

## it begins...

As we embark upon the 2020-2021 school year (and as you start your high school journey), let's immediately embrace that things won't look (or feel) the way they used to. But guess what? You're NOT alone. It looks (and feels) that way for ALL of us. In fact, every single person on this planet has had their lives interrupted and amended since March. But it's time for us to dust ourselves off, ROLL THE SLEEVES, and get to work!

My name is Dr. Hartnell, and I'll help you navigate these strange and unusual waters as your Advisory teacher. This is my 20th year teaching, and if you told me back in 2001 that I'd be starting a school year in a "virtual" setting, I would've laughed in your face... before hopping on my AOL dial-up to "surf the Web". But here we are.

Think of Advisory like an amped-up Homeroom. Essentially, I will be your Advisor for the next four years. It's my job to guide you through your Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year experiences. I'll hawk over your grades, remind you when it's time to sign up for the SATs, help you decide on what courses to take... and even pick out your tie for Homecoming (if need be, I'll show you how to tie a tie). When we return to in-person learning, this is the portion of the morning when daily attendance is taken and Morning Announcements are read.

## to recap...

- I'm Dr. Hartnell. I've been teaching for 20 years.
- This year will feel and look different from past years, but, to be honest, that's actually pretty cool.
- While most of your classes will be done via Schoology, make sure to find out what platform your teachers are using - AND THEN USE THEM! Let's not start your Freshman year in the hole.
- When in doubt, CONTACT YOUR TEACHERS!
  - Please keep in touch by messaging me on Schoology or sending me e-mails. I will send Advisory e-mails every Monday with news and updates for the week ahead.
  - My school e-mail is: hartnelb@wcsoh.org (NOTE: My e-mail address contains only one "L".)
  - Class website: DrHartnell.com
  - Twitter: @PresidentBeard
  - Instagram: @hartnelluniversity
  - Facebook: Facebook.com/DrHartnell
- I will hold a "Meet & Greet" for your Advisory on Schoology Conferences THIS Thursday (August 20th) at 8:00am (bright and early!). Pop by and introduce yourself. It'll be quick - 15 minutes max!
- To join Conferences, simply log into your Schoology account, go to your Advisory class, click the Conferences link on the left hand side, and join the "Meet & Greet". No passwords needed! It's that easy! SEE YOU THIS THURSDAY!