

Charger Notes December 1, 2013

Greetings from the School and belated Thanksgiving wishes! We have so much to be thankful for in SW MN and I can't imagine a better place to live, work and raise a family. In my opinion, our kids are the most well rounded in the Midwest because they have small town living, multicultural schools that know everyone with safe communities that have city law enforcement to compliment the county. At the same time they also have access to the world like the big city kids through school and the internet. There are countless young people who never leave the big city and it's a shame they do not get to see what our kids do. I feel our students are a pretty good judge of character and I am thankful that we have not had any tragedies of a young person getting hurt like we hear all too often in the news. I often think that God's sides often hurt laughing at knowing how he is paying me back for all the worrying I caused my mother. Worrying about 4 daughters and a vulnerable son is something I never thought of during the wedding vows nearly 22 years ago.

As we keep in mind the Thanksgiving for all that we have in SW MN, we enter the season of advent and the season of giving. As I sit with my school hat on I am blessed to be in a district in which I am able to find so many people that give of their time and / or their money. Whether it's the spirit of the Walnut Grove pageant and community members that remain strong to this day or the spirit of the Westbrook area that keeps a small hospital, golf course and other localities alive; we are in a great spot. Over the years and behind the scenes, the many Clubs of our school district have been very generous with their support of the schools and our kids have benefitted immensely! I am also thankful to have folks out in the district that I have asked for financial support of a project that pops up throughout the year. It never ceases to amaze me how folks after being asked will step up for kids and a great project! The school has also become a great stop for folks that want to drop off clothes, toys and other things for kids and families. I have enjoyed being a "furniture broker" over the years getting families in need hooked up with somebody else's second hand stuff. There are many ways to make a difference in the lives of kids and I hope that during this season and long into the future that we can continue to be generous to kids and their families. If you have a subject area or an activity that is near and dear to you and you want ideas to benefit the area with your time and / or talents, please contact me to discuss how you can make a difference in this district! Have a great December everyone and enjoy all our winter concerts and athletic events!