

ANY QUESTIONS?



File photo

Students from Coventry High School are clearly marked as they help prospective students learn about being an Oaker.

Coventry High hosts community night next Wednesday for incoming students

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COVENTRY— Students and faculty at Coventry High School are hosting their fourth annual Community Night to welcome the upcoming class of 2018 and their parents.

The Community Night was started by Associate Principal for Student Services Lynne Burke three years ago as a way to give parents and student the opportunity to tour the school and learn what type of education the school has to offer.

She explained that the night has been well received since it came to fruition. Last year, approximately 400 people attended.

The first half of the evening mirrors a college fair, she said. Coordinators and students set up tables to offer information on the various school classes and extracurricular activities.

At each station will be pieces of student work, department and teacher awards and other items that show that Coventry High School provides quality education to students.

The eighth graders will have the opportunity to speak with curriculum coordinators and representatives from academic teams, after-school activities and athletic teams.

Burke explained that students and parents will

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receive a guided tour from a senior to some areas such as chemistry labs, art rooms, biology labs, library media center and career and technical programs.

She said students will be wearing "Ask Me" T-shirts to make it easy for students and parents to know who's available for questions and tours.

The second half of the evening, like last year, will give parents and students the opportunity to watch a video about the scheduling process and the various electives offered.

Students involved in the school's jazz band will be playing background music; they will also be available for questions if potential students are interested in signing up.

Members of the drama club, Burke said,

also put on a special presentation for the students, to show them what the club is capable of.

Two years ago, she said they surprised the students with a flash mob and the first year they did a pantomime.

"This event absolutely helps parents and the past three years we did a survey at the end and parents' comments have been appreciative that the students have had the opportunity to see the school, speak to students, learn about scheduling and the feedback was extremely positive," she added.

The Community Night will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Coventry High School, 40 Reservoir Road, and is open to all incoming freshmen and their families. Anybody attending the event is asked to enter the school through the cafeteria entrance near the flagpoles.