

Board Report  
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Jim Knott - Principal  
Douglas County West High School

**Wow... it is upon us!** The new school year always brings with it a renewed excitement for students, staff, and parents. However, this year seems to bring even more excitement with completion or near completion of all the new facilities. From the gym refresh, to the middle school/fine arts addition, along with the eventual opening of the high school fitness center and locker rooms, it is a GREAT time to be a Falcon! It has been especially amazing to watch the transformation of our campus over the summer as the new facilities took their final form. The amount of facility work done in our district over the last few years is truly staggering. I would like to extend a special thank you to Scott Perrigo and his crew for their efforts in supporting the construction crews as well as taking on the usual grind of summer projects.

Every new school year also brings new faces to our team. This year at the high school, we will have six new teachers. Their names and a brief bio are listed below. Please stop by and meet them at open house on Monday, August 14, from 6:30-8:00.

**Lisa Benson** – Mrs. Benson is originally from Omaha and has lived all over the world due to her husband's military career. She has taught middle and high school French in Oklahoma and Missouri during her career. Mrs. Benson will be teaching all High School French classes along with two sections of Middle School World Language.

**Gisele Daigle** – Mrs. Daigle is a retired Spanish and French teacher from Elkhorn High School. She has worked part-time for DC West in the past as a long-term substitute in the World Language Department. Mrs. Daigle will teach two sections of Spanish II, one section of Spanish III, and one section of Spanish IV.

**Maggy Dailey** – Ms. Dailey is originally from Wahoo and attended the University of Oklahoma in Norman. She taught two and a half years of English at Noble High School in Oklahoma and is looking forward to moving back to Nebraska. Ms. Dailey will teach English 9, Honors English 9, and Digital Journalism at DC West High School. She will also coach the Dance Team.

**Kristi Eggen** – Mrs. Eggen is a Waterloo resident and has been teaching at Joslyn Elementary and Beveridge Middle School in Omaha since 2010. She will teach Practical English 9, English 9 Support, and Digital Journalism at DC West High School. Mrs. Eggen is very excited to be teaching in her home community.

**Taylor Hyatt** – Mr. Hyatt taught one year of High School Science at Gretna and seven years of Science at Garden County High School in Oshkosh, NE. He was also the head XC coach at Garden County. Mr. Hyatt will teach Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, Anatomy/Physiology, and Physics at DC West High School.

**Jared Wiemer** – Mr. Wiemer previously taught four years of High School ELA at Newman Grove and two years of ELA at Logan View High School. He also coached Speech and One Act at both Newman Grove and Logan View. Mr. Wiemer will teach English 11, Honors English 11, Metro Composition II, and Metro Ethnic Literature.