

# Link Crew connects new students to SHS community

## 2015-16 school year kicks off with transition program for freshmen, new students

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Each year, new students at Seaside High School are given an extra day to learn the ropes before embarking into the impending school year with the entire student body.

To kick off the 2015-16 school year, incoming freshmen and students new to the Seaside School District met Sept. 8 for Link Crew, a transition program that started at the high school about 20 years ago.

Students started the day with a large assembly in

the gymnasium led by Link Crew Coordinator Jeff Corliss, who also is the Woods teacher at Seaside High School.

Using activities and games, Corliss and 42 Link Crew Leaders, specially selected junior and senior leaders, introduced the new students to life at Seaside High School and general topics such as team-building, leadership and accountability.

"We have fun learning about the Seaside High School community within the school and the culture of the school," Corliss said. "The kids learn the best ways for them to be successful here at Seaside High School."

After the group assembly, students broke into groups

led by their Link Crew Leaders for more fun and training. The Link Leaders, who undergo two days of training, "know their stuff" and do the teaching on their own, calling on Corliss or an A-Team member if they have trouble, Corliss said.

The A-Team is a group of about five students who do "behind-the-scenes" work for the program. They fill in as needed, jumping into a group if a Link Leader doesn't show up or needs help; patrolling the halls during sessions; setting up and cleaning up; and helping with scheduling, Corliss said.

"They play just as important roll as the Link Leaders," he added.

With the help of their Link Leaders, the students

took a tour of the school, reviewed their schedules and visited each class for five minutes.

"This way we have fewer students in the hall on Tuesday," Corliss said. The program gives freshmen and new students "a chance to find their classes before Wednesday when the halls are full. On Tuesday, we also have the Link Crew Leaders in the halls to help students find their classrooms."

After the classroom portion, everyone met back in the gym for a closing assembly. They then had a chance to check their lockers, find classes again, make appointments with counseling if needed and take care of any last-minute preparations ahead of the school year.



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Incoming freshmen and students new to the district were given a day to transition during Seaside High School's Link Crew program Sept. 8, before the entire student body started the 2015-16 school year Sept. 9. About 15 older students served as Link Crew Leaders to facilitate the program.

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