

Dear Shumate Families,

As you know, vaping has become an all too tempting, addictive and dangerous activity for many middle and high school students throughout the country. Recent studies indicate a significant increase in both experimentation and addiction among school aged children. As a school and community, we are working tirelessly to keep these e-cigarettes out of our buildings and away from our students, as well as to educate our children regarding the dangers of vaping.

About a month ago, a Carlson student by the name of Isabella DeGroat came to Shumate and Carlson administration with a desire to help us in this effort. She reached out to Dr. Nemeah as part of a school project she was working on. He is the very first surgeon to ever successfully perform a double lung transplant upon a teenager due to vaping-related injury. Needless to say, we were overjoyed to learn that Dr. Nemeah volunteered to share his experiences pertaining to the dangers of vaping with our 6th and 7th grade students during an assembly scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Since we have already addressed this topic with our current 8th graders several times in the past, and there is only room for two grades in our auditorium, the decision was made to focus on our 6th and 7th grade students. Furthermore, the presentation will be recorded and shared with our 8th graders and CHS students during their advisory classes.

Since this is such a timely and important topic, we expect a news presence here at Shumate and Carlson tomorrow morning. Please don't be alarmed if you happen to see media trucks in our parking lot. We look forward to sharing elements from this presentation with you, and please make sure to ask your 6th and 7th grade student about their takeaways from the assembly.

Warmest Seahawk Regards,

Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson