

It's hard to believe that our second semester is only a month away. The 2021 - 2022 school year is moving along at a brisk pace. Despite the challenges COVID has presented us with, our students and staff are embracing being back teaching and learning, in-person, as if nothing has changed.

Our mission at Mill River Union High School is, as a community, to best serve our students and maximize their learning potential. We are extremely proud of our small class sizes, extensive advanced placement (AP) offerings, and our ongoing commitment to and emphasis on a combination of academics, arts, and athletics. All of these lead to what we believe is a personalized, civically-minded, and academically excellent learning environment.

As I mentioned earlier, we started our school year much like in year's past. Teachers and students alike were excited to return to in-person learning, albeit embracing a new normal under specific COVID guidelines and protocols. Other than universal masking and distancing protocols during lunch activities, day to day operation of Mill River is much like any other year.

Mill River Union High School offers a multitude of extracurricular and athletic programs that are a crucial part of our students' and communities' lives. We offer a variety of programs, including baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, cross-country, Interact Club, Model UN, unified bowling, peer tutoring, skiing, snowboarding, Stage 20, Stage 40, yearbook, wrestling, rock climbing, geo-bee, golf, and student government. Our visual and performing arts programs are a highlight of MRU. Approximately 45% of our student body participates in the performing arts, which speaks wonders for the talents of our student body..

Our work in the classroom has also continued to grow and thrive. Teachers and students are continuing their path to proficiency-based learning and assessment. Students are able to personalize their education, all the while manipulating the content learned and applying it to real-world scenarios. No longer are our students just memorizing and forgetting what they have learned. They are obtaining and utilizing the skills necessary to critically think and analyze the world around them. Our learners are growing globally.

As you can see, Mill River Union High School is preparing our future graduates to be leaders, as well as responsible global citizens. Students are proud of their work and we are proud of them.

Thank you,

Tyler Weideman, Principal