

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (OCTOBER 2026)

HOMECOMING UPDATE:

Homecoming Week was a great success and provided our students with many opportunities to show their school spirit and pride. The week included a variety of activities leading up to Friday night's Homecoming game against Muskegon Heights Academy, followed by the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening. I want to thank our students, staff, families, and community members for their support and for helping make Homecoming a memorable week for our students. The enthusiasm throughout the week was a great reflection of the pride our students have in Bridgman High School.

PSAT & SENIOR WORKSHOPS:

On Wednesday, October 14, students in grades 9-11 took the fall PSAT, while our seniors participated in Senior Workshops. The workshops provided our seniors with information and resources to help them prepare for life after high school, including college, career, and other post-secondary opportunities. I want to thank our staff for their work in making the PSAT testing and Senior Workshops run smoothly.

BRIDGMAN MARCHING BAND:

The Spirit of Bridgman Marching Band has continued to represent Bridgman High School extremely well throughout the fall season. Our students have worked hard throughout the season and have continued to improve with each performance. On Tuesday, October 13, the band received straight 1s at the district marching band competition.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

On Friday, October 16, the high school staff participated in professional development following our half-day of school. Amanda Veldman from Berrien RESA led staff through professional learning focused on intervention in the classroom. Staff had the opportunity to learn strategies that can be implemented in their classrooms to better support students and address individual student needs. We appreciate Amanda for providing valuable professional learning opportunities for our staff.

KEY CLUB:

Key Club continues to be an active organization within Bridgman High School and provides our students with opportunities to serve both our school and community. During this month, the club facilitated Mental Health Awareness Week. Throughout the school year, our Key Club members participate in service projects and activities designed to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We appreciate the leadership of our students and the staff members who support their efforts.

RED RIBBON WEEK:

Bridgman High School will be participating in Red Ribbon Week during the last week of October. Red Ribbon Week provides an opportunity for our students to promote healthy choices and raise awareness about the importance of making positive decisions and living a drug-free lifestyle. Our students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the week to promote the Red Ribbon Week message.

COLLEGE & CAREER MONTH:

October continues to be an important month for college and career planning at Bridgman High School. Our students have had several opportunities to learn more about career pathways, post-secondary education, and opportunities available to them after graduation.

- On Friday, October 16, our freshmen attended the annual Berrien RESA Career Pathway Day. This event provides students with an opportunity to learn about CTE programs and explore a variety of career pathways available throughout Berrien County.
- Our juniors and seniors continue to have opportunities to explore local colleges, careers, and other post-secondary options.
- Mrs. Fast continues to work with students throughout the year to help them explore their options after high school and prepare for their plans.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monday, October 26 - Friday, October 30** = Red Ribbon Week
- **Tuesday, October 27** = FAFSA/Financial Aid Information Night
- **Month of October** = College and Career planning activities and post-secondary opportunities