

SPRINGDALE SCRAPBOOK

*"In Springdale we believe in children,
their potential and their promise."*

~ Dr. Jim Rollins, Superintendent

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Elementary schools will be hosting an open house from 4-6 p.m. on August 14. Middle schools will have an open house on the same day from 5-8 p.m.

Springdale High will kickoff its football season at home against Jefferson City, Mo. on September 5.

Har-Ber will also begin its football season on September 5 with an away game at Greenwood.

HAR-BER PREPARES SOPHOMORE LEADERS

School doesn't officially start in the Springdale School District until August 18, but new sophomores at Har-Ber High are already getting familiar with the school.

Since the opening of Har-Ber in 2005, students transitioning from junior high to high school have taken part in the Sophomore Leadership Conference at the school. There were two conference sessions available to students who wished to participate - one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

"The reason you are here is so that we can instill in you and give you a vision of what life is like at Har-Ber," Kim Oliver, Har-Ber Student Council sponsor, told the group of almost 50 new sophomores who came to learn about their new school during the morning session.

During each of the 90-minute sessions, students heard from guest speakers Lynsey Reynolds, Jeremy Ford, and Chris Wood, who are all faculty at the school. The three presenters focused on the topics "Leadership" and "Excellence."

"I feel like we tell kids to be leaders

but we don't give them direction on how to do it," said Oliver. "This is a way that we can give them concrete ideas on how to lead."

In addition to hearing from guest speakers, students participated in a question and answer session and were lead on brief tours of the school by current Student Council members at Har-Ber.



At the end of each session, students were encouraged to set goals for themselves for the coming year and display those goals in their lockers as a daily reminder.

Students also formulated a "POA" (Plan of Action) and came up with five things that they could do to be leaders on the first day of school. By the end of the day, nearly 140 students had come to learn about leadership and excellence as well as get to know the school and some of its teachers.

Even though school doesn't officially begin until August 18, many Har-Ber sophomores are already well-prepared to embark on their high school careers.