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Middle School/High School Board Report

It has been a busy and exciting month at the middle and high school, filled with student engagement, community partnerships, and celebrations of success. Below are some recent highlights:

- **Motivational Speaker Visit:** On Friday, October 24, our students had the opportunity to hear from Cory Greenwood, a motivational speaker who inspired and energized our students through a combination of music and a powerful message about perseverance and positivity. His visit was well-received and helped rejuvenate our school community.
- **Career and College Exploration:** On Tuesday, October 21, our high school counselor and one of our Career and Technical Education teachers took a group of interested students to Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls. Students toured the campus and its facilities, asked questions, and learned about a variety of career and training opportunities.
- **FAFSA Night:** On Thursday, October 23, we hosted a FAFSA Night in partnership with an expert from South Dakota State University to help families navigate the financial side of paying for college. We were pleased to see a strong turnout of parents and students eager to take advantage of this resource.
- **Fine Arts Community Outreach:** On October 15, our high school band and choir students participated in a meaningful service project by performing at several local nursing homes. This outreach gave students the chance to share their talents and bring joy to community members.
- **Community Partnership with Public Library:** We are excited to announce a new partnership with the local public library aimed at ensuring every student receives a public library card. This initiative will increase access to books and digital resources, further supporting literacy and lifelong learning.
- **Homecoming Parade Expansion:** For Homecoming 2025, we extended our parade route into the downtown area. This change was designed to engage more local businesses and provide a greater opportunity to showcase our students and school spirit to the broader community. The response from both participants and spectators was overwhelmingly positive.
- **Student Recognition:** The middle school celebrated its first group of "Arrow Way" award recipients, recognizing students who consistently demonstrate our school values. In addition, both the middle and high school have celebrated two rounds of AIM Award winners, honoring staff members who go above and beyond in supporting students and colleagues.
- **Red Ribbon Week:** This week marks our school's participation in Red Ribbon Week, a nationwide campaign promoting healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Students are engaging in themed days and activities to raise awareness and encourage positive choices.

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