

Good Evening,

This is Jayme Cardinal, Principal at Heaton calling with announcements for the week of August 26<sup>th</sup> through August 29<sup>th</sup>

1. I hope everyone had a nice and relaxing holiday weekend. School resumes tomorrow, Tuesday, September 3.
2. If you have not completed the forms from the first day of school, please complete those and return them with your child. Thank you in advance for helping us to update your child's information.
3. September starts **National Attendance Awareness Month**. During the month of September, I will be highlighting different information regarding attendance and absenteeism. Throughout the course of the year, I will be providing timely data about our attendance data. Things to take note of:
  - a. Heaton has a chronic absenteeism issue. We had 65% of the student body last year with 10 or more absences. As I have stated in the past, this is ALARMING.
  - b. Our goal is to have a 95% of our students be attendance DAILY.
  - c. This year, ALL STUDENTS will have a CORE CLASS during 7<sup>th</sup> hour. We saw large numbers of students being checked out during 7<sup>th</sup> hour—last year. Core classes are Math, English, Science and Social Studies. Please allow your child to stay in school for the FULL day. Please make appointments on Friday if possible. Thank you in advance.
  - d. This year, we will be focusing our resources on students who are close to being chronic or are considered chronically absent. This campaign will include support from our community advocate, behavior interventionists, counselors and administrative team.
  - e. Additionally, the district, via our Community Advocate is providing incentives for students who are in full attendance for the month. More information to follow on that.
  - f. We recognize that chronic absences and absenteeism needs to be a team effort to support the needs of our students. If you have concerns about your child's attendance, please reach out to us for support.
4. Good luck to all our sports teams this week. Volleyball, softball and CC have matches/games this week.

Please contact the school office with any questions 549-7420.