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RED DEVILS

A LEADER IN THE MAKING Mr. Wolley, a 2005 Pike graduate, played linebacker on the football team. YEARBOOK ARCHIVE IN THE SPIRIT Mr. Wolley jokes with senior Jayna Ndiaye during Swap Day Sept. 13.

Then Solution Principal Wolley returns to his Red Devil Roots



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The senior officers said Mr. Wolley has stepped into his role of principal by being supportive, meeting with them on a regular basis.

"Mr. Wolley has been awesome to work with. I think that is attributed to the fact that he is a Pike Alum," Senior Vice-President Eric Whisler said. "He has brought his experience to us, but he's also been great at raising the level of how we do things."

Now that the first nine weeks are over, many students have noticed a new face in the halls. For students who haven't met him, it's evident that he cares about the students' goals. Mr. Wolley says he's here to help and to apply pressure to push students to reach their highest academic potential.

"At times there will be pressure applied to kids to push them past what they think their academic limits are," he said.

It is not just students he is here for though. Mr. Wolley hopes to instill the motto, "Inspire. Execute. Achieve" into his staff to perpetuate student success. "The staff is phenomenal; I've been doing this for a while in terms of leadership in education and this is probably the strongest staff I've worked with," Mr. Wolley said.

What makes Mr. Wolley different is his connection to the Pike community. He speaks highly of his time at Pike and wants to capture the spirit of the school.

His goal for more spirit activities like pep rallies is to make a point to celebrate student success.

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From maintaining high graduation rates to helping students to explore their options after high school, Mr. Wolley wants his students to know, "I'm in it for the students' success, and I am not successful unless they are successful."