Stewart Guest Speaker Talking Tips

Thank you for taking time to share your story with our Stewart Panthers. Middle school is all about finding out who you are and what you are about. We believe students should have a chance to hear from community members, leaders, professionals and others in order to learn how school and life connect.

We encourage you to share:

- Where you were born and grew up
- The names of your schools regardless of city. Preschool to....
- Subjects you excelled in and things that distracted you
- Family experiences that helped shape you.
- The path to today. How did you land at your current role?

Tips to make it relevant to middle school:

- We have a very diverse student body in numerous ways and they genuinely will listen if it’s relatable. Make connections to above list.
- Talk with them, not at them. Good morning/excited to be here/cool school/how many of you like.....? Let them know you’re interested.
- Facts of life.
  - When I was a kid I (never or always) thought I would become a ....
  - How many of you have strict parents/grandparents? Good
  - I made bad choices as a kid but....
  - One of the things/persons that helped me reach my goal......
  - My biggest lesson in life......
- Students are inquisitive. Save time for questions and be prepared for anything. They might ask about what you do, why, if you dated in MS/HS, do you have kids, difficulty of reaching your goals, etc...
  - Keep it school appropriate but also keep it real.

Thank You again for taking the time to support Stewart Middle School.
Vision
Academics, activities, attitude: Life begins after 3.0.

Mission
At Stewart we build individuals, community, and the future.

Academics: We collaborate, open our practice, pursue meaningful professional development, and relentlessly strive for excellence.

Activities: We partner with the community to promote positive experiences for students outside the classroom, encourage them to explore their interests, and spark their ideas about making their mark in a global society.

Attitude: We engage the whole child to shape resilient students who grab hold of their learning, thrive in these middle years, and succeed here, in high school, and beyond.

Champions are not born at Stewart; champions are made at Stewart.