I wasn't sure what to expect on the first day back but my teachers have been nothing short of amazing. Nothing but positivity, creativity, flexibility, and genuine excitement for being able to once again do what they love. Same goes for the students. I think they enjoyed seeing their teachers again as much as the teachers did seeing them walking the halls again. We are making the best of a tough situation!
- We now have close to 125 students that are learning virtually full time this semester. Stacy Morrow has been truly amazing facilitating and organizing the program in order to set our students up for success.
- The senior class will have the opportunity to take the SAT on Oct. 14th. Normally all juniors take the test in the spring time but due to COVID they were unable to. We are highly encouraging all seniors to take the SAT but it is optional for them.
- Teachers and students have been adjusting to the virtual hour. The students will be using Khan Academy for SAT prep. We began introducing Khan to the students this week and the teachers and students are still learning the in's and out's of the program. We are asking that the students practice for 30-45 min. each day. This is in addition to any small group instruction, reteaching, or mental health check-ins that may be going on during that time.