

Chromebook loaning updates

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"They use it for school, but over the summer, they probably didn't charge it, or they didn't use it. Whatever happens, it may not work, especially batteries. If you don't charge it, they may stop working. ... I think we're using the brand new ones now because we ran out of the stockpile. We don't have more than about 10 left," Ding said.

As a result, the school has had to change its priorities. Associate Prin-

cipal Omar Davis said that these priorities come in two tiers. The first tier concerns include physical damage or an inability to use the Chromebook.

"If your screen is cracked [or] if there is a major malfunction or damage to your Chromebook, and you bring it down for repair, our priority is making sure you have a replacement or loaner [to use] instead," Davis said.

The second tier will be those students whose Chromebook isn't charged. Junior Mathew Rusky has borrowed a Chromebook from the IT department

on three occasions, each time because he left his at home. He isn't very concerned with the change.

"I don't know if it's going to affect me too much. Hopefully, I'll be a little bit wiser, and I keep my Chromebook on me," Rusky said.

The greatest effect this has on the IT department is that the staff has had to place a higher emphasis on repairs.

"[T]hey've just had to be mindful of their current fleet of loaners. If we can take your Chromebook and fix it right away, then let's do that," Davis said.

Early bird PE for varsity athletes



The new early bird PE allows some football players to prepare for games.

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Junior and team quarterback Cole Warehime spoke on how this helps with team bonding.

"I like the idea of it, and I think it really helps our team bond a little better together. ... On Wednesdays we study the other teams' film. It helps us

prepare for the game on Friday," Warehime said.

Nevrly also said the classroom day has a weekly quiz and spoke about what that quiz entails.

"The assessments of and assessments for learning are based on different things they need to know during the week. It could be related to their athletic activity; it could be related to nutrition; it could be related to physical fitness," Nevrly said.

For now, the class has been piloted for just one semester, but Molinari said he can see the benefits of this class to students and hopes to see more classes like this in the future.

"Yeah I think it's good: kids want to have an ability to take an extra elective class....Some kids just need to have a study hall in their day, and it gives them a little bit more freedom," Molinari said.

More swipes, fewer detentions

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"Now the administrative offices are tracking tardies where prior to that it was teacher discretion to keep track of tardies. We would put a tardy into teacher access center or home access center, where we basically put attendance in, and nothing [would] happen within unless we issued consequences," Caldwell said.

Students who are late 10 minutes or less to their first period and five minutes or less are required to

visit these stations.

Sophomore Ryan Paradis expressed uncertainty about the swipe stations.

"Well, I mean they have their pros and cons. It's definitely easier and doesn't take up as much class time as a teacher writing it out, but it can make it look like you're later than you really were," Paradis said.

Junior Caleb DeBoer discussed the swipe system and found the newly overhauled tardiness guidelines rather appealing.

"It just makes it easier for the student. It's not hard. All you have to do is go up to the swipe station,

get a ticket and give it to the teacher," DeBoer said.

In the past, he first tardy is recorded and the student is notified. Two or three tardies lead to a detention and a call home. A fourth or fifth tardy lead to a dean's referral with two to four hour long detentions, respectively. Tardies after the fifth would result in a four-hour long detention and a dean's referral.

"I am in favor of them for the reason that there is consistency....Ultimately as a teacher, I'd rather my students be fifteen seconds late to class than sitting in the in-school suspension room," Caldwell said.

3 athletic leadership clubs join to form new 'LOAM' group

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Over the summer DGS decided to merge its three leadership clubs, SAALT, JKB and Superfans. They were shaped into a new club called Life of a Mustang [LOAM]. This new club was brought together after JKB was discontinued last year. This club will now include students from all kinds of backgrounds and involvement.

Seniors Ben Skibbe and Maddie Puccillo were original members of these clubs. They spoke about their thoughts on these changes and the decisions to combine the three clubs..

"I was pretty upset. I know it [JKB] did a ton of good things for the school, so hearing it end it was kind of sad, and I was worried what group would take over because JKB did so much for the school," Puccillo said.

With some old members upset, they also felt like the core of the club was still there within the new LOAM club. The club's main mission is to not only promote an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug free lifestyle, but to bring people from diverse backgrounds together in order to better DGS.

"It is a really great experience that shapes people into great leaders. It is not only an opportunity to become a leader but to be shaped into one," Skibbe said.

These clubs were brought together because they all had similar missions and goals of helping the community while

also trying to unify DGS. Each club was in a situation where they needed to merge together in order to keep running, so they decided to expand the clubs diversity while still keeping the mission of leadership.

LOAM is a club for leaders within the community of DGS that are involved in either athletics or activities.

Student activities director Jennifer Martinez had the idea to combine these clubs over the summer and is curious to see what this year has in store.

"I think once we figure out year one, then I think it will soar, and if LOAM goes away, I think the ideal won't go away. LOAM is solid. It's our family and Mustang community, and I think that's forever," Martinez said.

The new club would like to try and preserve their key message by promoting the four main pillars of the club: school spirit, school improvement, athletics/activities and philanthropy.

Matthew Quatman, one of the teachers in charge of the group is hopeful for the new club because of the changes being implemented, and he discussed the work and ideas of the club members.

"Now is the time to be free and keep your brain fresh to come up with these outstanding ideas. The things that these kids have come up with in these past couple weeks is very open, and bringing in new voices and faces [to the school]. That's what this school is--it's about bringing these people together," Quatman said.



Members of LOAM club working together to paint their wooden walkway.

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