

On Monday, October 15, District Attorney Pat Daugherty, came to visit the 7th and 8th grade students at Homer-Center High School. He presented a fantastic “2 Smart 4 Trouble” assembly that showed students the effects of drugs in schools, bullying via cell phones, and all the court proceedings that occur with these offenses. From the video, students learned a lot about the laws that they should be following. They saw multiple students in situations of trouble as well as the court proceedings dealing with the incidents which showed the students how much trouble they can truly get into for things they may not have thought were possible. After the video, District Attorney Daugherty talked to students about the video and answered any questions that the students may have had. During this presentation students learned a lot of things that they need to know in order to stay out of trouble with the law. Mr. Daugherty did a great job teaching students how to become successful students; it was a great opportunity for the students to realize the consequences for their actions.



District Attorney Pat Daugherty speaks with Homer-Center 7th and 8th graders

"Because of the perceived success with the 7th/8th grade assembly, we have arranged for DA Dougherty to return to HC with the purpose of presenting this uniquely designed program to the next level of our students, grades 9 and 10. Having the opportunity to speak directly with the county's top prosecutor in a non-threatening environment affords our

students the chance to realize the DA's position in holding to the highest accountability those who violate the laws of this Commonwealth. It is commendable that the District Attorney has taken a proactive approach in reaching out to young people throughout the county with the hope of educating our youth about the criminality of certain actions. Along with the advocacy of our Administrators, Faculty and Staff, DA Dougherty reinforced how imperative it is to constantly use good judgment and make right decisions. Whether or not one agrees with specific laws simply doesn't matter. The fact is that law enforcement personnel WILL arrest and the DA WILL prosecute those who commit crimes and thanks to the 2 Smart 4 Trouble program, our students are aware that fact", said Ms. Bruno, History Teacher at Homer-Center High School.

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