

Principal

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Frank Brattin Middle School



Introduction

"I am very excited about what Mr. Haslem has to offer our district. He is a certified administrator who will be in his first year as a principal. He is very enthusiastic and has experience with some of the key initiatives that our district is currently undertaking.

Mr. Haslem is a very likable individual that has a plethora of experience in middle school and serving at-risk students. I believe him to be a "no-nonsense" type of leader that is willing to embrace new ideas with the greater organization in mind."

- by Robert "Bob" Lewandowski, Superintendent

Welcome to a great new year!

The girls (Hannah and Clara) and I are just as excited about the new year as all of you. It is a time for new things. For some of us, it is a new town, new schools, new parks to explore, and new friends to make. For others, it is a new advisor, new teachers, new schedule, and a new principal. What an adventure Middle School will be this year!

One of the major changes this year will be the positive impact our **Advisory Program** will have on building long lasting relationships with students and families.

An advisor will be assigned to each student with a small number of students forming an *Advisory*. Among other aspects, the student and his/her family will continue to have that advocate at school for the duration of their middle school experience.

A focus on the entire Middle School experience spills over into our academics and exploration into many other fields of study. Our music department has expanded to include a full day of scheduling providing more opportunities for students. We welcome Mrs. Kayla Kester (Torgerson) back to her hometown as the middle school music director. Our Industrial Arts, Art, Family Consumer Science, and Computer Technology classes are now being offered to all students including 6th grade. In addition to these electives, our students will have an opportunity to explore the language of Spanish. We are looking at the entire three year experience and finding ways to create opportunities for learning.

We have a wonderful and diligent staff eager to embrace this experience and help navigate our students through this all too memorable adventure. We have great parents who remember what it was like to go through middle school and need only be reminded that untied shoelaces and ripped jeans are a world shattering crisis. We are all given the honor of raising these kids whether it be for a lifetime or just three turbulent years. If there is anything we can do to help, please call upon us here at Frank Brattin Middle School.

Let's all have a great year and enjoy this next adventure!

Sincerely,

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