

Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2014,

Welcome to Kirkwood High School. This will be the beginning of a very exciting time in your life. Together we will work hard, we will learn, we will grow, we will have fun and we will be **“RELENTLESS”**. I will be your principal and Mrs. Ann Krisman will be your secretary all four years that you are here and we look forward to getting to know each of you. Our office is always open and you can call us at anytime, 213-6113.

In case you hadn't heard, I'm just a little "intense". I set incredibly high expectations for myself and in turn have just as high expectations of you. Even though I'm starting my 21st year at KHS, the anticipation growing within me is enormous. I also feel your excitement and maybe some of your anxiety too. I understand how significant and meaningful your time with us will be.

Freshman year can be one of the most satisfying and also one of the most demanding years of High School. I know it's hard to envision, but things that you do this first year at KHS can effect where you spend the first year of college or the first year of your career. Middle School is past. What you decide to study, what you decide to spend your time on, what you decide to put your effort into really matters. Time will fly. In May you were in Middle School- now you are a Kirkwood High School Pioneer.

Come with your minds open, add red and white clothes to your closet (do away with of all your orange and black !) and be prepared for one of the most astonishing journeys ever!

I am excited as we begin this **RELENTLESS** journey at KHS together.

Mike Wade
Freshman Grade level Principal