



# Kennett High School



Principal's Report  
January 12, 2015

**During the month of January, these are the topics of discussion:**

## Priorities

1. Kennett High School will host a social and internet safety forum on January 27<sup>th</sup> in the Loynd Auditorium. The sudden rise in digital media access and evolving internet applications from Instagram, to Twitter and Yik Yak, have brought with it a host of new problems for parents and schools. The rise of cyber bullying and sexting is one of the fastest growing problems to emerge during the past few years. We urge all parents to attend this forum to familiarize themselves with these emerging technologies and learn symptoms to identify cyber problems and strategies for having conversations with their child.

## Identified Improvement Targets in Progress

1. A late work policy work group has begun looking into our school wide practice regarding student late work. Teachers and students will examine the latest research and existing school wide practice and draft a recommendation back to the faculty early next year. A faculty wide Google document has been created so that the faculty can keep track of the progress, post questions directly to the group and also read the article and research that the late work group is studying.
2. We have reviewed the statistical tardy and absence data for the first quarter to measure the impact of our new tardy procedure. We have seen a marked decrease in tardies, 51% less and have also seen an overall decrease in the number of student absences, 7% less.

Tardies	OVERALL (13-14)	OVERALL (14-15)
Week #16	4903	2381 (-51%)

Absences	OVERALL (13-14)	OVERALL (14-15)
Through (12/12/14)	3061	2849 (-7%)

3. The Eagle Academy Graduation was held on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in the Loynd Auditorium. This was the fifteenth class to graduate from Eagle academy and we extend hearty congratulations to the 16 students who graduated and salute their hard work and determination to complete their high school diploma.

### Staff and Student Accomplishments

1. The German Honor Society students donated \$500 to the Gibson Center and another \$500 to the humane society as part of their season of giving community service activities last month. They raised the funds through their Yankee Candle fund raiser this fall.
2. The Kennett High hockey team held their first annual holiday Teddy Bear Toss prior to their first home hockey game last month. They collected 75 teddy bears and also raised \$84 all donated to the Kiwanis Club for our community families!



