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**I. Freshman Mentoring Program**

The junior and senior students who are serving as mentors were here on August 10<sup>th</sup> in preparation for their mentoring activities. As usual they will be responsible for organizing the first day of school for the freshmen and new students. The mentors will help them with high school concerns freshmen have such as finding their rooms and teaching them how to study for tests and manage their time. The mentors also prepare skits each year so they can cover discipline issues such as tardies, absences, and the dress code. During the actual school year, each mentor will be responsible for two to three freshmen and will be involved in helping them acclimate to high school.

**II. Enrollment:** We had a good turnout for enrollment. We currently sit at 256 students. At this time, we have added 16 new students and lost 8.

**III. Changes at the HS this year:**

**Daily Lessons:** All teachers will have their daily lessons on the school website. To find the daily lesson go to the school website <http://www.wellsville-usd289.org/>

- Under the Schools tab click High School.
- On the left side of the page click High School Teacher Pages.
- Click on the teachers your student has.
- Material covered will be posted for each day. Absent students are encouraged to visit this website, see what they missed, and print it right from that screen.

**Career Counselor:** This year we have hired a Career Counselor. Mrs. Ladewig has been a high school counselor at Marais Des Cygne Valley for the last four years. She will be meeting with all students one on one once a year to talk about career cruising and what careers they are interested in. She will also be scheduling a meeting with each family once a year to talk about careers, test scores, mapping out the rest of high school...

**Reading Program:** All students have a reading seminar for 25 minutes a day. We will be using the ACT Aspire Test that students took last year for student placement. Freshman/Sophomore students that need extra support will be in a reading seminar that will receive support via Istation.

At the high school level, grades and credit are earned by successfully completing each semester of a course. At the end of the nine weeks we will continue to send out a progress report that tells what grade the student has at the halfway mark of the semester. The semester grade is the only grade that will be on the student's transcript. We will no longer have nine weeks grades.

**IV.** We are requiring all athletes to watch a concussion video and a heat/illness video before they have their first practice again this year. Our coaches have to take an online course and take a test as well.