

It wouldn't be a new year without an update on education. Enter stage left: Mark Kahler, Principal of Citrus High School. Filled with information to share, Mr. Kahler began by thanking us for our continued support of our high school's students and staff. And, he did emphasize, that while our efforts with scholarships, Interact and S4TL are all very much appreciated, our "Welcome Back Breakfast" could be the hit of the year! Work well done fellow Rotarians.

On the school/education front: CHS had a 93% graduation rate and scores were up in every area. The high school has a new football coach, Daryl Nobles. He brings a strong work ethic, and he also brings a strong desire to get the football team "involved" in serving the community. This is a very interesting idea that could benefit many organizations in our community. Also on tap is an all-inclusive Citrus High School "Booster" club that will raise funds to be shared with all the different school sports. Academically, Mr. Kahler addressed the different academies that are available throughout the school system, but in particular at CHS. They have a well-established computer academy where students can earn certification in different disciplines prior to graduation. Also available is a construction academy that develops skills in construction, plumbing and electricity and offers apprenticeships in the different areas. And coming soon....Welding! Lastly, on an interdisciplinary note, the Ag and Drafting department are now collaborating on planning and designing new structures to expand the Ag department's focus to include a green house and other animal care structures. Folks, our students are definitely in good hands at our high school.

Update from Darrick Buettner:

- * Reminder that with the start of school, we will need to park in the back lot. Let's get started now.
- *Wifi will be available for a window of time while we are at the facility. The security of this access will be strictly monitored. Directions were given out. Ask if you need help.
- *Wasps – please report any insect encounters to Darrick or the front desk for immediate attention. This is a safety issue for all.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DARRICK FOR ALL HIS EFFORTS IN MAKING US WELCOME AT WTC.

Club News:

- *July 22 – Fireside Chat with Ken Fagan 12 noon on zoom
- *July 24 – Feed Citrus 7am Citrus County Fairgrounds
- *July 30 – Club Boot Camp 12 noon at WTC
- *Aug 1 – Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 7am CHS cafeteria

Next Week: Michael Dandurand, Pres. Elect, will update the club on board activities and upcoming plans.

Happy/sad - \$129
50/50 – Ken Fagan

Until next week.....give peace a chance.